

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 14, 2006 Council Session

Item C3

Recognition of Jeff Wattier, Danelle Collins, and Joel Hestermann for Service in the Armed Forces

The Mayor and City Council will recognize Jeff Wattier, Danelle Collins, and Joel Hestermann for their service in the Armed Forces.

Jeff Wattier, Solid Waste Superintendent with the Public Works Department is a Sergeant with the Nebraska Army National Guard/189th Transportation Unit. He has been a member with the 189th unit for 10 years and is a Transportation Specialist. He was activated right after 9-11 to conduct security at the airport in Omaha. His most recent deployment was overseas in Iraq, returning in October 2006.

Danelle Collins, Administrative Assistant with the Public Works Department is a Staff Sergeant with the Nebraska Air National Guard/155th Air Refueling Wing. She has been a member with the 155th unit for 6 years as a mechanic on the KC 135 refueling jets. She has been deployed to France, Turkey and has most recently served in Iraq in June 2006.

Joel Hestermann, Police Officer with the Grand Island Police Department is a Staff Sergeant with the Nebraska Army National Guard Troop A 1-167 Cavalry. He has been a member with the Army National Guard for 15 years. He was deployed to Iraq in January 2005 and returned in June 2006.

We want to thank these employees for giving of themselves to protect our country and are proud to have such individuals as city employees. Their bravery and dedicated service in fighting for our nation is appreciated by those who enjoy the freedom we know today, remembering "Freedom Isn't Free".

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