



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

Council Session

Item G3

Approving Minutes of February 11, 2003 City Council Study Session

The Minutes of February 11, 2003 City Council Study Session are submitted for approval. See attached MINUTES.

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

February 11, 2003

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 February 11, 2003. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on February 5, 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, Walker and Haase. Councilmember Hornady was absent. 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.

Presentation to Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity. Steve Thompson, Program Director for the Aluminum Association - Habitat for Humanity, presented Dana Jelinek, Executive Director of the Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity, with a check in the amount of \$50,000. This check represented a nationwide contest for grant monies from the Aluminum Association for collecting the most aluminum cans to help build homes by the Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity. Congratulations were extended to Dana Jelinek and the Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity on achieving their goal.

Presentation of Public Works Annual Report. Public Works Director Steve Riehle presented a power point presentation to Council with a few highlights from the report. Reviewed were:

1. Street and Transportation Division with emphasis on snow removal, hauling, and ice control. Mentioned was gas tax dollars that fund 90% of the Street and Transportation receipts.
2. Fleet Services Division was reviewed including wrecker towing services.
3. Wastewater Division with emphasis on wastewater collection, biosolid injection, and plant load.
4. Solid Waste Division including compost screener, landfill, and vehicle counts by month. Free grass clipping disposal at the landfill was discussed.

Review One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Public Works Director Steve Riehle reported that adoption of a One and Six Year Street Improvement Program was required by State law as part of the requirements to receive approximately three million dollars of state gas tax funds each year. The One and Six Year Street Improvement Program was reviewed. The Regional Planning Commission approved this plan at their February 5, 2003. A Public Hearing and adoption of the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program was scheduled for the February 18, 2003 City Council meeting.

A power point presentation was presented with review of the following areas:
2003 Construction Season

1. Macron Avenue – concrete of ½ block
2. Improvements to Diers Avenue by BYCO and Walmart
3. Downtown improvements on Third Street
4. Wood River Diversion Channel
5. Illumination Lighting at Schimmer Drive and Wildwood Drive
6. Bridges and Paving on South Locust Street north of I-80
7. Gold Core Drive in Platte Valley Industrial Park
8. Platte Valley Industrial Park Cells and Drainage
9. Left turn arrows at US 281 and Old Potash
10. South Locust Street from Stolley Park Road to Fonner Park Road
11. Stoplight at 13th Street and Allen Avenue
12. Independence Avenue from 13th Street to Manchester Road
13. Faidley Avenue

2004 Construction Season

1. Signal Detection at Stolley Park Road and South Locust Street
2. Independence Avenue from 13th Street to Manchester Road
3. Design for widening Stolley Park Road to Heartland Events Center
4. US Highway 30 east to Merrick County west
5. South Locust Street from Stolley Park Road to Fonner Park Road – landscaping
6. Schimmer Drive – pave/asphalt ½ mile west of US Highway 281
7. Design Hike/Bike Bridge Superstructure
8. South Locust Street Bridges
9. Stoplight at US Highway 281 and Wildwood Drive

2005 – 2007 Construction Season

1. US Highway 30 from Grant Street to Greenwich Street (this was requested to be moved up)
2. Widen Stolley Park Road ¼ mile west of Highway 281 by CNH (this was requested to be moved up to 2004)
3. Widen Stolley Park Road to Heartland Events Center
4. Blaine Street Bridge replacements
5. South Locust Street grading, medians, and northbound lanes
6. Hike/Bike construction
7. Hike/Bike Bridge superstructure and trail construction
8. 2007 – surfacing new lanes

2008 and Beyond Construction Season

1. Capital Avenue from US Highway 281 to St. Paul Road
2. Eddy Street from 4th Street to 10th Street (5 lane)
3. Widen Eddy Street Underpass – 5 lanes on south end
4. Faidley Avenue – ¼ mile west of US Highway 281 to North Road
5. Building improvements at West Yards
6. US Highway 30 from US Highway 281 to City limits
7. US Highway 34 from US Highway 281 to South Locust Street

8. Hike/Bike Trail construction from South Locust Street to Morman Island

Curtis Griess, 26 Kuester Lake, spoke concerning Stuhr Road and by-passes. Also mentioned was a stop light at US Highway 281 and Wildwood Drive.

Review of Infrastructure in the City of Grand Island. Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director reported infrastructure included such things as: Streets, Sewer, Water, Electrical Lines, Drainage, Natural Gas, Phone, Cable TV, Parks, Trails and Schools. Mr. Nabity updated the council on terminology of right of ways, easements, license agreements, and subdivision agreements. General responsibilities of property owners and the city were presented. An overview was given with regards to streets, sewer, water, electric, drainage, other utilities, parks, trails, landscaping, and schools.

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

Respectfully submitted,

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk