



# City of Grand Island

Saturday, February 21, 2004

Council Retreat

## Item -1

**City Council Retreat - Crane Meadows Nature Center**

Staff Contact: Gary Greer, City Administrator

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Gary D. Greer, City Administrator  
**To:** **Mayor and City Council**  
**Meeting:** February 21st, 2004  
**Subject:** Council Retreat

Attached is the agenda for the Saturday's City Council Retreat. Later this week all Council Members will be given a notebook with background information on each of the items listed on the agenda. In the mean time, please consider the following in preparation of the Retreat:

- The retreat will take place in a casual environment and will be informal in nature; therefore, casual dress is encouraged.
- Council Members should begin thinking of **goals** that they would like to see attained in the future.
- Each member will be asked to provide the top five goals they would like to see the City to achieve over the next year.
- Council Members should formulate ideas concerning the ½ cent sales tax as we will be formulating the possible ballot language at the Retreat.
- If there is a topic that a Council Member would like to see discussed at the retreat please contact me ASAP so we can include it in the packet.
- The Retreat will take place at Crane Meadows Nature Center, which is just south of the Interstate 80, Alda exit 305.
- The Retreat is scheduled to start at 8 AM and should conclude before 3 PM.

If there are any questions, comments or concerns, please contact me any time.

City Council Special Study Session  
Retreat

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

8:00 a.m.

Crane Meadows Nature Center  
9325 South Alda Road (Exit 305)

Agenda

Rolls and Coffee		8:00 a.m.
Overview of Retreat	City Administrator Gary Greer	8:15 a.m.
Vision	Mayor Jay Vavricek	8:30 a.m.
The Mayor will share his vision for the Community		
Goals	City Administrator Gary Greer	8:45 a.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2003-2004 goals update</li><li>• Individual future goals from Council Members/Mayor</li><li>• Developing consensus on Goals</li><li>• Prioritizing Goals</li></ul>		
Break		9:45 a.m.
Communication	City Administrator Gary Greer	10:00 a.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open Meeting Laws in Nebraska</li><li>• Staff/Council Communications</li><li>• Future communications</li></ul>		
Discussion Topics	City Administrator Gary Greer	10:30 a.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council submitted topics</li><li>• Administration submitted topics</li><li>• Direction/priorities on topics</li></ul>		

Lunch with County Board      Mayor Jay Vavricek      12:00 a.m.

- City/ County programs
- City/ County opportunities
- County Jail update

Sales Tax Discussion      City Administrator Gary Greer      1:00 p.m.

- General discussion on projects/programs
- City Administration's recommendation
- Prioritizing the projects/programs

Sales Tax Ballot      City Administrator Gary Greer      1:45 p.m.

- Elements of the ballot
- Suggested wording for the ballot.

Wrap up      Mayor Vavricek      2:45 p.m.