



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Council Session

## Item G-1

### Approving Minutes of February 10, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 2015

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 10, 2015. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on February 4, 2015.

Mayor Jeremy L. Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Mitch Nickerson, Mark Stelk, Jeremy Jones, Chuck Haase, Julie Hehnke, Linna Dee Donaldson, Michelle Fitzke, Vaughn Minton, Roger Steele, and Mike Paulick. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Marlan Ferguson, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Interim Finance Director William Clingman, City Attorney Robert Sivick, and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Reverend Theresa Mason, Trinity United Methodist Church, 511 North Elm Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Jensen introduced Community Youth Council members Diana Bueno and Keagan Palmer and board member Ryan Seaman.

PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Presentation by Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway, & Luth for Fiscal Year 2014 City Single Audit and General Purpose Financial Statements and Electric and Water Audit Reports. Terry Galloway from Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth presented a PowerPoint regarding the 2014 Fiscal Year City Single Audit and General Purpose Financial Statements along with the Electric and Water Audit Reports.

Total outstanding debt was \$71,134,082 which was a 44% increase during the fiscal year due to the issuance of \$36,915,000 of Electric Revenue Bonds. Total net position was \$642,695,721. Net position of the Fiduciary Funds was \$2,518,610 which was held in trust for pension benefits. Reviewed were the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Debt Service Fund budgetary comparison schedules.

Discussion was held concerning the cash reserve balance and best practices. Mr. Galloway stated to lower the cash reserves he would suggest paying down the debt service and/or using the money for future contracts so we wouldn't have to bond them. Mr. Galloway stated the City of Grand Island was in the best financial shape it has ever been.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement located at 2323 Bellwood Drive (Grand Island Mobile Home Community LP). Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger reported that acquisition

of a utility easement was needed in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. The easement would be used to widen the existing easement to provide the ability to upgrade the electric system at the Mobile Home Park. Staff recommended approval. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on the One & Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Public Works Director John Collins reported that the action on this item would take place at the February 24, 2015 Council meeting after the Regional Planning Commission had approved it at their February 18, 2015 meeting. No public testimony was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda item G-14 was pulled for further discussion. Motion by Haase, second by Paulick to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item G-14 (Resolution #2015-41). Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of January 27, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting.

#2015-29 - Approving Surety Bond for Councilmember Jeremy Jones.

#2015-30 - Approving Acquisition of Utility Easement - 2323 Bellwood Drive - Grand Island Mobile Home Community LP.

#2015-31 - Approving Bid Award - Precipitator, Bottom Ash and Boiler Industrial Cleaning - Spring 2015 Outage at Platte Generating Station with Veolia North America of Liberty, MO in an Amount of \$207,140.10.

#2015-32 - Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Water Main Project 2014-W-5 at Airport Road & Academy Drive with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, NE.

#2015-33 - Approving Bid Award - Substation Switch Retrofit Services with IES Commercial, Inc. of Holdrege, NE in an Amount of \$75,169.00.

#2015-34 - Approving Bid Award - Burdick Station Detention Pond Upgrades with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, NE in an Amount of \$46,821.91.

#2015-35 - Approving Construction Agreement between the City of Grand Island and Nebraska Public Power District for Upgrade of Transmission Line 1093.

#2015-36 - Approving Contract Renewal for Annual Pavement Markings for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department with Straight-Line Striping, Inc. of Grand Island, NE in an Amount of \$65,083.70.

#2015-37 - Approving Agreement for Engineering Consulting Services Related to Swift Road Paving District No. 1263 with Alfred Benesch & Company of Lincoln, NE in an Amount of \$28,286.00.

#2015-38 - Approving Time Extension to the Contract with Van Kirk Brothers Contracting of Sutton, NE for Sanitary Sewer District No. 528 and No. 530T to April 24, 2015.

#2015-39 - Approving Change Order No. 1 for North Interceptor Phase II; Project No. 2013-S-4 with S.J. Louis Construction, Inc. of Rockville, MN.

#2015-40 - Approving Amending the 2014/2015 Fee Schedule Relative to Bulk Industrial Waste Discharge.

#2015-41 - Approving Change Order #1 for Utility Billing Customer Information System with N. Harris Computer Corporation for an Increase of \$30,000.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$962,500.00. Discussion was held concerning the delays in this project.

Motion by Minton, second by Haase to approve Resolution #2015-41. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Donaldson, second by Nickerson to approve the Claims for the period of January 28, 2015 through February 10, 2015, for a total amount of \$4,002,988.19. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Donaldson, second by Paulick to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. for the purpose of a strategy session with respect to labor negotiations with IBEW Service/Clerical. Unanimously approved.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Stelk, second by Hehnke to return to Regular Session at 8:14 p.m. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk