
City of Grand Island

Item G3

Approving Minutes of December 11, 2001 City Council Study Session

The Minutes of the December 11, 2001 City Council Study Session are submitted for approval. See attached MINUTES.



Tuesday, December 18, 2001

Council Session

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

December 11, 2001

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Study Session 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 December 11, 2001. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on December 5, 2001.

Mayor Ken Gnadt called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. The following members were present: Councilmembers Ward, Seifert, Larson, Hornady, Whitesides, Haase, Murray, Walker and Sorensen. Councilmember Pielstick was absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Marlan Ferguson, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, City Attorney Charlie Cuypers and Finance Director David Springer.

Year End Update by the Finance Department. David Springer, Finance Director, updated the Council on the City's fiscal year, completed September 30, 2001. In light of the upcoming Council Retreat, decisions for funding operations and projects will need to be decided on. Reviewed were the operating summary, revenue summary, expenditure summary, year-end fund cash balances, and general fund appropriations report.

Councilmember Seifert asked Mr. Springer to explain the reason for the reserves. Mr. Springer explained that the reserves are used in emergency situations such as tornadoes, economic disasters, etc. He also explained that this year we are further ahead than in other years. Mr. Ferguson, City Administrator, stated that Grand Island is the envy of other cities in Nebraska.

Discussion Concerning Commercial Vehicles Parking in Residential Districts. Charlie Cuypers, City Attorney, reported that this issue had been looked at two years ago with a truck parking ordinance amended on March 23, 1998. Currently City Code prohibits trucks which have a listed gross vehicle weight (GVW) of six tons or more parking in residential areas.

Councilmember Walker stated that he received a complaint of a truck parked in a residential district and was concerned about the height of the trucks and the visibility factors in residential areas. Mr. Cuypers requested direction from the Council on this issue. Lewis Kent, 624 East Meves, requested that he would like to see trucks of 1½ ton or larger banned from parking in residential districts.

Councilmember Larson stated he did not have concerns of having some kind of measurement, but was concerned about those people who did not have a place to park their vehicle and how to handle that. Discussed was the number of vehicles throughout the city where this was a problem. Mr. Cuypers stated that he would look into this matter and how other cities are handling these problems and bring his findings back to the Council.

Review of Building Codes. Craig Lewis, Building Department Director, reviewed the building code regulations. Mr. Lewis explained building code regulations were written by three different national organizations. Codes work on occupancy, type of construction, performance code, prescriptive code, etc. Mr. Lewis stated Council has total control of amending codes and making changes, but suggested following the national guidelines as in depth studies have been done.

Zoning regulations were discussed with emphasis on building set backs and detached garages. Councilmember Larson asked if the building department had looked at other cities to see what they are doing with their building codes. Mr. Lewis stated their department has contact with other cities daily. Discussed were the purposes of regulations and how important they are for the City. The Zoning Board of Adjustment was mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk