



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Council Session

## Item G2

**Approving Minutes of February 24, 2009 City Council Regular Meeting**

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2009

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 February 24, 2009. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on February 18, 2009.

Mayor Hornady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Councilmember's Meyer, Niemann, Gilbert, Haase, Carney, Dugan, Ramsey, Zapata, Nickerson and Gericke. 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 Mayor Hornady followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Hornady mentioned several councilmember's and staff attended the League of Nebraska Municipalities Midwinter Conference in Lincoln on Monday and Tuesday. Introduced were Community Youth Council members Kayla Harris and Sammy Sayavongsa. CYC was seeking teams and individuals to volunteer as part of the city wide "Leave-a-Mark, Adopt-a-Park" program to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Walk to Walnut Safe Routes to School. Steve Riehle, Public Works Director reported that a permanent easement was needed from a nearby park to allow for the driveway to Walnut Middle School to be re-aligned with the 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Custer Avenue intersection in connection with the Walk to Walnut Safe Routes to School project. The easement crosses park land and therefore falls under 4(f) regulations and displaces improvements that fall under 6(f) regulations. Federal regulations require a public notice to convert the 4(f) and 6(f) park land to other uses. No Council action was required at this meeting. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Request from Viaero Wireless for a Conditional Use Permit for a Wireless Telecommunications Tower Located in the 1900 Block on North Huston Avenue. Craig Lewis, Building Department Director reported that Chris Riha representing Viaero Wireless had applied for a Conditional Use Permit for construction of a wireless telecommunications tower located at 1817 Waugh Street. It was recommended council approve the conditional use permit with the condition that the required setbacks from adjacent property lines be verified and that a landscaping plan be required. Chris Riha, 3560 Hillside Drive spoke in support. Carrol Eveland, 1915 N. Grand Island Avenue mentioned several concerns of the location of the tower. No further public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing Concerning Community Revitalization Grant, Phase II and Contract Amendment. Barbara Quandt, Community Development Administrator reported that in 2007, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) awarded a \$261,010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the City for Phase II of the Community Revitalization program. The contract amendment would allow the City to reallocate \$44,749.00 from Down Payment

Assistance for first-time home buyers with minor rehabilitation to Owner-occupied Rehabilitation. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing Concerning Acquisition of Utility Easement Located at 610 West Division Street (Hope Harbor, Inc.). Gary Mader, Utilities Director reported that a utility easement was needed at 610 West Division Street in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. The easement would be used to place primary underground conduit, cable, and a pad-mounted transformer to increase the size to handle the electrical load at Hope Harbor. No public testimony was heard.

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

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Approving Minutes of February 17, 2009 City Council Study Session.

#2009-39 – Approving 2009 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant in the Amount of \$54,892.00.

#2009-30 – Approving Agreement with Nebraska Department of Roads for Repairs to a Portion of US Highway 34/US Highway 281.

#2009-41 – Approving Agreement with Nebraska Department of Roads for Repairs to the Westbound Lane of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Lincoln Avenue to Tilden Street.

#2009-42 – Approving State Bid Award for (1) 2009 1/2 Ton Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT 4x4 Extended Cap Pickup for the Wastewater Division of the Public Works Department with Husker Auto Group, Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska in an Amount of \$21,358.00.

#2009-43 – Approving Nebraska Community Improvement Program Intent to Enter and Five-Year Resolution.

#2009-44 – Approving Community Revitalization Grant #07CR002 Contract Amendment.

#2009-45 – Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement Located at 610 West Division Street (Hope Harbor, Inc.).

#2009-46 – Approving Setting Board of Equalization Date of March 24, 2009 for Water Main District 453T.

REQUESTS AND REFERRALS:

Consideration of Request from Viaero Wireless for a Conditional Use Permit for a Wireless Telecommunications Tower Located at 1817 Waugh Street. This item related to the aforementioned Public Hearing.

Motion by Meyer, second by Ramsey to approve the request from Viaero Wireless for a Conditional Use Permit for a Wireless Telecommunications Tower located at 1817 Waugh Street with the conditions that the required setbacks from adjacent property lines be verified and that a landscaping plan be required.

Several Councilmember's had received calls from neighbors in the area and wanted to give them and council more time to get their questions answered.

Motion by Gericke, second by Nickerson to refer this matter to the March 10, 2009 City Council meeting. Upon roll call vote, Councilmember's Meyer, Niemann, Carney, Dugan, Ramsey, Zapata, Nickerson, and Gericke vote aye. Councilmember's Gilbert and Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Dugan, second by Gilbert to approve the Claims for the period of February 11, 2009 through February 24, 2009, for a total amount of \$2,561,480.84. Unanimously approved.

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

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk