



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 08, 2005

Council Session

## Item G2

### Approving Minutes of February 1, 2005 City Council Study Session

*The Minutes of February 1, 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

February 1, 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 February 1, 2005. Notice of the meeting was given in the Grand Island Independent on January 26, 2005.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Councilmember's Meyer, Whitesides, Pielstick, Nickerson, Cornelius, Pauly, Hornady, Walker, and Haase. Councilmember Gilbert was 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

Mayor Communication: Mayor Vavricek recognized Councilmember Pielstick to explain the "Go Red for Women" campaign which will be celebrated Friday, February 4, 2005. This campaign is to make women aware of heart risks, which is the No. 1 killer of women.

Presentation of Library Expansion Process: Mike Kneale, Library Board President reported that for the past several months the Library Facility Committee had been working on details related to the library's expansion/remodel project. Mr. Kneale presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Council on actions taken by the Library Facility Committee and how those decisions would be referred to the Grand Island Facilities Corporation. Explained was the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The Library Facility Committee would be managing the solicitation of this RFP for the corporation.

The following tentative timetable was presented:

- Site Clearing                      Summer 2005
- Design Work                        Summer/Fall 2005
- Groundbreaking                  Fall/Winter 2005
- Construction Finished          Winter 2006/Spring 2007

Steve Fosselman, Library Director presented the Building Program Document which provided for specific space allocations and explanations for the expansion/remodel project for the library. Design and technology was presented in the way of automatic book returns.

Mr. Fosselman mentioned that the library would be open during construction. Property acquisition was discussed with a projected timeline of acquiring the remaining properties this spring.

Review of One and Six Year Street Improvement Program Steve Riehle, Public Works Director reported that the Regional Planning Commission would conduct a public hearing at their

February 2, 2005 meeting and the City Council would be asked to approve the program at their February 8, 2005 regular City Council meeting. Mr. Riehle explained one of the major projects for the 2005 construction season was the pavement construction for Independence Avenue from Shanna Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street, as well as the paving of Shanna and Lariat Lane.

Other projects considered for 2005 were as follows:

- Annual Paving Petition Program
- Convert One Signal to Video Detection
- Annual Asphalt Resurfacing Program
- Annual Major Drainage Development
- Concrete Ditch Lining
- Railroad Corridor Study
- GIS Continued Maintenance
- Landscape Gateway
- Paving Claude Road to facilitate CNH operations
- Widening U.S. Highway 30 to the Merrick County line
- Two bridges over the Platte River for the northbound lanes of South Locust Street between I-80 and the south city limits
- Completion of the Railroad Corridor Study
- Continuation of the Moores, Prairie, and Silver Creek flood control design
- Hike/Bike trail from Central Community College to the Hall County Park

Projects to be considered for the 2006 – 2010 Construction were as follows:

#### 2006 Construction

- Detention Cell & Ditch Restoration
- Safety Improvements
- Annual Paving Petition Program
- Annual Asphalt Resurfacing Program
- Annual Major Drainage Development
- Concrete Ditch Lining
- GIS Continued Maintenance
- Landscape Gateway
- Widening Capital Avenue west of U.S. Highway 281
- Construction of two northbound bridges on South Locust Street over the Platte River channels
- Commencement of roadway construction for the northbound lanes of South Locust Street between the I-80 interchange and the south city limits
- Hike/Bike trail construction

### 2007 Construction and Beyond

- Widen Eddy Street Underpass on South End
- Widen Eddy Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- Widening Stolley to Heartland Events Center
- South Locust Grading, Lighting and Surfacing of Northbound Lanes
- Hike/Bike Trail Construction
- Morre's Creek Drain
- Widening U.S. Highway 30 between the U.S. Highway 30 railroad overpass and Greenwich Street
- Commencement of ten years of construction activities for the Moores, Prairie, and Silver Creek floodway protection project

Discussion was held with regards to Highway 34 and South Locust Street intersection and the possible increased traffic due to the new Wal-Mart on South Locust Street. Also discussed was the State Street and North Road intersection with regards to a traffic light. Mr. Riehle stated that a modern roundabout would be looked at for this location. Five Pointes intersection was discussed because of traffic congestion. This was also a location that would be considered for a roundabout.

Mentioned was the Wasmer detention cell to be constructed in 2006, before the Nebraska Department of Roads Highway 30 Widening Project of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from 4 lane to 5 lane which was planned for 2007.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk