



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 11, 2005

Council Session

## Item G2

### **Approving Minutes of January 4, 2005 City Council Study Session**

*The Minutes of January 4, 2005 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

January 4, 2005

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 4, 2005. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on December 29, 2004.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Councilmember's 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, Public Works Director Steve Riehle, and City Attorney Doug Walker

Mayor Communication: Mayor Vavricek commented on the Council Retreat and mentioned scheduling problems. Discussed was a time that would work for all Councilmember's. It was the consensus of the Council to schedule the Retreat on a week-end even though there might be some absences.

Presentation of Household Hazardous Waste Grant Funds: Paul Briseno, Assistant to the City Administrator presented a PowerPoint concerning Household Hazardous Waste. Betty Curtis, Coordinator for the Grand Island Area Clean Community System, and Joni Kuzma, Development Specialist for the City of Grand Island were also present.

Explained was what household hazardous waste was, such as cleaners, paints, aerosols, corrosives, fuel, batteries, poison, chemicals, etc which are found in every household. The average U.S. household produces or generates more than 20 pounds of household hazardous waste per year. Reviewed were the collections over the past 6 years that had been collected by the Grand Island Area Clean Community System.

Discussed was a permanent, regional Household Hazardous Waste & Recycling facility. Currently one-day household hazardous waste collection events, coordinated by the Clean Community System had provided limited disposal. A permanent facility with set hours, clear guidelines and trained professionals would encourage long-term, sustained disposal efforts.

Reviewed was the proposed central household hazardous waste collection facility. The following items were mentioned:

- A central Nebraska household hazardous waste facility could potentially serve 350,000 residents in a 29 county area with 2 employees
- Would be part of a one stop center
- Collections would increase

- Facility needs to consist of at least 9,500 sq ft
- Could have satellite units located in strategically located communities to create a regional household hazardous waste area

Costs of this facility would be funded through a grant from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and matching funds from the City. Location was proposed to be by the landfill. Positive comments were made by the Council that this project was a long time in coming and supported moving forward with it.

Kris Nolan-Brown representing Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska commented on their efforts to recycle aluminum with H & H Distributing and stated this facility would be ideal for that purpose.

Councilmember Pielstick recommended that this item be brought to a City Council meeting for approval to move forward with the grant. Mr. Briseno stated this would be brought to the January 25, 2005 City Council meeting for approval.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk