



City of Grand Island

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Council Retreat

Item -6

Wrap Up/Going Forward

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Public Safety

Seek and secure funding for the development of the Fire Training Facility	No funding was budgeted in the 2007-08 fiscal year for the construction of the facility or the development of a business plan. The business plan is needed to determine the feasibility and scope of the project in order to identify potential participants and funding sources.
Complete construction on Fire Station #1	Fire station one is complete and brought into service October.
Complete construction of Police/Sheriff Law Enforcement Center	The contractor was not able to meet previously set construction completion dates. The date for substantial completion and the transfer of operations to the new Center is now 1-14 - 08. Final completion will not be until later in 2008 as landscaping has been delayed due to the onset of winter and will not be done until spring
Secure funding and begin upgrade of Emergency Communication Center	Preliminary schedule for Communications Center renovation has been set for Feb-Apr. Radio equipment has been ordered and console workstations are in the RFP process. All radio and workstation expenses are funded by a grant and managed and funded through Hall County.

Economic Development

Assist in creating and retaining quality jobs through LB 840 program	Administration and various departments continue to meet with EDC and potential companies as requested.
Assist CRA in identifying and creating new business redevelopment projects	CRA area 6 and 7 were approved by council. TIF projects can be considered in both of these areas.

Infrastructure

Support infrastructure for sustained housing/commercial development	Utl - Completed 5-yr major overhaul of PGS, expanded 115/13.8 Substations E and F, 3-yr term contract for coal transport from Wyo. Coal fields to PGS, natural gas supply contract for CTs, Water Main Dist 455 (Park-view Subdivision), design and award WMD 453T (helicopter base at the airport), Water infrastructure for new Subdivisions – La Rue, Meadowlark 4 th , Westwood Park 10 th , Westwood Park 10 th , Woodland Park 6 th , CNH fire line. Line construction – completed relocation of circuits for the Capital Ave. widening project, rebuilt 3-phase line along BNRR, east of Gunbarrel Rd., and onS. Locust from Fonner to Phoenix. Underground service installed at new Subdivisions – Copper Creek Estates, Pleasant View, Sun Valley, Summerfield Estates 7 th , Air Guard Helicopter base. PW - 12 sanitary sewer projects/districts were assigned numbers in 2007 with 8 completed. 11 paving projects/districts were assigned numbers in 2007 with 1 completed
Begin incremental implementation of the Railroad Corridor Study	CRA funding for the project is secured. The City can begin the proposal process and get horns and other improvements installed in the UPRR corridor from Broadwell Avenue through Oak Street.
Prepare a master plan for infrastructure development south of Grand Island	CRA - Completed area transmission/substation study. CRA area 7 includes the new industrial park property. TIF from development in this area could be used for infrastructure extensions. PW - Estimate to improve drainage from the Platte Valley Industrial Park, asphalt resurfacing and widening of Wildwood Drive from US Hwy 281 to Locust, and extend sanitary sewer east along Wildwood were prepared. The Comprehensive Sanitary Sewer Plan will need updated to reflect future sanitary sewer improvements toward Interstate 80.

Government Efficiency

Seek inter local partnerships that eliminates duplication and promotes efficiency	The Public Works Department is preparing for an asphalt resurfacing project on Shady Bend Road as a joint project with the Hall County Surveyor's office. The city is working with 9 other communities across the state on issues related to our stormwater permit regarding ordinances on Illicit Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Runoff Control and Post Construction Runoff Control.
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Complete a comprehensive City Code review and update	This will be an ongoing process for some time. The chapter by chapter review slowed down due to several factors this year.
Develop a budget with no increase in the property tax levy	Council approved the budget August 28 with no increase in the tax levy.
Develop criteria for outside agency funding	

Quality of Life

Complete construction of the Library expansion project	After the Grand Opening ceremony on October 14 th , library services have returned to normal as the project started to wind down. The certificate of final completion for the design/build contract was issued in December 2007 and the final bill (which is outside the contract) will be paid in January 2008.
Construct a children's play area at Island Oasis	The design plan of the children's play area is complete. Approved funding through the budget process will be necessary to complete this goal.
Continue to support development of the Heartland Public Shooting Park	The development of all rifle and pistol ranges continue, all ranges are operational. The camp ground design is complete and construction of the first phase has begun.
Update Parks and Recreation master plan	An updated master plan is contingent upon approved funding through the budget process.
Start construction of Aerated Static Pile facility	Plans for an Aerated Static Pile composting system at the Waste Water Treatment Plant are complete. City staff is working with Swift on projects that will reduce the loading sent to the city's WWTP before proceeding.
Implement the Community Appearance Plan	The PRT has demolished/resolved 8 problem properties. Only 1 property was resolved using municipal funds. The legal department and CSO's have met quarterly to foster a greater understanding of policies and procedures. The CAP web page construction will begin shortly and citizen request software is under review.

Public Health

Secure funding and begin construction of the Household Hazardous Waste facility	Notification was given by the Environmental Trust that funding for the facility was denied in 2007 for lack of interlocals and collaboration with Keep Nebraska Beautiful state master plan. A 2nd construction grant request will be submitted with suggested changes from the ET in Sept. 2008 and a 5 yr operating grant will be made to the DEQ in Feb 09. Currently in process of obtaining interlocals, working with KNB, and in constant communication with ET and DEQ for a successful second grant request.
Continue to aggressively address environmental issues and advocate for citizens	
Develop language for smoking restrictions to be considered to be placed on the ballot	Language was submitted to administration which mirrored the language that the State was considering in 2007. It was put on hold pending to watch what the State would do. Legislation will be introduced during the 2008 legislature with more favorable language.