
City of Grand Island



Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session Packet

City Council:

Carole Cornelius

Peg Gilbert

Joyce Haase

Margaret Hornady

Robert Meyer

Mitchell Nickerson

Don Pauly

Jackie Pielstick

Scott Walker

Fred Whitesides

Mayor:

Jay Vavricek

City Administrator:

Gary Greer

City Clerk:

RaNae Edwards

7:00:00 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall

100 East First Street

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance /Invocation - Pastor Vern Rice, Independent Bethel Baptist Church, 1223 East 6th Street

Roll Call

A - SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Individuals who have appropriate items for City Council consideration should complete the Request for Future Agenda Items form located at the Information Booth. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a meeting or study session, notification of the date will be given.

B - RESERVE TIME TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

This is an opportunity for individuals wishing to provide input on any of tonight's agenda items to reserve time to speak. Please come forward, state your name and address, and the Agenda topic on which you will be speaking.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION

This is an opportunity for the Mayor to comment on current events, activities, and issues of interest to the community.



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Item C1

Proclamation "Read Across America" March 2, 2004

Whereas, promoting reading for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy, the Mayor has proclaimed March 2, 2004 as "Read Across America". See attached PROCLAMATION.

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Grand Island
State of Nebraska

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the citizens of Grand Island stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and
- WHEREAS, Grand Island, NE has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well being and long-term quality of life; and
- WHEREAS, Read Across America, a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

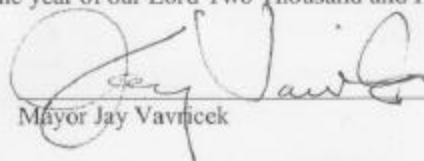
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2004 as

READ ACROSS AMERICA

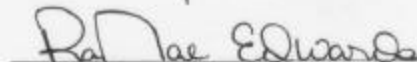
in the City of Grand Island, and recommit our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world ; and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Four.




Mayor Jay Vavricek

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk



City of Grand Island

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Item E1

Public Hearing on One & Six Year Street Improvement Program

Staff Contact: Steve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Public Works Director
Meeting: February 24, 2004
Subject: Approving One & Six Year Street Improvement Program
Item #'s: E-1 and G-4
Presenter(s): Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works

Background

Adoption of a One and Six Year Street Improvement Program is required by State law as part of the requirements to receive approximately three million dollars of state gas tax funds each year.

Discussion

The review of the proposed plan is as follows:

- Tuesday, January 27, 2004 - City Council refers Plan to Regional Planning Commission.
- Wednesday, February 18, 2004 - Regional Planning Commission conducts Public Hearing and forwards recommendation to City Council.
- Tuesday, February 24, 2004 - City Council hears presentation from staff, conducts Public Hearing and passes Resolution adopting the Plan.

2004 Construction Season

One of the major projects for the year 2004 construction season again relates to the improvements on South Locust Street. The improvements from U.S. Highway 34 to Stolley Park Road have been completed and we now have a contract for improvements between Stolley Park Road and Fonner Park Road. This project includes a new concrete roadway, 5' concrete sidewalks, concrete driveways, storm drainage, roadway lighting, ornamental pedestrian lighting and landscaping. A contract will be let for the construction of two bridges over the Platte River for the northbound lanes of S. Locust between I-80 and the south City Limits. The Nebraska Department of Roads has two major projects scheduled for, or underway in 2004. These are the on going construction of the Locust Street I-80 interchange, with completion scheduled in late summer of 2004,

and commencement of the roadway construction for the widening of East Highway 30 from just east of Stuhr Road to east of the Merrick County line. Other projects planned for 2004 include the paving of the Shanna Street and Lariat Lane connections and Independence Avenue from 13th Street to Shanna Street, and the widening of Stolley Park Road west of U.S. Highway 281 by Case New Holland (CNH). Also planned is the continuation of the Hiker/Biker trail from Central Community College to Hall County Park.

2005 – 2009 Construction Seasons

Some significant projects beyond the 2004 construction season include the widening of Stolley Park Road from Locust Street to the southern Fonner Park Events Center entrance, grade separation construction at the UPRR on Broadwell Street and at an east by-pass location on either Stuhr Road or Shady Bend Road. Also planned during this period is completion of the construction of two northbound bridges on Locust Street over the Platte River channels, and the commencement of roadway construction for the northbound lanes of Locust Street between the I-80 interchange and the south city limits as well as the continuation of various segments of the Hiker/Biker trail construction. Completion of the four-lane roadway construction on East Highway 30 from Stuhr Road to the Merrick County line is scheduled for 2005.

Attached is staff's recommended One and Six Year Street Improvement Program.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program
2. Disapprove or /Deny the approval of the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program. Failure to submit a 1 & 6 Year Program will result in the City not meeting one of the eligibility requirements for the receipt of over three million dollars in annual gas tax funds.
3. Modify the program contents to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Tabling the issue is not an option as the full report is due at the Nebraska Department of Roads by March 1, 2004.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program.

2004 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

		(All Costs in \$1,000s)					
No.	Project Description	Total Project	State Federal Other	City STP	City G.O. Bond	City Cap. Imprv. Fund	
Street Construction							
M310-477	S. Locust Improvements-Stolley to Fonner Park Road	\$1,850	\$150			\$1,700	
M310-480	Independence Ave./Shanna St. Paving	\$750				\$750	
M310-432	Annual Paving Petition Program	\$300			\$300		
M310-393	Hwy 30 East (Stuhr Road to Merrick County Line) - NDOR Project (Jul 1, 2004 - Jun 30, 2005)	\$5,743	\$5,291	\$452			
M310-386	S. Locust, Floodway to I-80, Bridge C0040 4120R	\$1,060		\$848		\$212	
M310-388	S. Locust, Floodway to I-80, Bridge C0040 4125R	\$1,095		\$876		\$219	
M310-463	Construction E&I - Two bridges over Platte (C0040-4120R & 4125R)	\$275		\$220		\$55	
M310-489	Widen Stolley Park Road - HWY 281 west 1/4 mile	\$600				\$600	
M310-	James Road Paving	\$150				\$150	
M310-	Faidley Paving - Diers to Moores Creek	\$140				\$140	
Street Resurfacing							
M310-433	Annual Resurfacing Program	\$500				\$500	
Drainage & Flood Control							
M310-461	Moores, Prairie, & Silver Creek Flood Control Design	\$150	\$75			\$75	
M310-485	PVIP Cells & Drainage	\$127				\$127	
M310-464	Concrete Lining of Drainage Ditches	\$35				\$35	
Other							
M310-425	Railroad Corridor Study	\$125				\$125	
M310-385	Geographic Information System (Continued Development & Maintenance)	\$25				\$25	
M310-462	Hike/Bike Trail Construction-Cent. Comm. College to Hall County Park	\$400	\$320			\$80	
TOTALS		\$13,325	\$5,836	\$2,396	\$300	\$4,793	

2005 CONSTRUCTION SEASON						
						(ALL COSTS IN \$1,000's)
No.	Project Description	Total Project	State Federal Other	City STP	City G.O. Bond	City Cap. Impr. Fund
Street Construction						
M310-444	Paving Petition Program	\$750			\$750	
M310-407	S. Locust - HWY 34 to I-80 - Additional Landscaping	\$60	\$48			\$12
M310-267	Two Bridge Replacements - Blaine @ Wood River	\$250	\$120			\$130
M310-480	Independence Avenue Paving	\$1,050			\$1,050	
M310-488	Schimmer Dr. Paving; HWY 281 to 1/2 Mi west	\$175				\$175
M310-458	Traffic Signal - HWY 281/Wildwood Dr.	\$160	\$80			\$80
M310-450	Signal Detection - Locust & Stolley Park Road	\$50	\$25			\$25
M310-	Illuminating Lighting - HWY 281, Stolley to Old Potash	\$250				\$250
Street Resurfacing						
M310-445	Annual Resurfacing Program	\$750				\$750
Drainage & Flood Control						
M310-485	PVIP Cells & Drainage	\$263				\$263
M310-461	Moore's, Prairie, & Silver Creek Flood Control Design	\$150	\$75			\$75
M310-434	Annual Major Drainage Development	\$500				\$500
M310-466	Concrete Lining of Drainage Ditches	\$50				\$50
M310-382	Moore's Creek Drainage - Rogers Well to Edna Drive	\$350				\$350
Other						
M310-465	Engineering Design- Hike/Bike Bridge Superstructure over 2 Platte River Channels	\$50				\$50
M310-389	Hike/Bike Trail Construction-Wood River Floodway to Hamilton County Bridge	\$600	\$480			\$120
M310-385	Geographic Information System (Continued Development & Maintenance)	\$25				\$25
M310-384	Construct One Landscaped Gateway Node (No. 1)	\$25				\$25
TOTALS		\$5,483	\$828	\$0	\$1,800	\$2,855

2006 CONSTRUCTION SEASON						
				(All Costs in \$1,000's)		
No.	Project Description	Total Project	State Federal Other	City STP	City G.O. Bond	City Cap. Impr. Fund
Street Construction						
M310-468	2006 Paving Petition Program	\$750			\$750	
M310-487A	Stolley Park Rd Widening, Locust to Fonner Park Ent.(Engineering Design)	\$90				\$90
Street Resurfacing						
M310-470	Annual Resurfacing Program	\$750				\$750
Drainage & Flood Control						
M310-446	Annual Major Drainage Development	\$500				\$500
M310-467	Concrete Lining of Drainage Ditches	\$50				\$50
M310-459	Construct Drainway from CCC area to Wood River	\$425				\$425
Other						
M310-385	Geographic Information System (Continued Development & Maintenance)	\$25				\$25
M310-387	Construct One Landscaped Gateway Node (No. 2)	\$25				\$25
M310-408	Hike/Bike Bridge Superstructure over two Platte River Channels	\$350	\$280			\$70
M310-431	Hike/Bike Trail Construction, S. Locust - Floodway to I-80	\$600	\$480			\$120
TOTALS:		\$3,565	\$760	\$0	\$750	\$2,055

2007 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

(All Costs in \$1,000's)

No.	Project Description	Total Project	State Federal Other	City STP	City G.O. Bond	City Cap. Impr. Fund
Street Construction						
M310- 487	Stolley Park Rd widening, Locust to Fonner Park Entrance (Construction)	\$1,200			\$1,200	
M310- 409	S. Locust Grading and Median Drains for New Lanes (2007)	\$720		\$576		\$144
M310-	Illunination Lighting - Locust St.; S. City Limits to I-80	\$1,000			\$1,000	
M310- 341	S. Locust - Floodway to I-80, Surfacing New Lanes (2007)	\$2,750		\$2,200		\$550
M310- 475	2007 Paving Petition Program	\$750			\$750	
M310- 351	Hwy 30 - Grant to Greenwich - NDOR Project (FY 2007)	\$3,524	\$2,819		\$705	
Street Resurfacing						
M310- 476	Annual Resurfacing Program (2007)	\$750				\$750
Drainage & Flood Control						
M310- 471	Annual Major Drainage Development (2007)	\$500				\$500
M310- 472	Concrete Lining of Drainage Ditches(2007)	\$50				\$50
Other						
M310- 385	Geographic Information System (Continued Development & Maintenance)	\$25				\$25
M310- 414	Hike/Bike Trail Construction, S. Locust to Morman Island. (Parallel to I-80)	\$600	\$480			\$120
M310- 390	Construct One Landscaped Gateway Node (No 3)	\$25				\$25
TOTALS:		\$11,894	\$3,299	\$2,776	\$3,655	\$2,164

2008 Construction Season

(All costs in \$1,000s)

No.	Project Description	Total Project	State Federal Other	City STP	City G.O. Bond	City Cap. Impr. Fund
Street Construction						
M310-490	Annual Paving Petition Program (2008)	\$750			\$750	
M310-334	Widen Eddy Street Underpass to 5-lanes on south end	\$175				\$175
M310-	Grade Separation Broadwell @ UPRR	\$12,000	\$600		\$11,400	
M310-353	Faidley Ave. - Moores Creek Ditch to North Rd.	\$1,250			\$1,250	
Street Resurfacing						
M310-491	Annual Resurfacing Program (2008)	\$750				\$750
Drainage & Flood Control						
M310-492	Annual Major Drainage Development (2008)	\$500				\$500
M310-493	Concrete Lining of Drainage Ditches(2008)	\$50				\$50
Other						
M310-397	Construct One Landscaped Gateway Node (No 4)	\$25				\$25
M310-447	Hike/Bike Trail Construction - State St. to Eagle Scout Lake	\$500	\$400			\$100
M310-385	Geographic Information System (Continued development and maintenance)	\$25				\$25
TOTALS		\$16,025	\$1,000	\$0	\$13,400	\$1,625

2009 and After Construction

(All costs in \$1,000s)

No.	Project Description	Total Project	State Federal Other	City STP	City G.O. Bond	City Cap. Impr. Fund
Street Construction						
M310-	Widen Capital Avenue West of HWY 281	\$670				\$670
M310-	Annual Paving Petition Program (2009)	\$750			\$750	
M310- 469	Capital Ave - HWY 281 to Webb Rd	\$900			\$900	
M310- 89	Capital Ave - Webb to St. Paul Road	\$3,000			\$3,000	
M310- 14	Eddy Street - 4th to 10th (5 lane)	\$1,800			\$1,800	
M310-	East Bypass Grade Separation @ UPRR S. Locust - Illumination Lighting HWY 34 to I-80	\$16,000	\$800		\$15,200	
M310-	Hwy 30 - Hwy 281 to west City Limits - NDOR Project	\$1,000		\$500		\$500
M310- 352	Hwy 34 - Locust to Hwy 281 - NDOR Project	\$9,449	\$7,559		\$1,890	
M310- 411		\$6,679	\$5,343		\$1,336	
Street Resurfacing						
M310-	Annual Resurfacing Program (2009)	\$750				\$750
Drainage & Flood Control						
M310-	Annual Major Drainage Development (2009)	\$500				\$500
M310-	Concrete Lining of Drainage Ditches(2009)	\$50				\$50
Other						
M310- 415	Construct One Landscaped Gateway Node (No. 5)	\$25				\$25
M310- 435	Construct One Landscaped Gateway Node (No. 6)	\$25				\$25
M310- 385	Geographic Information System (Continued development and maintenance)	\$25				\$25
M310- 416	BLDG Improvements at West Yard	\$375				\$375
TOTALS		\$41,998	\$13,702	\$500	\$24,876	\$2,920



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Council Session

Item E2

**Public Hearing on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Grant from the
Nebraska Department of Economic Development**

Staff Contact: Joni Kuzma

Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma

Meeting: February 24, 2004

Subject: Public Hearing for Affordable Housing Trust Fund Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Item #'s: E-2 & G-12

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma

Background

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development allows Homeownership Assistance, through grants to municipal organizations and non-profit agencies, to facilitate and expand homeownership among persons of low-to-moderate income. Such assistance may include subsidizing interest rates and mortgage principal amounts for low-and moderate-income homebuyers; provide down payment required for low-and moderate-income homebuyers; or pay reasonable closing costs (normally associated with the purchase of a home) incurred by low-and moderate-income homebuyers. A public hearing is required prior to submission of an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to solicit public comment and input into the proposed project and grant application.

Discussion

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development will accept applications through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund program up to March 1, 2004 for grant funding for down payment assistance to low-to-moderate income, first-time homebuyers. Lincoln, Nebraska Developer, Fred Hoppe, has prepared an application for submittal to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development through the City of Grand Island, as an eligible municipal corporation, for \$300,000 in grant funding for approximately 15 low-to moderate- income home buyers. The grant will provide direct home buyer assistance for first-time homeowners in El Huerto Subdivision, as proposed by Mr. Hoppe in the Community Development Block Grant project area, generally known as northeast Grand Island.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the housing application and give approval for the Mayor to sign all related documents.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the housing application.
3. Modify the application proposal to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that public comment be solicited regarding the proposed application and that Council gives approval to the housing application and gives approval for the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Approve the submission of the proposed application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.



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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.*

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

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



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G2

Approving Minutes of February 17, 2004 City Council Study Session

*The Minutes of February 17, 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

February 17, 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 February 17, 2004. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on February 11, 2004.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Councilmembers Meyer, Whitesides, Pielstick, Gilbert, Nickerson, Cornelius, Pauly, Hornady, Walker, and Haase. 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 commented on the Comprehensive Plan books given to council, the upcoming Council Retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2004, and the results of the water contamination testing in the western part of the city, of which Case New Holland (CNH) was found not to be responsible. Mentioned were the efforts of CNH.

Mayor Vavricek recognized the family of Arthur "Pooch" Gulzow a former 50 year firefighter who recently passed away. Sharon Bigger and Marilyn Lueth, daughters of Mr. Gulzow were present to receive a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their father.

Discussion Concerning Financial Implications of Projects Relative to ½ Cent Sales Tax. Finance Director David Springer and City Administrator Gary Greer reported that on August 27, 2002 the City Council voted to put a measure on the 2004 ballot to consider a ½ cent sales tax for the purpose of expanding parks and recreational opportunities, providing for infrastructure, and property tax relief. It was determined that many important capital projects could not be funded without additional revenue and that the voters should be given the chance to approve paying for projects such as a new fire station, library expansion, law enforcement facility with expanded sales tax. A great deal of discussion had taken place on the possible ballot measure.

In November of 2003 a survey was conducted to receive input from citizens concerning projects which had been suggested as needed capital projects. 613 respondents prioritized projects in the following order:

1. Construction of 3rd 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 Facility
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

In order to continue the education process, study sessions were conducted to go more in depth with the projects. The following projects were studied:

1. January 20th Fire Station, Fire Training Facility, Train Noise
2. February 3rd 3rd & Broadwell Underpass, Aquatics, CAAP Development

Additionally, a fire Sprinkler system was approved for funding for the Grand Generation Center on February 10th.

Mr. Greer stated that during the annual retreat on February 21st the Council would be asked to discuss each project and begin to narrow in on the final ballot language. On March 9th the final ballot language would be approved to be sent to the Election Commissioner.

The following was a list of projects with the estimated total costs for each project. The figures listed included all costs and did not account for grants, cooperative agreements, or any other financing solutions.

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
1. Fire Station #1 Replacement	\$3,338,627
2. Fire Training Facility	\$7,870,000
3. Library Expansion	\$8,130,000
4. Lincoln Park Pool Replacement	\$2,000,000
5. Northwest Pool	\$1,500,000
6. Island Oasis Improvements	\$2,000,000
7. CAAP Recreation Development	\$2,000,000
8. Railroad Underpass	\$12,600,000
9. Railroad Noise Abatement	\$2,000,000
10. Public Safety Center	\$3,000,000
11. Hiker/Biker Trail Expansion	\$2,300,000
12. Grand Generation Center Renovation	\$ 500,000
TOTAL	<u>\$47,238,627</u>

In addition to the projects that were on the table for sales tax, it was recommended that the City Council consider the possibility of creating a property tax relief element to the proposal. Reviewed was the sales tax relief of 1 cent implemented in 1989-1990 in Grand Island.

Councilmember Pielstick stated that since she had been on the Council, Fire Station #1 had been talked about but nothing had been done. Ms. Pielstick commented on the importance of public safety. Councilmember Hornady commented on the sales tax dollars coming from not only residents of Grand Island, but the surrounding area. Councilmember Gilbert commented on a meaningful property tax relief and the fact that the City's tax rate is one of the lower rates compared to other property taxing entities. Councilmember Meyer commented on the last sales tax ballot issues and why they failed. The fact that there was no specific direction of where the money would be used was mentioned.

Councilmember Walker stated that he would like to see 35% of the sales tax go to property tax relief. Councilmember Whitesides stated that property tax relief would be nice, but that we needed to start the projects that had been on the list for many years. Councilmember Nickerson stated that Council needed to make a decision on what was important to the community. Councilmember Pauly asked if this would have a 10 year cap. Mr. Greer stated he did not support a cap or sunset clause, but had no problem of reviewing the projects often.

Mayor Vavricek stated that accountability was important. Mentioned was a shift in taxes of which retail customers from the surrounding communities would also pay. Discussed was what would happen at the Council Retreat.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G3

Approving Request of Whiskey Creek Steakhouse for Change of Location for Class "I-39333" Liquor License from 3537 West 13th Street to 1016 Diers Avenue

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

Council Agenda Memo

From: RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Meeting: February 24, 2004

Subject: Request of Whiskey Creek Steakhouse for Change of Location to Liquor License

Item #'s: G-3

Presenter(s): RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Background

Nebraska Steak Company dba Whiskey Creek Steakhouse has submitted a request for a change of location for their Class "I-39333" Liquor License currently located at 3537 West 13th Street to their new location of 1016 Diers Avenue. The new licensed area will be a one story building approximately 70' x 70'.

Discussion

City Council action is required and forwarded to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for issuance of all licenses. All departmental reports have been received.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the request of Whiskey Creek Steakhouse for change of location to Liquor License "I-39333".
2. Disapprove or /Deny the request.
3. Forward to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission with no recommendation.
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve this request contingent upon final inspections.

Sample Motion

Approve the request of Nebraska Steak Company dba Whiskey Creek Steakhouse for change of location for Class "I-39333" Liquor License from 3537 West 13th Street to 1016 Dear Avenue contingent upon final inspections.



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G4

#2004-29 - Approving One & Six Year Street Improvement Program

This item relates to the Public Hearing Item E-1.

Staff Contact: teve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director

RESOLUTION 2004-29

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission, after public notice having been published in one issue of the Grand Island Independent on February 7, 2004, and such notice also having been posted in at least three places in areas where it was likely to attract attention, conducted a public hearing on February 18, 2004, on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for 2004-2009 for the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, at the February 18, 2003 public hearing, the Regional Planning Commission approved the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program 2004-2009, and recommended that such program be approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island City Council, after public notice having been published in one issue of the Grand Island Independent on February 18, 2004, and such notice also having been posted in at least three places in areas where it was likely to attract attention, conducted a public hearing on February 24, 2004, on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that the Six Year Street Improvement Program as set out in Exhibit "A" should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Six Year Street Improvement Program 2004-2009, based on priorities of needs and calculated to contribute to the orderly development of city streets, and identified as Exhibit "A", is hereby approved and adopted by this Council.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 24, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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February 18, 2004	☐ City Attorney



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G5

#2004-30 - Approving Change Order 1 to the Contract with The Diamond Engineering Company for Sanitary Sewer District 507, Cannon Road & North Road

Staff Contact: Steve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works

Meeting: February 24, 2004

Subject: Approving Change Order 1 to the Contract with The Diamond Engineering Company for Sanitary Sewer District No. 507, Cannon Road & North Road

Item #'s: G-5

Presenter(s): Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works

Background

Any change orders to the contract must be approved by City Council. The construction contract was awarded to The Diamond Engineering Company, Grand Island, Nebraska, on April 22, 2003.

Discussion

The Public Works Department prepared Change Order No. 1 to with the following changes:

Original Contract	\$ 121,389.95
Support 36" Storm Sewer During Construction	\$ 1,800.00
30' of 12" C.M.P. Driveway	\$ 240.00
Revised Contract	\$ 123,429.95

Sufficient funds are available in account 53030055-85213. The additional \$2,040.00 dollars needed will be assessed as part of the Sanitary Sewer District.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve Change Order No.1 so as the contract amount for Sanitary Sewer No. 507 would be \$123,429.95.

2. Disapprove or /Deny Change Order No. 1.
3. Modify the Change Order to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Change Order.

Sample Motion

Approve change order 1 to the contract with The Diamond Engineering Company for Sanitary Sewer District 507.

RESOLUTION 2004-30

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2003, by Resolution 2003-117, the City of Grand Island awarded the bid for Sanitary Sewer District No. 507 to The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that modifications to the work to be performed by the Diamond Engineering Company are necessary; and

WHEREAS, such modifications have been incorporated into Change Order No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the result of such modifications will increase the contract amount by \$2,040.00 for a revised contract price of \$123,429.95.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1 between the City of Grand Island and the Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska to provide the modifications set out as follows:

Support 36" storm sewer during construction	1,800.00
Add 30' of 12" C.M.P. driveway.....	240.00

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G6

#2004-31 - Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Sanitary Sewer District 507, Cannon Road and North Road

Staff Contact: teve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works

Meeting: February 24, 2004

Subject: Certificate of Final Completion for Sanitary Sewer District No. 507, Cannon Road and North Road

Item #'s: G-6

Presenter(s): Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works

Background

The contract for Sanitary Sewer District No. 507 was awarded to The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska on April 22, 2003. Work commenced on September 24, 2003 and was completed on December 22, 2003.

Discussion

The work for Sanitary Sewer District 507 has been completed in accordance with the terms, conditions, and stipulations of said contract and complies with the contract, the plans, and the specifications. The project was completed on schedule at a construction price of \$114,756.80. Total cost of the project, including contract administration, is \$128,487.08. Costs for the project break down as follows:

Original Bid	\$ 121,389.95
Change Order No. 1	\$ 2,040.00
Underruns	(\$ 8,673.15)
Sub Total (Construction Price)	\$ 114,756.80
Additional Costs	
Publication, T.V. Inspection, Etc.	\$ 2,254.60
<u>Engineering and Administration</u>	<u>\$ 11,475.68</u>
Total Cost	\$ 128,487.08

Alternatives

1. Approve the Certificate of Final Completion.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the Certificate of Final Completion for Sanitary Sewer District No. 507, Cannon Road and North Road.
3. Modify the Certificate of Final Completion to meet the wishes of the Council.
4. Table the issue.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the Certificate of Final Completion for Sanitary Sewer No. 507 and set the Board of Equalization date of March 23, 2004.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Certificate of Final Completion and set the Board of Equalization for Sanitary Sewer District No. 507.

RESOLUTION 2004-31

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director of the City of Grand Island has issued a Certificate of Final Completion for Sanitary Sewer District 507, certifying that The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska, under contract dated April 22, 2003, has completed such project according to the terms, conditions, and stipulations for such improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director recommends the acceptance of the final completion; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor concurs with the Public Works Director's recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that:

1. The Public Works Director's Certificate of Final Completion for Sanitary Sewer District 507 is hereby confirmed.
2. The City Council will sit as a Board of Equalization on March 23, 2004 to determine benefits and set assessments for Sanitary Sewer District 507.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 24, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G7

#2004-32 - Approving the Designation of Enviro Group, Inc. as the Sole Source Provider of the Spray on Clay Product at the Landfill

Staff Contact: teve Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works
Dale Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

Meeting: February 24, 2004

Subject: Approving the Designation of Enviro Group Inc. as the Sole Source Provider of the Alternate Daily Cover at the Landfill

Item #'s: G-7

Presenter(s): Steven Riehle, Director of Public Works

Background

Soil material (dirt) is generally used for daily cover material at landfills. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) allows alternate materials to be used upon completion of a test period of generally six months duration. On October 6, 2003 the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department advertised for bids for an Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) sprayer unit, and one semi-load of the clay based product which is used as the ADC. There were two bids received on October 22, 2003. The bid submitted by Enviro-Group of Green Wood, IN was the only bid that conformed to all bid specifications, and on November 4, 2003 City Council awarded the bid to Enviro Group Inc.

Discussion

Since we had to complete a test of the ADC application process, only one semi load of the clay based ADC was included in the original bid specifications so that the test phase could be terminated if the material and/or the application process was not progressing satisfactorily. The test process is going quite well and we fully expect to continue the use of this ADC material. The Formula 480 liquid clay product is the only material that will work with the sprayer equipment, and the material is available only with Enviro-Group Inc. We now need to order more of the ADC material. Since Enviro-Group Inc. is the only source for this product, it is necessary for them to be designated as the Sole Source provider to meet purchasing guidelines for the continued procurement of this material.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the designation of Enviro Group as the Sole Source.
2. Disapprove or Deny the designation of Enviro Group as the sole source. This will stop the testing of this ADC material.
3. Modification of the sole source designation is not feasible since the sprayer will only work with the current liquid clay product.
4. Tabling the issue will effectively stop the trial since we expect to run out of the ADC material in March 2004.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council pass a resolution designating Enviro Group Inc. of Green Wood IN as the sole source for the "Formula 480 Liquid Clay" product.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the designation of Enviro Group Inc. of Green Wood IN as the sole source provider for the liquid clay ADC material at the landfill.

RESOLUTION 2004-32

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2003, the City Council of the City of Grand Island approved the bid of Enviro-Group, Inc. of Green Wood, Indiana, for an Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) sprayer unit and one semi-load of clay based product which is used as the alternative daily cover at the landfill; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Enviro-Group, Inc. was the only bid in conformance of the specifications; and

WHEREAS, the use of the ADC clay based product at the landfill has been successful and it is recommended that such application process continue; and

WHEREAS, Enviro-Group, Inc. is the only vendor that the City of Grand Island is aware of that can provide the ADC clay based product; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Enviro-Goup, Inc. be designated as the sole source provider for such ADC clay based material allowing city officials to negotiate with such vendor for the purchase of future orders of the material.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Enviro Group, Inc. of Green Wood, Indiana is hereby designated as the sole source provider of liquid clay alternative daily cover (ADC) material for use at the landfill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to pursue negotiations with Enviro-Group, Inc. for the purchase of additional liquid clay ADC material for use at the landfill.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G8

**#2004-33 - Approving Funding of Economic Development Request
(NWPS Funds)**

Staff Contact: David Springer

Council Agenda Memo

From: David Springer, Finance Director

Meeting: February 24, 2004

Subject: Approving Funding of Economic Development Corporation Request (NWPS Funds)

Item #'s: G-8

Presenter(s): David Springer, Finance Director

Background

On September 26, 2000, the City Council approved Resolution #2000-291 establishing an Economic Development Policy for the annual contribution from Northwestern Public Service (NWPS). A request has been received for funding and recommended for approval by the NWPS Funds Review Committee.

Discussion

The Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation requests \$23,310.00 to assist with the first of their semi-annual principal payments on land acquired at the Platte Valley Industrial Park. These funds represent direct cash contributions previously made by NWPS to the City of Grand Island and the usage of these funds for this purpose falls within the guidelines of the economic development policy set forth in the rate agreement.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the request for funds
2. Disapprove or /Deny the request for funds
3. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the request for funds.

Sample Motion

Approve the request for funds to allow payment to the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation.



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January 6, 2004

Gary Greer, City Administrator
City of Grand Island
100 E 1st St
Grand Island, NE 68801



RE: Applications for NWPS Economic Development Rate Agreement Funds

Dear Gary,

Our local review committee made up of the GIAEDC executive committee and Terry Wooten from Northwestern as spelled out in the rate agreement policy have reviewed the following project and recommend them to the City Council for their review and approval.

Project #1: Principal payment of \$23,310 for the GIAEDC for the 127 acres that was purchased in January 2000 to expand the Platte Valley Industrial Park which was paid in July 2003. Requesting for review and approval of \$23,310.

Attached is the request letter for your reference. If you have any questions, or would need any additional information, please give me a call. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Marlan Ferguson
President

Enclosure

RESOLUTION 2004-33

WHEREAS, Northwestern Public Service (NWPS) makes an annual contribution for economic development purposes to the City of Grand Island in the amount of \$86,000; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2000, the Mayor and City Council approved Resolution 2000-291 establishing an economic development policy for receiving, considering and making recommendations regarding requests for disbursement of said funds; and

WHEREAS, the office of the City Administrator received a recommendation for funding from the local economic development committee for \$23,310 payable to the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation to assist with the principal payment involved in their loan from the purchase of land at the Platte Valley Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, said request is consistent with the intent of NWPS in making its annual economic development contribution, and the policy established by the Mayor and City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the request for disbursement in the amount of \$23,310 to fund the principal loan payment from the purchase of land at the Platte Valley Industrial Park is hereby approved, and a payment is authorized to be made to the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation for such purpose.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on February 24, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G9

**#2004-34 - Approving Bid Award for Chimney Obstruction
Lighting Replacement - Platte Generating Station - Utilities
Department**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader;Dale Shotkoski

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director
Meeting: February 24, 2004
Subject: Award Memo for Chimney Obstruction Lighting Replacement - Platte Generating Station
Item #'s: G-9
Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Background

The Platte Generating Station has a 412 foot reinforced concrete chimney that was built in 1979. The existing aviation obstruction lighting system is requiring frequent repairs due to long term exposure to the elements and the electronic components of the system are obsolete. The plant engineering staff developed specifications for a replacement obstruction lighting system that is FAA approved and consists of 8 medium intensity flash heads, power supplies/controllers, and installation by the contractor.

Discussion

The specifications for the replacement of the chimney obstruction lighting were issued for bid and responses were received from the following bidders. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$105,000.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid price w/o Tax</u>
Flash Technology, Franklin, TN	\$ 57,170.00
Fuellgraf Chimney & Tower, Franklin, KY	\$ 88,800.00

City staff reviewed the bids for compliance with the City's detailed specifications. Both bids were evaluated to be compliant. Flash Technology is the supplier of the original lighting system.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the Award of the Chimney Obstruction Lighting Replacement Contract to one of the bidders.
2. Deny award of the Chimney Obstruction Lighting Replacement.
3. Modify the Award of the Chimney Obstruction Lighting Replacement to meet the wishes of the Council.
4. Table the issue.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council award the contract for Chimney Obstruction Lighting Replacement to the low, compliant bidder, Flash Technology, in the amount of \$57,170.

Sample Motion

Approve the award of the contract for Chimney Obstruction Lighting Replacement to Flash Technology.

pc: Tim Luchsinger, Asst. Utilities Director
Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: February 12, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.
FOR: Chimney Obstruction Lighting Replacement
DEPARTMENT: Utilities – Platte Generating Station
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: \$105,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: E520
PUBLICATION DATE: January 28, 2004
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 2

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Flash Technology</u> Franklin, TN	<u>Fuellgraf Chimney & Tower</u> Franklin, KY
Bid Security:	The Continental Insurance Co.	\$4,500.00
Exceptions:	None	None
Bid Price:	\$57,170.00	\$90,000.00

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Pat Gericke, Utilities Secretary
Shelly Schnakenberg, Senior Utilities Secretary
Gary Greer, City Administrator
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent
Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

RESOLUTION 2004-34

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Chimney Obstruction Lighting Replacement, according to plans and specifications on file at with at the Platte Generating Station; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2004, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Flash Technology of Franklin, Tennessee, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$57,170.00; and

WHEREAS, Flash Technology's bid is less than the engineer's estimate for such project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Flash Technology of Franklin, Tennessee, in the amount of \$57,170.00 for chimney obstruction lighting replacement is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G10

**#2004-35 - Approving Donation to Children's Groundwater
Festival '04 - Utilities Department**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Meeting: February 24, 2004

Subject: Grand Island Children's Groundwater Festival

Item #'s: G-10

Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Background

The Children's Groundwater Festival, which began in Grand Island in 1989, was one of the first major events of the Groundwater Foundation. Since that beginning, the Foundation has grown into a national organization which has been instrumental in the development of festivals in over 65 cities in 32 states across the nation. With its growing national focus, the Foundation wishes to have the Grand Island community more involved in developing and financing the local festival. That task has been taken up by the Grand Island Community Foundation, working with hundreds of area private and public businesses and individuals. (See attached letters.)

Discussion

The Community Foundation has solicited the financial support of the Grand Island Water Department in the amount of \$500.

In Grand Island, the City relies on an adequate, clean groundwater supply for its municipal water. Over the past few decades, we have seen that groundwater quality diminish greatly. Over that period, the City has abandoned over 20 wells in the city because of various contaminants in the supply. This problem continues with the recent discovery of VOC compounds in the south and southwest area. The most recent contamination places the last remaining in-town wells in jeopardy.

The Groundwater Festival provides a unique opportunity to provide education and understanding, for the next generation, of the complexities of and hazards to this very important resource.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the \$500.00 contribution
2. Deny the contribution
3. Increase or decrease the contribution amount

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the contribution to Festival '04 in the amount of \$500 as requested.

Sample Motion

I move that the Grand Island Water Department be approved to make a \$500 contribution to the Children's Groundwater Festival – Festival '04.

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Children's Groundwater Festival

Thank you for your past support of the Children's Groundwater Festival. Because of the generous support from the Grand Island community, thousands of students and teachers from across Nebraska have learned about the need to protect and conserve one of our most precious resources—groundwater. Planning is underway for the 2004 Festival, which is scheduled for March 16th in Grand Island. Inspired by the positive feedback from past participants and presenters, we are determined to make this year's event the most educational and empowering Festival ever.

Planning is underway for the 2004 Festival, which is scheduled for March 16th in Grand Island. This year marks the 16th Anniversary of the Festival, which has been held in Grand Island every year since its inception. It also marks a time of change in the local organization of this nationally-recognized event. The Groundwater Foundation is initiating a transition to the Grand Island community as the leader in organizing the Festival. As a result, your support is more important than ever if we are to ensure the continued success of this worthwhile event. By making a tax-deductible contribution, you will help empower Nebraska youngsters to make a difference in the world.

It is evident from behavior impact studies conducted by The Groundwater Foundation, that Festival participants increase their understanding of water issues and learn how they could adopt more environmentally responsible behaviors. Experts in primary education attribute this success to the Festival's fun, hands-on approach to learning. But beyond educating students about water, our goal is to help them feel the pride and sense of purpose that that comes from being a caretaker of the earth's resources. Our hope is that the knowledge and confidence they gain will help make the right environmental choices, now and in the future.

Your contributions will continue to make a difference long after the Festival ends. Students and teachers will carry a message back to their families, schools and communities—each citizen can help protect Nebraska's water resources. You will find enclosed a response card and envelope for your convenience. A member of the Friends of the Festival will be calling to assist you in planning your contribution. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jackie Beltzer at 379-6825 or Tim White at 384-1600.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Sincerely,


Jackie Beltzer


Tim White



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February 2004

City of Grand Island – Utilities
ATTN: Gary Mader
Post Office Box 1968
Grand Island, NE 68802

Dear Gary,

Grand Island Community Foundation appreciates your generous intent to support the Children's Groundwater Festival – **festival '04**. Your gift will help educate our youth about the importance of groundwater and the role it plays in the daily lives of all Nebraskans!

You asked to be billed for this gift.

Pledge:
Children's Groundwater Festival – **festival '04** \$500.00

Again, thank you for your caring, leadership and generosity.

Sincerely,

Lisa Katzberg
Executive Director



RESOLUTION 2004-35

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island relies on adequate, clean groundwater supply for its municipal water; and

WHEREAS, groundwater quality in the past few decades has diminished greatly due to various contaminants; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Groundwater Festival is an annual event which provides education and awareness of groundwater issues to area youth; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Community Foundation is coordinating the development and financing of the local Children's Groundwater Festival, and has solicited financial support of the Grand Island Water Department; and

WHEREAS, it is in the city's best interests to assist with this cause to protect the groundwater for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that a contribution of \$500 be provided by the Grand Island Water Department to the Grand Island Community Foundation for the Children's Groundwater Festival – Festival '04.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 24, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G11

**#2004-36 - Approving Contract Award for Engineering Services
with Clark Vargas and Associates**

Staff Contact: Steve Paustian

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director

Meeting: City Council, February 18, 2004

Subject: Contract for Engineering Services for CAAP Sport Shooting Facility

Item #'s: G - 11

Presenter(s): Steve Paustian

Background

For the past several years City staff has been working to develop a sport shooting facility on 420 acres of City owned land at the former CAAP site. To date the skeet ranges, trap ranges and sporting clays range have been 90% completed. It is anticipated that these facilities will be operational this spring. It is now time to move to phase two of the development.

Discussion

Clark Vargas and Associates has prepared a concept plan for the shooting facility. It is now time to develop detailed plans and specifications for the development of the rifle and pistol ranges from the conceptual plans. It is necessary to complete this step before starting construction. The engineering services required, include all components of the design of the facility to be able to go to bid and award a construction contract(s). The fee for this service is \$136,370.00.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the contract.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the contract.
3. Modify the contract to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council award a contract to Clark Vargas and Associates for the engineering services necessary to construct the rifle and pistol ranges.

Sample Motion

Approve the contract to Clark Vargas and Associates.

RESOLUTION 2004-36

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island has been working to develop a sport shooting facility at the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant site; and

WHEREAS, Clark Vargas and Associates, Ltd. Consulting Engineers of Jacksonville, Florida, have prepared a concept plan for the shooting facility; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to begin preparations for Phase 2 of the project, to develop detailed plans and specifications for the development of the rifle and pistol ranges from the conceptual plans; and

WHEREAS, Clark Vargas and Associates has proposed to provide professional engineering services for the design of pistol and rifle ranges at a cost of \$136,370; and

WHEREAS, options for additional design and construction phase services are available at extra fees at a percentage basis; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable to authorize Clark Vargas and Associates to continue with the development plans as they are familiar with the overall conceptual design of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Professional Services Agreement by and between the City and C. Vargas and Associates, Ltd. Consulting Engineers of Jacksonville, Florida, to develop detailed plans and specifications for the development of the rifle and pistol ranges at the new Sports Shooting Facility is hereby approved in the amount of 136,370.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 24, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
February 19, 2004	☐ City Attorney



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item G12

#2004-37 - Approving Affordable Housing Trust Fund Grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development

This item relates to the Public Hearing Item E-2.

Staff Contact: Joni Kuzma

RESOLUTION 2004-37

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to file an application under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, has obtained its citizens' comments on community development housing needs; and has conducted a public hearing upon the proposed application and received favorable public comment respecting the application which is for an amount of \$300,000 for first-time home buyer assistance for approximately 15 home buyers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the formulation of any and all documents, contracts or other memoranda between the City of Grand Island and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development so as to effect application for and acceptance of the grant application for the purposes outlined above.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 24, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
February 18, 2004	☐ City Attorney



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item J1

Payment of Claims for the Period of February 11, 2004 through February 24, 2004

The Claims for the period of February 11, 2004 through February 24, 2004 for a total of \$2,476,984.81. A MOTION is in order.

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Council Session

Item X1

Discussion Concerning Personnel Issues

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discussion Concerning Personnel Issues.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Staff Contact: Brenda Sutherland