
City of Grand Island

Item G3

Approving Minutes of November 6, 2001 City Council Regular Meeting

The Minutes of the November 6, 2001 City Council Regular Meeting are submitted for approval. See attached MINUTES.



Tuesday, November 20, 2001

Council Session

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 6, 2001

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting 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 November 6, 2001. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on October 31, 2001.

Mayor Ken Gnadt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Councilmembers Pielstick, Ward, Seifert, Larson, Hornady, Whitesides, Haase, Murray, Walker and Sorensen. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Marlan Ferguson, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Finance Director David Springer, Public Works Director Steve Riehle and City Attorney Charlie Cuypers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was said followed by INVOCATION given by the Reverend Herb Schutte, Associate Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, 545 East Memorial Drive. Andrew Pedersen and Kasie Simmons presented an *It's About Kids!* Asset.

RESERVE TIME TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS: One individual reserved time to speak on an agenda item.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Musical Presentation by the Girls Trio From Grand Island Senior High Vocal Music Department. A musical presentation was presented by the Girls Trio from Grand Island Senior High Vocal Music Department. Joni Ramsey, Senior High Vocal Music teacher was also present.

Recognition of Central Catholic Girls Golf Team for Class "C" State Runner Up Title. The Grand Island Girls Golf Team won the runner-up title to the Class "C" State Golf Championship Title. Coach Bob Ley and the team were present for the meeting. Also recognized was Ashley Stec, first place and Lindsey Vivian, second place for Class "C" Individual Championship Titles.

Proclamation, "National Home Care Month" and "National Hospice Month", November 2001. Mayor Gnadt proclaimed the month of November 2001, as "National Home Care Month" and "National Hospice Month" and encouraged all citizens to support and participate in learning more about the home care concept of care for the elderly, disabled and infirm. Aloha Schmid and Adrienne Redwine were present to receive the proclamations.

Proclamation, "Adoption Awareness Month" November 2001. Mayor Gnadt proclaimed the month of November 2001, as "Adoption Awareness Month" and encouraged community agencies, religious organizations, businesses, and all citizens to celebrate adoption, honor families and further awareness of the changes and issues in adoption. Linda Rehovsky was present to receive the proclamation.

Proclamation "Homeless Awareness Week", November 11-17, 2001. Mayor Gnadt proclaimed the week of November 11-17, 2001, as "Homeless Awareness Week" and encouraged all citizens to

recognize and support the efforts of homeless shelters. Donna Douglas and representatives from the Community Humanitarian Resource Center were present to receive the proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Request of Super Bowl Enterprises, Inc. dba Super Bowl, 1010 Bismark Road, for Class "C" Liquor License. RaNae Edwards, City Clerk, reported that Super Bowl Enterprises, Inc. dba Super Bowl, 1010 Bismark Road, had submitted an application with the City Clerk's Office for a Class "C" Liquor License. Ms. Edwards presented the following exhibits for the record: application submitted to the Liquor Control Commission and received by the City on October 23, 2001; notice to applicant of date, time and place of hearing mailed on October 23, 2001; notice to the general public of date, time and place of hearing published on October 27, 2001; Chapter 4 of City Code. Not all departmental reports had been received as required by City Code. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Right of Way Located on Willow Street at the Intersection With Seedling Mile Road. Steve Riehle, Public Works Director, reported that Right-of -Way was acquired for a cul-de-sac at the north end of Willow Drive at the intersection with Seedling Mile Road when the Livengood Subdivision was filed. The cul-de-sac was planned to accommodate the closing of the historical section of Seedling Mile Road east of Willow Drive. The cul-de-sac on the Livengood Subdivision plat was centered on Willow Drive necessitating considerable relocation work for the utility pole north and east of the intersection. The acquisition of this Right-of-Way would allow the cul-de-sac to be redesigned and shifted to the east, eliminating the need for the utility relocation work. LANNCO, L.L.C. has agreed to deed 0.0587 acres to the City of Grand Island. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement Located at the Southwest Corner of 923 West 3rd Street (Joy M. and Marietta Beazley) Gary Mader, Utilities Director, reported that acquisition of a utility easement located , located in the southwest corner of 923 West 3rd Street - Greenwich between 2nd and 3rd Streets, was required in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances including lines and transformers. This easement was for the continuation for the Downtown Underground Project. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Proposed Modifications to City Council Ward Boundaries Resulting From Redistricting. Cindy Johnson, Community Projects Director and Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director, reported that every 10 years, in conjunction with the release of Census data, governing bodies were required to review the boundaries of their existing wards to address any population shifts that might result in a need to equalize population. In July, the City Council formed a Redistricting Committee to review the boundaries of the City Council wards, make recommendations relative to proposed ward boundary modifications and explore the idea of amending the make-up of the elected municipal body to allow for at-large representatives.

Census data provided to the Committee indicated that redrawing or balancing of the wards was required to more equitably equalize population and representation. According to the 2000 Census figures for overall city population, the approximate number of residents per ward should be 8,588. Lewis Kent, 624 East Meves, questioned if the Council was looking at reducing the number of Councilmembers at this time. Ms. Johnson stated that the Council would not be including that issue at this time. No further public testimony was heard.

ORDINANCES:

Councilmember Sorensen moved that the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days be suspended and that ordinances numbered:

#8703 – Consideration of Vacating Right of Way Located on Willow Street at the Intersection of Seedling Mile Road

be considered for passage on the same day upon reading by number only and that the City Clerk be permitted to call out the number of this ordinance on its first reading and then upon final passage and call for a roll call vote on each reading and then upon final passage. Councilmember Seifert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor: Is there any one in the audience interested in these ordinances? No public testimony was heard.

City Clerk: Ordinance #8703 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

City Clerk: Ordinances #8703 on final passage. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on final passage, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

Mayor: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon final passage, Ordinance #8703 is declared to be lawfully passed and adopted upon publication as required by law.

#8704 – Consideration of Proposed Modifications to City Council Ward Boundaries Resulting from Redistricting (First Reading Only)

Councilmember Murray made a motion to approve Ordinance #8704, second by Seifert. Clarified was the fact that there would be two representatives from each of the five wards and that this ordinance would not change the total number of Councilmembers. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember Pielstick requested that items G-6d, G-7, G-8 and G-9 be discussed. Councilmember Whitesides requested that items G-3a & G-3b be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion by Whitesides, second by Pielstick, carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda minus items G-3a, G-3b, G-6d, G-7, G-8 and G-9.

Receipt of Official Document Including Refuse Haulers Permit for Full Circle, Inc.

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Approving Request of Michelle Uldrich, 1011 South Greenwich Street, for Liquor Manager Designation for Grand Island Pizza Hut, Inc. dba Pizza Hut, 1608 South Locust Street.

#2001-305 - Approving Acquisition of Right of Way Located on Willow Street at the Intersection of Seedling Mile Road.

#2001-306 – Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement Located on the Southwest Corner of 923 West 3rd Street – Greenwich Street Between 2nd Street and 3rd Street. (Joy M. and Marietta Beazley)

#2001-307 – Awarding Bid for 2002 Chevrolet S10 Pickup for Utility Department to Husker Auto Group, Lincoln, Nebraska, Under State Contract #CA5518 in the Amount of \$16,297.77.

#2001-308 – Awarding Bid for (8) 2002 Ford Police Vehicles to Anderson Ford, Grand Island, Nebraska, in the Amount of \$165,728.00

#2001-309 – Approving Contract for Sidewalk District 1, 2001 to Galvan Construction, Inc. Grand Island, Nebraska, in the Amount of \$2,969.60.

Approving Request of Super Bowl Enterprises, Inc. dba Super Bowl, 1010 Bismark Road, for Class “C” Liquor License. Motion by Murray, second by Sorensen to approve. Councilmember Whitesides stated that not all departmental reports had been received and other issues had not been taken care of. Motion by Whitesides to table this matter until all reports had been received, second by Hornady, carried unanimously.

Approving Request of George Overfield, 2023 Lamar Avenue, for Liquor Manager Designation for Super Bowl Enterprises, Inc. dba Super Bowl, 1010 Bismark Road. Motion by Whitesides to table this matter until all reports had been received, second by Hornady, carried unanimously.

#2001-310 – Approving Contract for Golf Professional for Municipal Golf Course to Scott Brunzell. Motion by Larson, second by Sorensen to approve Resolution #2001-310. Councilmember Pielstick stated that she did not have a problem with the 5 year contract, but did not agree with the minimum wage change. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Ward, Seifert, Larson, Hornady, Whitesides, Haase, Murray, Walker and Sorensen voted aye. Pielstick voted nay.

#2001-311 – Approving Change Order #1 for Wading Pools Engineering Services with Olsson Associates, Grand Island, Nebraska, for an Increase of \$8,129.36 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$44,391.36. Motion by Ward, second by Seifert, to approve Resolution #2001-311. Councilmember Pielstick felt that there were too many change orders and that the bidders should be more aware of the projects and bid accordingly. Steve Paustain, Parks & Recreation Director stated that state requirements were the cause for the change order. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

#2001-312 – Approving Change Order #2 for 2001-AC-1 Asphalt Maintenance Project with J.I.L. Asphalt Paving Company, Grand Island, Nebraska, for an Increase of \$2,074.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$583,232.48. Motion by Ward, second by Seifert, to approve Resolution #2001-312. Steve Riehle, Public Works Director, explained that the 2001-AC-1 Asphalt Maintenance Project would realign Independence Avenue and that additional dirt work was needed. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

#2001-313 – Approving Additional Funds for Emergency Repairs to Sanitary Sewer at Capital Avenue and Diers Avenue with The Diamond Engineering Company, Grand Island, Nebraska, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000.00. Motion by Ward, second by Seifert, to approve Resolution #2001-313. Steve Riehle, Public Works Director, emergency repairs had been made to the Sanitary Sewer System located on Diers Avenue south of Capital Avenue. Due to unforeseen work that was necessary to complete the repair, the bidder was unable to meet their quoted price. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

RESOLUTION:

#2001-314 – Approving Employee Handbook. Brenda Sutherland, Personnel Director, reported that the Council had spent time recently reviewing the City's Personnel Rules. The proposed handbook had an overall different look as compared to the current Personnel Rules. The purpose of the update was to create a document that was easier to read and understand and which accurately reflected the City's policies in regards to its employees. The notable changes were reviewed at the Council Study Session on October 16, 2001 and additional information was discussed in regards to Military Leave at the Council meeting on September 23, 2001. There was also a recommendation to change the title of the Personnel Department to the Human Resources Department. It was recommended that the proposed Employee Handbook and the title change to Human Resources Department be approved by Council and have an effective date of December 1, 2001.

Motion was made by Whitesides, second by Larson to approve Resolution #2001-314. After some discussion was had about residency requirements, motion was made by Haase, second by Pielstick to amend the motion requiring a 2 mile residency jurisdiction for Department Directors instead of the proposed 10 miles. Further discussion was held concerning a study session. Motion was made by Sorensen, second by Hornady to continue this matter to a study session. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Whitesides, second by Murray, carried unanimously to approve the Claims for the period of October 24, 2001 through November 6, 2001, claims #112839 and #112787 through #113392 for a total amount of \$7,277,538.34.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk