



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Council Session

## Item G-2

### Approving Minutes of September 23, 2014 City Council Study Session

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION  
September 23, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Study Session 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 September 23, 2014. Notice of the meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on September 17, 2014.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Vaughn Minton, Mike Paulick, Mark Stelk, John Gericke, Peg Gilbert, Mitch Nickerson, Linna Dee Donaldson, Chuck Haase, and Kent Mann. Councilmember Julie Hehnke was absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Mary Lou Brown, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, City Treasurer and Finance Director Jaye Monter, City Attorney Robert Sivick, and City Engineer and Public Works Director John Collins.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Update on Northwest Grand Island Flood Control Project. Public Works Director John Collins introduced Lalit Jha and John Petersen from JEO who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Upper Prairie/Silver/Moore's (Northwest Grand Island) Flood Control Project.

The goal was to provide a 100 year flood protection to the northwestern part of Grand Island. It was to reduce flood damages to crops, properties, and other infrastructure and remove properties from the FEMA floodplain. The benefits were to eliminate \$59 million in damages from a 100 year event, protect 1,500 residences and 55 businesses from flood damage and protect over 10,000 acres of cropland.

This project included the Natural Resources Development Fund (NRDF), Central Platte NRD, City of Grand Island, Hall County, and Merrick County. A feasibility study was completed in 2004 with an estimated total project cost of \$16 million. The design began in 2005 with an anticipated projected completion date in 2018-2019. Estimated total project cost was \$29 million, one of the largest NRDF projects. The City of Grand Island estimated cost would be \$6,194,412. Explained were the hydrology and hydraulics of the project.

Assistant Public Works Director Terry Brown answered questions concerning the cost the city had paid since the project started. Funds were paid from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Mr. Nabity stated he had property owners contact him who wanted to get their property out of the floodplain and the cost of flood insurance. He answered questions concerning the two mile zoning jurisdiction and the requirements to meet the zoning regulations. He stated this Study Session was an update of the original Resolution approving funding for 10 years. A Resolution would be brought to Council for future funding in the near future. Mr. Collins stated the construction cost had increased from 2004 when the study was done.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk