



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Council Session

Item G3

Approving Minutes of July 10, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 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 July 10, 2007. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on July 4, 2007.

Mayor Margaret Hornady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Councilmember's Carney, Zapata, Nickerson, Gericke, Brown, Gilbert, Whitesides, Haase, and Meyer. 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 Youth Minister Brian Pielstick, Harvest Time Baptist Church, 1125 North Beal Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Hornady acknowledged Community Youth Council member's Cait Schwehn and Liz Koch.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Presentation of Service Award to Councilmember Scott Walker. The Mayor and City Council acknowledged Scott Walker with a plaque for his service to the citizen's of Grand Island for the last 6 1/2 years. Mr. Walker thanked the mayor, council and department directors and would miss being on the council. He stated he is enjoying his family and has no regrets.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Approving Appointment of Bob Niemann as City Councilmember for Ward I. Mayor Hornady submitted the name of Bob Niemann for appointment as Councilmember to represent Ward 1. This appointment would fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilmember Scott Walker.

Motion by Meyer, second by Whitesides to approve the appointment of Bob Niemann as City Councilmember for Ward 1. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Administration of Oath of Office to Bob Niemann City Councilmember for Ward 1. City Clerk RaNae Edwards administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember Bob Niemann – Ward 1.

Council took a short recess.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement Located at 640 South Pine Street (Joy A. Gambill). Gary Mader, Utilities Director reported that acquisition of a utility easement located at 640 South Pine Street was needed in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. This easement would be used to locate a pad-mounted transformer which would provide upgraded service to the existing buildings at 640 South Pine Street and 645 South Locust Street. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Referral of Blighted and Substandard Study for Property Located 1/2 Mile West of South Locust Street Primarily Between Wildwood Drive and Schimmer Drive to the Regional Planning Commission. Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director reported that this item related to the Blighted and Substandard Study for proposed CRA Area #7 located east of the Platte Valley Industrial Park between Schimmer Drive and Wildwood Drive, 1/2 mile east of South Locust Street. Referral to the Planning Commission was recommended. Marlan Ferguson with the Economic Development Corporation spoke in support. 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 ordinances numbered:

#9125 – Consideration of Partial Vacation of Utility Easements Located on Lots One (1) and Two (2), Cedar Ridge First Subdivision

#9126 – Consideration of Vacation of a Portion of Midaro Drive (East of 610 Midaro Drive) to Correct Error in Legal Description on Ordinance No. 9124.

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 Haase second the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Gary Mader, Utilities Director reported Ordinance #9125 was needed to vacate a 20’ wide easement on Lots One (1) and Two (2), Cedar Ridge First Subdivision to meet the landscaping and zoning requirements for construction on this property.

Steve Riehle, Public Works Director reported Ordinance #9126 would correct the legal description of Ordinance No. 9124 that was approved by Council on June 26, 2007. This would allow for the vacation of a portion of Midaro Drive that was no longer needed because of changes in the development plan.

Motion by Meyer, second by Gilbert to approve Ordinances #9125 and #9126.

City Clerk: Ordinances #9125 and #9126 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of these ordinances on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinances #9125 and #9126 on final passage. All those in favor of the passage of these ordinances on final passage, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Hornady: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon final passage, Ordinances #9125 and #1926 are declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

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

Approving Minutes of June 26, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Re-Appointments of Todd Enck, Marv Webb, Richard Willis, and Mike Wenzl to the Building Code Advisory Board.

#2007-140 – Approving Five Year Service Agreement for Cardiac Monitors with Medtronic Emergency Response Systems, Inc. in an Amount of \$36,700.00 Annual Installments.

#2007-156 – Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement Located at 640 South Pine Street (Joy A. Gambill).

#2007-157 – Approving Bid Award for Liquid Ortho-Polyphosphate for Corrosion Control with Carus Phosphates, Inc. of Belmont, North Carolina in an Amount of \$84,420.00.

#2007-158 – Approving Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for Resurfacing Project on US Highway 281; Old Potash Highway to Capital Avenue in a Total Amount of \$300,000 with the State Share of \$150,000 and the City Share of \$150,000.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2007-159 – Consideration of Referring Blighted and Substandard Study for Property Located 1/2 Mile West of South Locust Street Primarily Between Wildwood Drive and Schimmer Drive to the Regional Planning Commission. Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director reported this item related to the aforementioned Public Hearing.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Gilbert to approved Resolution #2007-159 and refer this matter to the Regional Planning Commission. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2007-160– Consideration of Funding Outside Agencies. David Springer, Finance Director reported that this item was discussed at the June 19, 2007 City Council Study Session with numerous options and alternatives suggested by council. In order to proceed with the budget process a suggested 20% a year reduction in agency funding was suggested.

Motion by Whitesides, second by Haase to approve Resolution #2007-160. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

The following people spoke regarding the funding of outside agencies:

- Louise Miller, 1104 West Charles Street spoke in opposition to funding any outside agency.
- Shelly Pointer, 4071 Zola Lane, Executive Director for the Crisis Center, explained the services provided.
- Lois Stienike, 103 West Ashton Avenue, Executive Director for the Senior Citizens Industries (Grand Generation Center) commented on the importance of the funding received from the city and services provided.
- Gloriann Hodson, Hastings, NE, Executive Director for Hope Harbor spoke in support of the funding from the city.

Discussion was held regarding the criteria for funding that was discussed at previous meetings. Councilmember Nickerson recommended that the funding stay at the same level as last year due to tight budgets faced by outside agencies.

Motion was made by Whitesides to amend the original motion to include the following funding for the following agencies:

Hope Harbor	\$ 4,500
Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$10,000
Council for International Visitors	\$ 1,000

Motion died for lack of a second.

Upon roll call vote on original motion to approve Resolution #2007-160 all voted no. Motion failed.

Motion by Whitesides, second by Brown to approve the outside agencies funding to the same amount as last year (FY 2006-2007). Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted. (It was noted that the Fishing Derby did not make a request and the Central Nebraska Health Department revised their request to \$120,000)

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Brown, second by Haase to approve the Claims for the period of June 27, 2007 through July 10, 2007, for a total amount of \$2,081,439.95. Motion adopted unanimously.

Motion by Brown, second by Haase to approve the following Claims for the Library Expansion for the period of June 13, 2007 through July 10, 2007:

#74	\$76,095.16
#75	\$ 350.00

Motion adopted unanimously.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

Motion by Meyer, second by Gericke to adjourn to executive session at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of updating the council on the Howard Maxon litigation. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Meyer, second by Haase to return to regular session at 8:15 p.m. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

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

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk