



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Council Session

## Item G3

### Approving Minutes of July 19, 2005 City Council Study Session

*The Minutes of July 19, 2005 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

July 19, 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 July 19, 2005. Notice of the meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on July 13, 2005.

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

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Mike Reiners, Peace Lutheran Church, 4018 Zola Lane followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Review of 2005-2006 Fee Schedule, FTE (Full Time Equivalent) Schedule, and Funding for Outside Agencies. Finance Director David Springer reported that many steps had been taken to prepare for the 2005-2006 City Budget. Mr. Springer explained the budget process and dates of when the budget would be brought forth to Council for final decision.

2005-2006 FEE SCHEDULE:

The Mayor and Council reviewed the following departments 2005-2006 user fee requests:

Fire Department	Ambulance Division
Paramedic Service Rates	Water Park
Golf Course	Planning Department
Police Department	Public Works Department
Wastewater Treatment	Utility Service Fees

FTE (FULL TIME EQUIVALENT):

Mr. Springer reported that City Administration challenged Departments to only make changes in personnel when they were overwhelmingly justified, responded to Federal/State mandates, enhanced efficiency, or were connected to a revenue stream. It was noted that there would be a 4.695 increase in FTE's for an estimated amount of \$77,305 for the 2005-2006 Budget Year. The following requests were made:

Finance	Less: Accounting Clerk	(1.00)
Public Safety	Plans Examiner	1.00
Public Works	Senior Engineering Tech.	1.00
Heartland Shooting Range	Seasonal Parks Worker	.500

OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING REQUESTS:

Mr. Springer reported that the following agencies had requested the following amounts:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
• Community Humanitarian Resource Center	\$15,000	\$4,500
• Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$20,000	\$10,000
• Council for International Visitors	\$1,000	\$1,000
• Crisis Center	\$13,000	\$12,000
• G.I. Dive and Rescue Team – Trailer	\$2,769.00	-----
• Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	\$10,000	\$10,000
• Senior Citizens Industries, Inc.	\$15,000	\$15,000
• Multicultural Coalition	\$10,000	\$10,000
• Fishing Derby	\$2,000	\$2,000
• Kaufman-Cummings Park	\$2,000	-----
• Grand Theatre Foundation, Inc.	\$10,000	-----
• Central Nebraska Humane Society	\$162,000	\$157,500
• Central Nebraska Health Department	\$135,000	\$135,000
• Clean Community Systems	\$20,000	\$20,000

No requests were submitted from:

- Family Violence Coalition of Central NE

Renee' Seifert, Grand Island/Hall County Convention Visitors Bureau commented on the Heartland Events Center marketing campaign and asked for a reconsideration of their \$20,000 request instead of the \$10,000 recommended by City staff.

Marvin Anderson, President of Hope Harbor, Cindy Preisendorf, and Marie de Martinez spoke about their services and new location expenses. Requested \$15,000 to care for 55 homeless clients and many more they had to turn away last year.

Lois Stienike, Senior Citizens Industries, Inc. commented on the services they provided to the elderly. Thanked the City for their support and encouraged the same amount as last year (\$15,000). This money goes towards maintenance, insurance, food, etc.

Carol Roepke, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) commented on the many services they provided. Ms. Roepke requested the same amount as last year (\$10,000).

Councilmember Pauly asked whether the Finance Department had in depth reports for each of these agencies. Mr. Springer stated they did and council could get copies.

Steve Horn, Grand Island Dive and Rescue requested \$2,769.

Jim Berglund, BID #5 spoke with regards to Kaufman-Cummings Park request of \$10,000. Discussion was had concerning a stage area, seating, and projects with no water fountains.

Craig Hand, Grand Theatre Foundation, Inc. remarked on the progress of the Grand Theatre. Movies had been shown for the last two months. Their request was to cover the recurring expenses and insurance in the amount of \$10,000. All services were provided by volunteers.

Teresa Anderson, Central Nebraska Health Department thanked the City Council for their continued support.

Brad Driml, Central Nebraska Humane Society explained the increase of their request was due to increased expenses and boarding's. Their request was for \$162,000. Discussion was held regarding their fund raising projects which go towards their operation. The Humane Society had increased their hours and on-call hours. Explained were the steps they had taken place to save money. Jessica Kort, Treasurer of the Humane Society mentioned that some donations were restricted funds.

Odalys Perez, Multicultural Coalition thanked the City for their support. Paul Briseno, Board Member explained that the \$10,000 would be spent for operations.

Councilmember Pielstick, Whitesides, and Meyer requested that the City Council not support the Fishing Derby in the amount of \$2,000 because this year it was sponsored by a beer company. Councilmember Meyer suggested this \$2,000 be given to the Dive Rescue Team. Councilmember Pauly stated he would hate to see this event be discontinued and would like to see the City support it in some way with conditions. Councilmember Nickerson requested that we get more information concerning this request.

Councilmember Nickerson recommended supporting the downtown projects through the Grand Theatre Foundation and Kaufman-Cummings Park. Councilmember Haase questioned if CRA could help these projects. Gary Greer, City Administrator commented that these were within the downtown area and could possibly be eligible.

Councilmember Pielstick and Whitesides commented on Hope Harbor and encouraged as much support as possible from the City. Councilmember Whitesides stated he had a problem of supporting the Convention Bureau if they were going to use the money to help a private organization in their marketing.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk