



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Council Session

Item F5

#9030 - Consideration of Amendments to Chapter 14 of the City Code Relative to Elections

Staff Contact: Doug Walker

Council Agenda Memo

From: Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney
Meeting: February 14, 2006
Subject: Revisions to Chapter 14 of the City Code
Item #'s: F-5
Presenter(s): Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

Background

One of the goals of the Mayor, City Council and City Administration has been to revise the Grand Island City Code. A committee has been formed to review each chapter of the City Code and make recommendations to the Council for changes that will make the code reflect current state law, clarify the city's code sections and make the code easier to use and more understandable.

Discussion

A committee of staff members that has been formed to make recommendations to the City Council on various sections of the City Code has made recommendations to change two of the City Code sections in Chapter 14 of the city ordinances. Section 14-1 clarifies the date when the City of Grand Island will hold its municipal election to be on the date of the statewide primary election in accordance with Chapter 32 of the state statutes. The revisions to Section 14-3 regard the wards of the city of Grand Island and this code section has been revised to simplify its language and require that a current map of the election wards of the city be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the recommendations of city staff for amending Chapter 14 of the Grand Island City Code.
2. Disapprove or deny the ordinance which would revise Sections 14-1 and 14-3 of the Grand Island City Code.

3. Modify the recommendations of city staff for amending these sections of the City Code.
4. Take no action on the issue,

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the ordinance revising Sections 14-1 and 14-3 of the Grand Island City Code.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the ordinance revising Sections 14-1 and 14-3 of the Grand Island City Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 9030

An ordinance to amend Chapter 14 of the Grand Island City Code; to amend Sections 14-1 and 14-3 pertaining to housekeeping matters; to repeal Sections 14-1 and 14-3 as now existing, and any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 14-1 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§14-1. Elections; Date; Procedure

The City of Grand Island, Nebraska, shall hold its municipal election ~~for the year 1974 and all succeeding municipal elections~~ on the date of the statewide primary election for the State of Nebraska. Such elections shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Statutes of Nebraska.

SECTION 2. Section 14-3 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§14-3. Wards; Boundaries

The City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is hereby divided into five wards, numbered 1 through 5, the boundaries of such wards defined as shown on the drawing entitled, "*Election Ward Map of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska,*" ~~The *Election Ward Map of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska,* shall be kept current and on file in the office of the city clerk. dated November 1, 2001, which drawing is attached hereto and is hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance by reference, to have the same force and effect as if such drawing and all notations, references, and other information shown thereon were fully set forth and described herein. The drawing and ordinance shall remain on file in the office of the city clerk.~~

SECTION 3. Sections 14-1 and 14-3 as now existing, and any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. The validity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof.

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
February 9, 2006	☐ City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 9030 (Cont.)

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Enacted: February 14, 2006.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk