



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 21, 2004

Council Session

Item G4

Approving Councilmember Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Staff Contact: Mayor Vavricek

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary D. Greer, City Administrator

Meeting: December 21, 2004

Subject: Approving Councilmember Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Item #'s: G-4

Presenter(s): Gary D. Greer, City Administrator

Background

It is customary in December of each year for the Mayor to recommend appointments of Councilmember's to represent the City on various Boards and Commissions. During the December 14th, 2004 the Council discussed many concepts concerning Boards, Committees, and Commissions. Most of the discussion centered on the following:

- Determining if any appointments need to be made
- Reviewing the effectiveness of the Boards and Committees
- Determining if new boards need to be created
- Determining if current boards are no longer needed or beneficial
- Reviewing any changes in Boards that may be necessary
- Making suggestions to create stronger and more effective Boards and Committees
- Deciding Council liaisons needed on various Boards and Committees

City Administration has taken the information supplied at the Study Session, discussed the matter with each councilmember and the Mayor and has attempted to bring a plan to move forward concerning this issue.

Discussion

The following actions are proposed to move forward with the management of Board, Committees, and Commissions:

- The Council appointments for the League of NE Municipalities Legislative Committee, Natural Gas Rate Area Committee, and the Local Government Facility Planning Committee have been eliminated.
- The Humane Society, Multi-Cultural Coalition, and Senior Citizen Board have been contacted to ask for their thoughts on adding a Councilmember to their boards.
- Discussions have been initiated concerning the establishment of a Government Efficiency Committee.
- Research has begun on providing a training packet for Board, Committee, and Commission members.
- Research has begun concerning requiring all Board, Committee, and Commission members/staff to sign conflict of interest forms.
- The following appointments have been submitted by the Mayor for approval. These appointments will become effective on January 1, 2005 and will expire on December 31, 2005:

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| Building Code Advisory Board: | Bob Meyer |
| Business Improvement District #3: | Fred Whitesides |
| Business Improvement District #4: | Bob Meyer |
| Business Improvement District #5: | Jackie Pielstick |
| City County Communications/Civil Defense Committee: | Fred Whitesides, Peg Gilbert, & Scott Walker |
| Community Development Advisory Board: | Jackie Pielstick |
| Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA): | Margaret Hornady |
| GI Area Economic Development Corp.: | Peg Gilbert |
| Library Board: | Margaret Hornady |
| Problem Resolution Team: | Jackie Pielstick & Bob Meyer |
| Regional Planning Commission: | Joyce Haase & Mitch Nickerson |
| Systems Information Advisory Committee (City/County) | Mitch Nickerson |

Transportation Committee:

Don Pauly & Peg Gilbert

Multi-Cultural Coalition

Carole Cornelius

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the appointments of Councilmember's to Boards and Commissions
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the recommendation of the Mayor.