



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, June 26, 2007**

**Council Session**

## **Item G2**

**Approving Minutes of June 12, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting**

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# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

## CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

### MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 2007

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting 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 June 12, 2007. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on June 6, 2007.

Mayor Margaret Hornady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Councilmember's Carney, Walker, Nickerson, Gericke, Brown, Gilbert, Whitesides, Haase, and Meyer. Councilmember Zapata was absent. The following City Officials were present: City Clerk RaNae Edwards, City Attorney Dale Shotkoski, Finance Director David Springer, and Public Works Director Steve Riehle.

INVOCATION was given by Mayor Hornady followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Hornady acknowledged Community Youth Council member Derrick Morrison. Mentioned was the Ethnic Festival to be held downtown this week-end, June 15-17, 2007.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement Located Along the Right-of-Way Line of State Street from the Outfall Ditch to 1/4 Mile West (Shafer Commercial Properties, LLC). Gary Mader, Utilities Director reported that acquisition of a utility easement located along the right-of-way line of State Street from the Outfall Ditch to 1/4 mile west was needed to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. This easement would be used to place three phase underground electrical feeder cable along the south side of State Street to provide electrical power and backup to Summerfield Estates and Prairie Acres Subdivisions. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement Located Along the South Right-of-Way line of State Street, East of North Road (Little B's Corporation). Gary Mader, Utilities Director reported that acquisition of a utility easement located along the south right-of-way line of State Street, east of North Road was needed to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. This easement would be used to place three phase underground electrical feeder cable along the south side of State Street to provide electrical power and backup to Summerfield Estates and Prairie Acres Subdivisions. No public testimony was heard.

#### ORDINANCES:

Councilmember Whitesides moved "that the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days be suspended and that ordinance numbered:

#9120 – Consideration of Creation Sanitary Sewer District No. 525; lots 8 & 9 of Westwood Park Subdivision  
#9121 – Consideration of Amendment to Salary Ordinance

be considered for passage on the same day upon reading by number only and that the City Clerk be permitted to call out the number of these ordinances on first reading and then upon final passage and call for a roll call vote on each reading and then upon final passage.” Councilmember Gilbert second the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Steve Riehle, Public Works Director reported Ordinance #9120 was requested by petition from Richard Sok, 832 Sweetwood Drive to create a sanitary sewer district.

Brenda Sutherland, Human Resources Director reported Ordinance #9121 reflected the Commission of Industrial Relations order regarding the IAFF union salaries.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Walker to approve Ordinances #9120 and #9121.

City Clerk: Ordinances #9120 #9121 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of these ordinances on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, Councilmember’s Carney, Walker, Nickerson, Gericke, Brown, Gilbert, and Whitesides voted aye. Councilmember’s Meyer and Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinances #9120 #9121 on final passage. All those in favor of the passage of these ordinances on final passage, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, Councilmember’s Carney, Walker, Nickerson, Gericke, Brown, Gilbert, and Whitesides voted aye. Councilmember’s Meyer and Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

Mayor Hornady: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon final passage, Ordinances #9120 and #1921 are declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Gilbert, second by Brown to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of May 22, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Appointments of Councilmember Tom Brown to the Humane Society Board; Councilmember Jose Zapata to the Business Improvement District #5 Board and the Multicultural Coalition Board; and Councilmember Larry Carney to the Problem Resolution Team, Community Development Advisory Board and the Transportation Committee.

Approving Request of Misty Koperski, 713 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street for Liquor Manager Designation for Coffin’s Corner, 519 North Eddy Street and Snac Shac, 715 South Locust Street.

#2007-131 – Approving Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for Westgate Ninth Subdivision. It was noted that Copperton, LLC, owners had submitted the final plat for Westgate Ninth Subdivision located on a tract of land comprising of Lot 12, Westgate Subdivision consisting of approximately 8.912 acres for the purpose of creating 9 lots.

#2007-132 – Approving Bid Award for Sanitary Sewer District No. 336 Replacement, Between 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Street, West of Plum Street with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$19,605.00.

#2007-133 – Approving Program Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for South Locust Street, Paving of North Bound Lanes. It was noted that total cost of the Locust Street Interchange project was estimated to be \$4,200,000 with 80% to be paid with federal funds. The City's share was 20% with actual eligible costs of approximately \$840,000.

#2007-134 – Approving Modified Subdivision Agreement for Sterling Estates Subdivision.

#2007-135 – Approving Change Order No. 12 with Chief Construction of Grand Island, Nebraska for Law Enforcement Center in an Amount of \$12,027.22.

#2007-136 – Approving Amendment to Personnel Rules to Include Family Military Leave.

#2007-137 – Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement Located Along the Right-of-Way Line of State Street from the Outfall Ditch to 1/4 Mile West (Shafer Commercial Properties, LLC).

#2007-138 – Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement Located Along the South Right-of-Way Line of State Street, East of North Road (Little B's Corporation).

#2007-139 – Approving Bid Award for Vehicle Exhaust Removal System with Air Cleaning Tech, Inc. of Bonner Springs, Kansas in an Amount of \$47,550.00.

#2007-141 – Approving Increasing Size of Site for the Fire and Rescue and Law Enforcement Memorial at Fire Station No. 1.

#2007-142 – Approving Authorized Provider Agreement with the Heartland Chapter of the American Red Cross.

#### REQUESTS AND REFERRALS:

Review of 2007/2008 Fee Schedules, Outside Agencies and Full Time Equivalent's (FTE's).

#### Full Time Equivalent's (FTE's)

David Springer, Finance Director reported a great deal of effort had been expended in preparation of the City budget so far. The Department Director's had submitted their budgets in detail for review by City Administration and the Mayor. Mentioned were the continued increases in operating expenses and payment for capital projects.

Motion was made by Whitesides, second by Gilbert to approve the FTE request.

Discussion was held regarding the increase of FTE's and what that would do to tax rate. Steve Fosselman, Library Director explained the need for 2 FTE's and mentioned the cost of \$81,828 included benefit's.

Motion was made by Whitesides, second by Gericke to refer the FTE request to a Study Session for further discussion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Outside Agencies:

Mayor Hornady explained that City Administration was submitting the same amount for outside agencies as was funded last year. Mentioned was that the Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival request of \$900 had been in the budget under miscellaneous and was moved to outside agencies.

Motion was made by Whitesides to approve the Outside Agency funding as submitted. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion was made by Meyer, second by Walker to move the Outside Agency funding request to a Study Session for further discussion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

2007/2008 Fee Schedule:

Motion was made by Whitesides, second by Walker to approve the 2007/2008 Fee Schedule as presented.

Discussion was held on the paramedic and ambulance rate increases. Jim Rowell, Fire Chief stated the new rates were comparable to other cities.

Motion was made by Gericke, second by Meyer to refer the 2007/2008 Fee Schedule request to a Study Session for further discussion. Upon roll call vote, Councilmember's Gericke and Meyer voted aye. Councilmember's Carney, Walker, Nickerson, Brown, Gilbert, Whitesides, and Haase vote no. Motion failed.

Upon roll call vote of the original motion to approve the 2007/2008 Fee Schedule, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Brown, second by Haase to approve the Claims for the period of May 23, 2007 through June 12, 2007, for a total amount of \$5,822,699.04. Motion adopted unanimously.

Motion by Brown, second by Haase to approve the following Claim for the Library Expansion for the period of May 23, 2007 through June 12, 2007:

#72	\$153,114.50
#73	840.00

Motion adopted unanimously.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Motion by Meyer, second by Whitesides to adjourn to executive session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussion concerning Northwestern Gas Rate Negotiations. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Whitesides, second by Gilbert to return to regular session at 8:20 p.m. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk