



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 27, 2002

Council Session

Item G3

Approving Minutes of August 12, 2002 City Council Special Meeting

The Minutes of the August 12, 2002 City Council Special Meeting are submitted for approval. See attached MINUTES.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

August 12, 2002

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special 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 August 12, 2002. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on August 6, 2002.

Mayor Ken Gnadt called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Brozek, Public Works Director Steve Riehle, and Finance Director David Springer.

Public Hearing on Proposed FY2002-2003 Grand Island Area Solid Waste Agency Budget. Public Works Director Steve Riehle and Solid Waste Superintendent Kevin McKennon discussed the change in how trash was measured (changed from measuring by cubic yards to tonnage), which lowered the amount of predicted revenue received from gate fees. This situation required a rate increase which was reflected in the proposed budget for 2002-2003.

Councilmember Pielstick had questions regarding expenditures, salaries, machinery and equipment. Councilmember Larson had a question regarding unrestricted cash balance. No public testimony was heard.

Approving Adoption of GY2002-2003 Annual Budget for the Grand Island Area Solid Waste Agency: Motion was made by Larson, second by Ward to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF SALARY ORDINANCE

Human Resources Director Brenda Sutherland presented the proposed salary ordinance. Councilmember Walker had some questions regarding the COLA, health insurance, and number of employees. Councilmember Pielstick requested to see the salary listing before addressing this issue. Councilmember Haase made comments regarding the COLA. The Mayor commented that many aspects of the salary ordinance are mandated by law.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2002-2003 CITY SINGLE BUDGET

City Administrator Marlan Ferguson discussed his budget message. Finance Director David Springer discussed GASB, lid calculation, and other aspects of the budget. No public testimony was heard.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 ANNUAL BUDGET

Councilmember Murray indicated that he would like to move \$200,000 back into the fund for acquiring land for the new Fire Station. Finance Director David Springer indicated \$147,500 was being added for mobile data equipment for the Police Department, and \$90,000 to Parks for mowers, etc. Councilmember Sorensen inquired about underpass projects, to which Public Works Director Steve Riehle explained that there would be some Federal dollars coming for bridge projects in the near future. Councilmember Haase had a question regarding the cemetery trust fund. Councilmember Pielstick indicated that it had been her understanding that the cemetery trust fund name was going to be changed. City Administrator Marlan Ferguson asked for direction regarding the \$200,000 for the proposed new Fire Station.

Motion by Murray, second by Whitesides to move \$200,000 back into the budget for a new fire station location. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Pielstick, Ward, Sefiert, Hornady, Whitesides, Haase, and Murray voted aye. Councilmembers Larson and Sorensen voting nay. Motion adopted.

BID #4: Mike Toukan, 1808 South Locust, Byron Wheeler, 2606 Apache, and Scott Zana, 209 Lakeside Drive, spoke in favor of moving South Locust BID #4 forward into this budget. Councilmember Pielstick made a motion to move \$900,000 into the budget for BID#4 in 2003. Councilmember Hornady seconded the motion, Motion passed unanimously.

Building and Capital Planning: Finance Director David Springer discussed the inclusion of fiber optic connections.

Public Works: Public Works Director Steve Riehle discussed each division in regard to the Budget. Public Works Director Steve Riehle also discussed the annual paving program for which Councilmembers Larson, Haase and Ward had questions and comments. A brief review of storm drainage followed.

Parks and Recreation: Parks and Recreation Director Steve Paustian indicated that this was a "status quo" budget for the Parks Department. Councilmember Walker inquired about land acquisition for CHAAP. Mr. Paustian explained that this was for a shooting sports facility. The Stolley Park Zoo site was discussed. Mr. Paustian indicated that there are no funds in the budget this year for improvements. Councilmember Pielstick suggested that the Pavilion in Hastings be looked at to consider a similar site in Stolley Park. Councilmember Haase had questions regarding Loewenstein Park.

Fire Services: Fire Chief Jim Rowell discussed the general fund, appropriations summary, revenue detail, and budget highlights.

Police Services: Police Chief Kyle Hetrick discussed capital outlay and the appropriations summary.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Brozek
Deputy City Clerk