



City of Grand Island

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Council Retreat

Item -3

Department Presentations

Department Director's will list two areas/activities that were high priority for their departments that had been handled effectively. They will also present one area that was important to their department but was not as effective due to lack of resources. Presentations will be 5 - 7 minutes in duration.

Staff Contact: Department Directors

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S **FOCUS/PRIORITIES**

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BUILDING:

1. Continue to Facilitate the Construction and Completion of Major Projects;
 - Good Samaritan Village – Mechanical System
 - Grand Island Public Schools – shoemaker
 - Global Industries
 - Walgreens
 - Case New Holland
 - St. Francis Hospital
 - State Fair Buildings Review and Construction
2. Complete Building Permit, Inspection Reporting and Posting Electronic Conversion
3. Substandard Housing Demolition (Legal and Financial Support)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

1. Alternate 911 Center
2. Community Preparedness – Citizen Corps
3. Capital Replacement
 - a. Narrow Band Upgrades for 2013
 - b. Warning Systems

FINANCE:

1. The reading of metered usage and the billing, collection, and customer service for Electric, Water, and Wastewater Utilities
2. Self insurance program for the City's commercial insurances, particularly the Worker's Comp large deductible plan, which has saved the City over \$1.5 million during the last four years alone versus a full premium plan
3. Upgrading of wireless communications between city departments and locations and expanded Spillman and IT support for the Police Department

FIRE:

1. Regional collaboration with other fire departments, emergency management, and support agencies
2. Staff professionalism, readiness to respond, wellness and fitness
3. Emergency response vehicle replacement schedule

HUMAN RESOURCES:

1. Risk Management
2. Compliance
3. Automation

LEGAL:

1. Revenues
 - Feasibility and legality of new revenue streams
 - Protecting and preserving existing revenue streams
 - Shifting revenue streams to other purposes
2. Assets
 - Acquisition of assets including both real and personal property
 - Disposition or sale of assets
 - Property use and expenditure of reserve funds
3. Expenditures
 - Union negotiation strategies may need to be revisited
 - Grievances and other forms of opposition to changes in working conditions or employment

LIBRARY:

1. General Customer Use Functions
2. Basic Literacy/Learning Enrichment Programming Functions
3. Specific Customer Service Functions

PARKS & RECREATION:

1. Maintenance of Existing Facilities and Grounds
2. Recreational Programming
3. Capital Improvement Funding, i.e. Lincoln Pool replacement, Children's Wet Play area at Island Oasis and potentially insufficient funding for relocation of athletic fields slated to be eliminated for the State Fair

POLICE:

1. Self evaluation of our services, systems, and tasks to identify efficiencies and increase productivity
2. Target known criminal offenders to stop their criminal activity
3. Implement a proactive, problem oriented policing approach in the Department

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Managing Design and Construction Project – from Funding, through Design to Managing the Construction
2. Maintenance of Expanding Infrastructure and Increasing Regulations
3. Funds for an Aging Infrastructure

REGIONAL PLANNING:

1. Respond to citizen concerns and requests
2. Combine funding sources for department funding and projects
3. Proactive planning for development, neighborhoods and redevelopment areas

UTILITIES:

1. Reliability
2. Cost
3. Issues Pending