



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, August 12, 2014**

**Council Session**

## **Item G-1**

**Approving Minutes of July 22, 2014 City Council Regular Meeting**

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 22, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 East First Street, on July 22, 2014. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on July 17, 2014.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Kent Mann, Linna Dee Donaldson, Mitch Nickerson, John Gericke, Mark Stelk, Mike Paulick, and Vaughn Minton. Councilmembers Chuck Haase, Julie Hehnke, and Peg Gilbert were absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Mary Lou Brown, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Treasurer and Finance Director Jaye Monter, City Attorney Robert Sivick, and City Engineer and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Edgar Schambach, St. Pauls Lutheran Church, 1515 South Harrison Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Vavricek introduced Community Youth Council member Jerome Campbell and board member Craig Garrett.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation Nebraska State Fair 1868 Foundation “Blue Ribbon Roll Out Week” August 3 - 9, 2014. Mayor Vavricek proclaimed the week of August 3 – 9, 2014 as “Blue Ribbon Roll Out Week”. Executive Director Lindsey Koepke of the Nebraska State Fair 1868 Foundation was present to receive the proclamation and thanked the community for their support.

Recognition of “You Auto Love It Downtown”, Saturday, August 2, 2014. Mayor Vavricek recognized the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Theatre Custom & Classic Car Show to be held downtown on Saturday, August 2, 2014. Craig Hand was present to receive the recognition certificate and commented on the car show and the Grand Theatre projects.

Proclamation “Grander Vision” July 31, 2014. Mayor Vavricek proclaimed July 31, 2014 as “Grander Vision” day in the City of Grand Island. County Board Supervisor Pam Lancaster commented on the visioning study and planning the future for Grand Island, Alda, Cairo, Doniphan, Wood River and Hall County. She encouraged everyone to fill out the Grander Vision survey.

Certificate of Appreciation to Tom Dinsdale, Sponsor and Organizer of the Annual Thunder on the Loup – Saturday, August 2nd and Sunday, August 3rd, 2014. Mayor Vavricek and the City Council recognized Tom Dinsdale for his efforts in sponsoring and organizing the annual Thunder on the Loup. Mr. Dinsdale was present for the recognition.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement located at 3051 South Locust Street (Heritage Hospitality, Inc.). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that acquisition of a utility easement located at 3051 South Locust Street was needed in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. The

easement would be used to allow for construction of a hotel, construction of new cable, conduit, and a pad-mounted transformer to provide electricity to the new building. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement located at 940 Allen Drive (Ames Development, LLC). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that acquisition of a utility easement located at 940 Allen Drive was needed in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. The easement would be used to locate cable, conduit, and a pad-mounted transformer to provide electrical service to the new business. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

ORDINANCE:

#9493 - Consideration of Authorizing Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan. Finance Director Jaye Monter reported that on June 10, 2014, a public hearing was held and Resolution 2014-162 was approved by Council in support of receiving up to \$40,000,000 in Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loans administered by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to continue Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Gericke to approve Ordinance No. 9493 on first reading only. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Donaldson, second by Minton to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of July 8, 2014 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of July 14, 2014 City Council Joint Health Meeting.

Approving Minutes of July 15, 2014 City Council Study Session.

Approving Re-Appointments of Mike Spilinek, Donald Skeen, and Steve Grubbs to the Building Code Advisory Board.

Approving Re-Appointments of Anita Lewandowski-Brown and Jacinto Corona to the Community Development Advisory Board.

Approving Re-Appointments of Melissa Rae Girard and Bob Loewenstein to the Animal Advisory Board.

#2014-193 - Approving Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for S. R. N. Subdivision. It was noted that B.D.N. Farm Enterprises Preferred, LLC, owner, had submitted the Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for S. R. N. Subdivision for the purpose of creating 1 lot located east of Shady Bend Road and south of Stolley Park Road consisting of 3.00 acres.

#2014-194 - Approving Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for Woodland Park 15th Subdivision. It was noted that Hastings Ventures LLC, owner, had submitted the Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for Woodland Park 15<sup>th</sup> Subdivision for the purpose of creating 12 lots located east of Independence Avenue and south of Iowa Avenue consisting of 5.27 acres.

#2014-195 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement located at 3051 S. Locust Street (Heritage Hospitality, Inc.).

#2014-196 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement located at 940 Allen Drive (Ames Development, LLC).

#2014-197 - Approving Lynn Mayhew as Delegate to the 2014 Annual Meeting of Western Fuels Association, Inc.

#2014-198 - Approving Change Order #1 to Water System Master Plan with HDR of Omaha, Nebraska for an Increase of \$13,470.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$79,885.00.

#2014-199 - Approving Authorization for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repairs in the Alley between Custer Avenue & Howard Avenue; From College Street to Forrest Street with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, NE in an Amount of \$29,570.96.

#2014-200 - Approving Change Order #1 for Vinyl Sea Wall Construction at Sucks Lake with Inland Marine Construction, Inc. of Nebraska City, NE for an Increase of \$2,086.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$82,936.00.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

#2014-201 - Consideration of FTE Amendment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Public Works Director John Collins reported that due to the improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant it was recommended that staffing levels and skill sets to meet the current and projected needs be changed. Proposed were the addition of a Wastewater Operator I/II and the elimination of the Senior Equipment Operator, with no net change in the number of Wastewater FTEs.

Motion by Donaldson, second by Stelk to approve Resolution #2014-201. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2014-202 – Consideration of Approving the City of Grand Island Acclamation as “The State Fair City”. Mayor Vavricek stated in light of the huge community investment, involvement and support of the Nebraska State Fair, it was recommended our community honor our unique involvement and partnership with the State Fair and designate Grand Island as “The State Fair City” from the commencement of the Nebraska State Fair 1868 Foundation Rollout thru the duration of each year’s State Fair.

Nebraska State Fair Executive Director Joseph McDermott, 4117 Fleetwood Road spoke in support. He thanked City staff and the volunteers for all their support. Mentioned were the activities and exhibits for the 2015 State Fair.

Motion by Gericke, second by Minton to approve Resolution #2014-202. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#### PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Donaldson, second by Mann to approve the Claims for the period of July 9, 2014 through July 22, 2014, for a total amount of \$6,259,901.12. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Minton, second by Paulick to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of a strategy session with respect to negotiations with AFSME. Unanimously approved.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Stelk, second by Gericke to return to Regular Session at 8:11 p.m. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk