



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

Council Session

Item G1

Approving Minutes of December 4, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 4, 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 December 4, 2007. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on November 28, 2007.

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

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Sheri Lodel, Calvary Lutheran Church, 1304 North Custer Avenue followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Hornady acknowledged Community Youth Council members Emily Michael and Karen Buettner. Mayor Hornady and Gloria Wolbach representing the Acts of Kindness ladies recognized and thanked David Lemburg for his help in fixing a sewer break at the Wastewater Treatment Plant this past week. Mr. Lemburg was present for the recognition and mentioned the other workers who helped fix the break and thanked them for the teamwork they provided.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT: City Clerk RaNae Edwards reported that the City Council was required to elect one Councilmember to the office of Council President for a term of one year and that the Council President automatically assumed the duties of the Mayor in the event that the Mayor was absent or otherwise unable to fulfill her duties. Councilmember Gericke nominated Councilmember Bob Meyer. Councilmember Haase nominated Councilmember Mitch Nickerson.

City Clerk RaNae Edwards called for the first ballot. It was reported that Councilmember Mitch Nickerson had received 6 votes and Councilmember Meyer had received 3 votes. Mayor Hornady declared Councilmember Nickerson the new Council President for 2008.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Meyer, carried unanimously to make the vote a unanimous one for Councilmember Nickerson as City Council President. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Request from Alltel Communications of Nebraska, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a Wireless Communication Tower Facility Located at 3429 Airport Road. Craig Lewis, Building Department Director reported that Faulk & Foster, representing Alltel Communications of Nebraska, Inc. had submitted an application for a conditional use permit to allow for the construction of a 180 foot monopole telecommunication tower located at 3429

Airport Road. Mr. Lewis recommended approval based on the findings that the application was submitted as prescribed in the City Code and that the proposal would not adversely impact neighboring properties and land uses. No public testimony was heard.

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

Approving Minutes of November 27, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting.

#2007-308 – Approving Coal Freight Transportation Contract between Union Pacific Railroad and Grand Island Utilities.

#2007-309 – Approving Change Order #1 for Turbine Generator Inspection & Repair at the Platte Generating Station with NAES Turbine Services of Seattle, Washington for an Increase of \$56,738.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$499,810.00.

#2007-310 – Approving Change Order #1 for Outage Cleaning Service at the Platte Generating Station with WS Industrial Service, Inc. of Papillion, Nebraska for an Increase of \$70,983.81 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$151,770.81.

#2007-311 – Approving Change Order #1 for Horizontal Superheater Repair with Moorhead Machinery & Boiler Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota for an Increase of \$128,333.66 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$1,160,362.66.

#2007-312 – Approving Confidentiality Agreement between the City, other participants, and the Nebraska Public Power District for Electric System Reliability Data for the Elkhorn Ridge Wind Project.

#2007-313 – Approving Purchase of Furniture for Law Enforcement Center with Allsteel in an Amount of \$22,453.68.

#2007-314 – Approving Application to the Nebraska Department of Roads for the Safe Routes to School Program Funds for Independence Trail.

#2007-315 – Approving Authorization for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair East of the Wet Well at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska.

#2007-316 – Approving Changes to Speed Limits on Bismark Road and Shady Bend Road.

REQUESTS AND REFERRALS:

Consideration of Request from Alltel Communications of Nebraska, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a Wireless Communication Tower Facility Located at 3429 Airport Road. Craig Lewis, Building Department Director reported this item related to the aforementioned Public Hearing.

Motion by Gericke, second by Meyer to approve the request from Alltel Communications of Nebraska, Inc. for a conditional use permit for a wireless communications tower facility located at 3429 Airport Road. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Hornady acknowledged and thanked Roger Lindly for donating the Christmas tree in front of City Hall in memory of his wife Jeanette who died of cancer last year.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Brown, second by Haase to approve the Claims for the period of November 28, 2007 through December 4, 2007, for a total amount of \$2,561,873.27. Motion adopted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk