
City of Grand Island



Saturday, February 21, 2004

Council Retreat Packet

City Council:

Carole Cornelius
Peg Gilbert
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Margaret Hornady
Robert Meyer
Mitchell Nickerson
Don Pauly
Jackie Pielstick
Scott Walker
Fred Whitesides

Mayor:

Jay Vavricek

City Administrator:

Gary Greer

City Clerk:

RaNae Edwards

8:00:00 AM
Council Chambers - City Hall
100 East First Street

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

A - SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Individuals who have appropriate items for City Council consideration should complete the Request for Future Agenda Items form located at the Information Booth. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a meeting or study session, notification of the date will be given.

B - RESERVE TIME TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

This is an opportunity for individuals wishing to provide input on any of tonight's agenda items to reserve time to speak. Please come forward, state your name and address, and the Agenda topic on which you will be speaking.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION

This is an opportunity for the Mayor to comment on current events, activities, and issues of interest to the community.



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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 21st, 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">• 2003-2004 goals update• Individual future goals from Council Members/Mayor• Developing consensus on Goals• Prioritizing Goals		
Break		9:45 a.m.
Communication	City Administrator Gary Greer	10:00 a.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Meeting Laws in Nebraska• Staff/Council Communications• Future communications		
Discussion Topics	City Administrator Gary Greer	10:30 a.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council submitted topics• Administration submitted topics• Direction/priorities on topics		

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.