



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 13, 2004

Council Session

## Item G3

### Approving Minutes of January 6, 2004 City Council Study Session

*The Minutes of January 6, 2004 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

January 6, 2004

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 January 6, 2004. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on January 1, 2004.

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

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

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Vavricek welcomed City Administrator Gary Greer who started with the City on Monday, January 5, 2004. Also mentioned were the Police Officers who were promoted and those who had retired from the Police force.

Discussion Concerning ½ Cent Sales Tax Survey Results. Jean Goss, Executive Assistant presented a power point presentation concerning the ½ cent sales tax survey results. The survey was created in October 2003 of which 22,000 were sent out with the utility bills in November 2003. Recurrent themes were:

- Property tax relief
- Requests for no additional sales tax
- Public Works projects
- Parks and Recreation ideas, including many ideas related to aquatic programs
- Other community needs related to outside agencies

The following were the top 11 priorities of the community:

- #1 Construction of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Broadwell Underpass
- #2 Replacement of Pine Street Fire Station
- #3 Police/Sheriff Public Safety Center Replacement
- #4 Expansion of the Edith Abbott Library
- #5 Fire Training Center
- #6 Grand Generation Center Renovation
- #7 Expand Island Oasis/Replace Lincoln Park Pool
- #8 Reduction of Train Noise
- #9 Hike/Bike Trail Expansion
- #10 Ammunition Plant Recreation Development

#11 Northwest Park pool

Ms. Goss stated the next step in this process would be as follows:

January 20, 2004	Study Session	Fire station update
		Train Noise Reduction update
Feb. 4, 2004	Study Session	3 <sup>rd</sup> Street & Broadwell Grade Separation update
		Projected discussion of Aquatics
		Projected Ammunition Plant Recreation Development update
Feb. 21, 2004	Council Retreat	
Mar. 2, 2004	Study Session	Financial Implications of Projects/Council Direction
Mar. 9, 2004	Regular Mtg	Ballot language approved by Council
Mar. 15, 2004		Ballot language due to County Election Commissioner

Police Department Review of Spillman Police Chief Kyle Hetrick introduced several people involved in the Spillman project: Hall County Sheriff Jerry Watson, Hall County Sheriff Deputy Greg Schultz, Hall County Correction Director Dave Arnold, Police Officer Scott Arnold, 911 Operator DeAnn Stubbs, Sgt. Dean Elliott, Captain Robert Falldorf, and Hall County Computer Consultant Will Bennett.

Chief Hetrick presented a power point presentation explaining the Police Department responsibilities. Spillman was an IBM based relational database system containing data from Hall County Corrections, Hall County Sheriff Department, Grand Island Police Department, and Grand Island-Hall County Emergency Management. Spillman had been in use in Hall County since 1994.

A demonstration was given of the Spillman software system. Included were the uses of computer-aided dispatch, the records management system, and the mobile data computers. Practical uses of the system were demonstrated.

Discussion was held with regards to tower sights of which there were currently 21 sights with a plan for 42 total sights. Currently there was 72 percent coverage within the city, which was expected to grow to 95 percent coverage by April 1, 2004. Budget figures were discussed with approximately \$200,000 budgeted for FY 2003-2004.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk