



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G1

Approving Minutes of February 10, 2004 City Council Regular Meeting

*The Minutes of February 10, 2004 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 10, 2004

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 10, 2004. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on February 4, 2004.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was said followed by the INVOCATION given by Reverend Erin Curtis, First Christian Church, 2400 West 14th Street.

RESERVE TIME TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS: Three individuals reserved time to speak on agenda items.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Vavricek commented on the following:

1. Polls for the school bond issue open until 8:00 p.m.
2. Reminder of election deadlines: Incumbents – February 17, 2004 and Non-incumbents – March 1, 2004
3. Scott Walker, Ward One and Joyce Haase, Ward Five had filed for re-election
4. Nebraska Army National Guard welcome home ceremony in Hastings and how much their service was appreciated
5. Tragedy in McCook, Nebraska due to icy conditions, death of Scott Hoffman, Legal Aid to Senator Ben Nelson
6. Welcomed former City Councilmember Bob Sorensen to the meeting

Councilmember Peg Gilbert commented on the “Go Red for Women” heart disease campaign. Explained was that the leading cause of death in women was due to heart disease and that February was the month for awareness.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing Concerning Annexation of Property South of U.S. Highway 34 and East of South Locust Street. Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director reported that at the December 23, 2003 meeting of the City Council, approval was given by council for referring the annexation of the property located on the Southeast Corner of the Intersection of Highway 34 and South Locust Street (38.38 acres in the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 9 West

of the 6th P.M. in Hall County Nebraska) to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. The Planning Commission approved the annexation at its meeting on January 7, 2004. This annexation was requested by the Wells Fargo as Trustee for the Irene V. Christensen Easton Revocable Trust. It was also bordered on the north and west by the Grand Island City Limits, Sewer and Water were available to this property and was a logical extension of the City Limits.

Entered into the record was a letter from the applicant requesting this annexation. Louise Miller, 1104 West Charles spoke in opposition. No further public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Request of Marjorie A. Roberts for a Conditional Use Permit for Sand and Gravel Operation Located at 3300 West Schimmer Drive. Craig Lewis, Building Department Director reported that Marjorie A. Roberts had applied for a Conditional Use Permit for a Sand and Gravel Operation located at 3300 West Schimmer Drive. The property was currently zoned AG, Agricultural and as such sand and gravel operations were only allowed if approved by the City Council in the form of a conditional use permit. A permit was granted by the City Council on February 8, 1999 for a five year period and expired on February 8, 2004. This request was to renew the original permit for an additional 10 years. The original permit required development in conformance with a development plan as presented by Olsson and Associates in a letter dated February 2, 1999. This plan was required as the property was in the designated flood plain and flood way areas. The facility had been in operation since 1999 and did not appear to have created any negative impact on the surrounding areas. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Request of Union Pacific Railroad for a Conditional Use Permit for an Air Sparging System and SVE System Modification Located at 1219½ North Front Street. Craig Lewis, Building Department Director reported that this property had been the site of an EPA mandated remediation process since 1999 and had received approval from the City Council for a temporary building to facilitate the remediation since that time. This request was for an additional 12'x12' building that would be used to house equipment for the continued remediation process. A two year period was requested. No public testimony was heard.

ORDINANCES:

Councilmember Pielstick made the motion that the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days be suspended and that ordinance numbered:

#8887 – Consideration of Creation of Water Main District No. 447T, Shanna Street Between Independence Avenue and Mansfield Street

be considered for passage on the same day upon reading by number only and that the City Clerk be permitted to call out the number of this ordinance on first reading and then upon final passage and call for a roll call vote on each reading and then upon final passage. Councilmember Haase seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor: Is there any one in the audience interested in this Ordinance? No public comment was heard.

City Clerk: Ordinance #8887 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinance #8887 on final passage. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on final passage, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon final passage, Ordinance #8887 is declared to be lawfully passed and adopted upon publication as required by law.

Motion by Pielstick, second by Whitesides, to approve Ordinance #8888 on First Reading.

#8888 – Consideration of Annexation of Property South of US Highway 34 and East of South Locust Street (First Reading)

Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Pielstick, second by Meyer, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of January 27, 2004 City Council Regular Meeting. Noted was a correction to the minutes.

Approving Minutes of February 3, 2004 City Council Study Session. Councilmembers Whitesides and Cornelius abstained.

Approving Appointments of Lisa Crumrine and Todd Speece to the Community Development Advisory Committee.

Approving Request of Marjorie A. Roberts for a Conditional Use Permit for Sand and Gravel Operation Located at 3300 West Schimmer Drive.

Approving Request of Union Pacific Railroad for a Conditional Use Permit for an Air Sparging System and SVE System Modification Located at 1219½ North Front Street.

#2004-23 – Approving Stop Signs on Kaufman Avenue, Richmond Circle, and Arlington Avenue at Diers Avenue.

#2004-24 – Approving Board of Equalization Date of March 9, 2004 to Reallocate Benefits and Set Assessments for Sanitary Sewer District No. 490 and Water Main District No. 432.

#2004-25 – Approving Renewal of Contract with Fonner Park Relative to Stand-By Ambulance.

#2004-26 – Approving Request from Grand Generation Center for Funding of a Sprinkler System in an Amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

#2004-27 – Approving Subordination Agreement for Matthew K. and Kamra K. Treffer for House Purchased Under CDBG Down Payment Assistance Program. Noted was a change to the resolution from \$63,000.00 to \$62,900.00.

#2004-28 – Approving Bid Award for Street Improvement District No. 1248 with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$91,047.03.

Bob Sorensen thanked the Council for approving Resolution #2004-26 for funding the sprinkler system at the Grand Generation Center.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Cornelius, second by Haase, carried unanimously to approve the Claims for the period of January 28, 2004 through February 10, 2004, for a total amount of \$2,007,299.14. Motion adopted. Councilmember Pielstick abstained from Claim #62823.

Mayor Vavricek thanked the Street and Alley crews for the great job of snow removal done during the last snow storm.

Councilmember Gilbert reminded the women of the Heart Health Clinic to be held on Saturday, February 14, 2004 at the Crane Meadows Nature Center, Alda interchange.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk