



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 22, 2003

Council Session

Item G4

Approving Minutes of April 15, 2003 City Council Study Session

The Minutes of April 15, 2003 City Council Study Session are submitted for approval. See attached MINUTES.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

April 15, 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 April 15, 2003. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on April 9, 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.

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

Discussion on Litter, Mandatory Garbage Service and Nuisance Garbage. Steve Riehle, Public Works Director, Betty Curtis representing Clean Community Systems, Area Sanitation Companies, Grand Island Solid Waste Division, Central District Health Department, and Grand Island Code Compliance, had met to discuss the issues of litter, mandatory garbage service and nuisance garbage. A power point presentation was presented for the council.

Betty Curtis representing Clean Community System briefed the Council on what is being done concerning litter. Mentioned were: Adopt a Road Program, Neighborhood Clean Ups, Volunteer Group Pick Ups, Schools, Individuals and Trash Bash. New ideas included: RCC (Residential Cleanup Card), Continued education, Bagging of all garbage, Bag loose trash at construction sites, Lids connected to trash containers, Dumpster lids being closed, and Greater enforcement of existing litter ordinances.

Kevin McKennon, Solid Waste Superintendent with the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department presented the following collection solution: Curb side collection only, no alley collections. Discussion was had concerning curb side collection only. Current form of disposal in the City was by a licensed hauler or individual disposal.

Jeremy Collinson representing the Central District Health Department presented nuisance garbage complaints. Stated were 244 litter/refuse issues for Fiscal Year 2001-2002, with 546 follow ups and a total of 790 visits to problem sites. Of those, 10 were sent back for legal action. Options for nuisance garbage mentioned were receipt required showing disposal and problem properties where two or more violations occur, require 12 month prepaid garbage disposal and/or \$500.00 fine per subsequent violation.

The committee recommended the following changes to the City ordinances:

- Bagging of all garbage
- Bag loose trash at construction sites
- Lids connected to trash containers
- Dumpster lids being closed
- Required form of disposal
- Greater enforcement of existing litter ordinances
- Eliminate the ability to dispose at residence
- Increased fines
- Environmental Court

Presentation on Parliamentary Procedures. A presentation on Parliamentary Procedures was given by the Wood River High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Parliamentary Team along with their teacher, Sandy Olson. The students did a mock meeting to show how the correct use of Roberts Rules and Orders keeps the meeting focused and flowing. Parliamentary Procedures have been use in organizations community-wide and could be intimidating to people. Discussed was learning how to use the rules and why, to allow people to be stronger members (those who speak up) when in meetings where Parliamentary Rules guide the process.

Discussion Concerning Proposed Park Development at Shoemaker School Site. Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the Grand Island School System and Shoemaker School was proposing the development of a neighborhood park on 5 acres of property currently owned by the Grand Island School District. The proposed plan would allow for open play space, playground equipment and access to the Shoemaker Hike/Bike Trail. Staff and the Parks and Recreation Director met with the Shoemaker School Principal, several interested parents and students of Shoemaker School to devise the plan of the proposed park. The Parks and Recreation Director presented a detailed plan.

Discussed was green space at the time of new developments.

Discussion Relative to Use of Credit Card for Purchasing Purposes. David Springer, Finance Director, reported that the City currently had a limited number of credit cards that were used for purchases at firms that do not have an account with the City of Grand Island or do not take purchase orders. Credit card use was also authorized for travel arrangements, including hotel reservations, airline tickets, and conference fees. Currently, the credit cards were maintained in the Finance Department and may be signed out by other departments as needed. This centralized location had proven to be both cumbersome and inefficient.

The City's Procurement Committee had been reviewing this policy for improvements. The City of Kearney had an existing policy for credit card use that had been reviewed by the State Auditor's Office, and had been used as a pattern to revise our policy. The City's Procurement Committee recommended that the existing policy be modified to allow for departmental credit

cards. A set number of cards would be issued to each department; accountability for use of the credit cards would be the responsibility of the Department Director. A monthly credit card limit of \$10,000 had been recommended. This policy would facilitate travel arrangements, purchases of items not readily available locally, reduce paperwork and processing, and also allow for more price comparisons, through internet means.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk