



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

Council Session

Item G2

Approving Minutes of February 4, 2003 City Council Regular Meeting

The Minutes of February 4, 2003 City Council Regular Meeting are submitted for approval. See attached MINUTES.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 4, 2003

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 February 4, 2003. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on January 29, 2003.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Councilmembers Meyer, Whitesides, Pielstick, Larson, Nickerson, Seifert, Pauly, Hornady, Walker and Haase. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Marlan Ferguson, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Public Works Director Steve Riehle, City Attorney Doug Walker and Finance Director David Springer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was said followed by the INVOCATION given by Councilmember Jackie Pielstick.

RESERVE TIME TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS: No individual reserved time to speak on agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation “ Random Acts of Kindness Week” February 2-8, 2003. The Mayor proclaimed February 2-8, 2003 as “Random Acts of Kindness Week”. Gloria Wolbach representing the Acts of Kindness Ladies (AOK) was present to receive the proclamation.

Presentation by LeAnne Doose, Public Information Officer. LeAnn Doose, Public Information Officer made a presentation concerning the duties and activities of the Public Information Office.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember Pielstick asked to removed item G-3 from the Consent Agenda. Motion by Whitesides, second by Seifert, carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item G-3.

Receipt of Official Document – Civil Service Minutes of January 13, 2003.

Approving Minutes of January 28, 2003 City Council Regular Meeting. Councilmember Hornday abstained.

#2003-40 – Approving Bid Award for a Commercial 126 Inch Cut Rotary Turf Mower with Sun Turf, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount of \$32,500.00.

#2003-41 – Approving Bid Award for Burdick Oil Skid and Transformer Sprinklers with Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corporation of Alda, Nebraska in an Amount of \$55,287.00.

#2003-42 – Approving Bid Awards for Electrical Circuit Breakers to the following Companies: Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. of Warrendale, Pennsylvania for 123kV Breakers in an Amount of \$1,777,349.70; Alstom T & D of Charleroi, Pennsylvania for 15kV-120 amp Breakers in an Amount of \$391,387.50; and T & D of Charleroi of Pennsylvania for 15kV-3000 amp Breakers in an Amount of \$116,085.00.

#2003-43 – Approving Amendment to Clark Brothers Subdivision. Councilmembers Pielstick and Meyer voted no.

#2003-39 – Approving Change Order No., 4 to the Contract with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island for Street Improvement District #1221, Couth Locust Street from US Highway 34 to Stolley Park Road for an Increase of \$21,916.84 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$5,187,981.70. Steve Riehle, Public Works Director, reported that the construction contract was awarded to The Diamond Engineering Company, Grand Island Nebraska, on November 21, 2000. The Public Works Department had prepared Change Order #4 to make changes to the project. It was stated the original Contract was \$4,996,117.60 with current Contract and Change Orders 1, 2, and 3 for a total of \$5,166,064.86. Change Order 4 was \$21,916.84 for a Revised Contract Price of \$5,187,981.70.

Motion was made by Pielstick to deny Resolution #2003-39 for discussion purposes. Second by Whitesides.

Councilmember Pielstick was upset about the number of change orders and their cost. Councilmember Larson, Nickerson and Hornady mentioned it was logical to have change orders on this size and complex of a project. Councilmember Nickerson asked if there were contingencies built in to the bid price by contractors for projects like this one. Mr. Riehle stated there were none, if there were contactors would just increase their bid prices. A brief overview of the costs of this project was mentioned, totaling \$7.5 million.

Upon roll call vote to deny Resolution #2003-39, Councilmembers Pielstick and Meyer voted yes. Councilmembers Whitesides, Larson, Nickerson, Seifert, Pauly, Hornady, Walker and Haase voted no. Motion failed.

Motion was made by Larson, second by Seifert to approve Resolution #2003-39. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Whitesides, Larson, Nickerson, Seifert, Pauly, Hornady, Walker and Haase voted yes. Councilmembers Pielstick and Meyer voted no.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Whitesides, second by Haase, carried unanimously to approve the Claims for the period of January 29, 2003 through February 4, 2003, for a total amount of \$1,912,514.76.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Whitesides, second by Haase, carried unanimously to adjourn to executive session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and contract negotiations.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Whitesides, second by Hornady, carried unanimously to reconvene in regular session at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk