



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Council Session

Item G2

Approving Minutes of January 6, 2009 City Council Study Session

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

January 6, 2009

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Study Session 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 January 6, 2009. Notice of the meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on December 31, 2008.

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

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

Review of Industrial Waste Water Permitting. Steve Riehle, Public Works Director gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Presented were the following:

- Sanitary Sewer Collection System and Waste Water Treatment Plant
- History of Grand Island's Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Discharge Permit for Grand Island Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Past Upgrades to the Grand Island Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Industrial Waste Water Permitting
- Existing Sanitary Sewer Rate Structure
- Changes to Sanitary Sewer Rates
- Historic Waste Water Flows
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Overloading
- Updated Cost-of-Service Study
- Updated Comprehensive Plan for the Waste Water Collection System and Treatment Plant
- Future Upgrades to the Grand Island Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Capacity Analysis of Grand Island's Waste Water Treatment Plant
- History of JBS Packing Plant
- Pre-Treatment System for Industrial Waste Water at JBS
- Communication and Coordination with JBS
- 1994 Industrial Waste Water Pre-Treatment Agreement between the City and JBS
- New Industrial Waste Water Pre-Treatment Agreement between the City and JBS

Discussion was held concerning sewer rates, rate structures, overloads and discharge violations from JBS Swift, and WWTP capacity and expansion.

John Henderson, Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent answered questions concerning sludge and how some communities are turning it into pellets for energy use.

Steve Riehle, Public Works Director stated the Public Works Administration would bring forward an agreement for professional services to hire a consulting engineering firm to assist with preparation of and negotiations for an industrial waste water pre-treatment agreement with JBS at a future council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Paul Briseno
Deputy City Clerk