



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Council Session

Item I-3

**#2015-316 - Consideration of Appointment of Daniel Brotzman as
City Attorney**

Staff Contact: Mayor Jeremy Jensen

Council Agenda Memo

From: Mayor Jeremy Jensen
Meeting: November 10, 2015
Subject: Appointment of Daniel Brotzman as City Attorney
Presenter(s): Mayor Jeremy Jensen

Background

The search for a new City Attorney began in December of 2014. During this time, Robert Sivick has continued to serve as the City Attorney during the search. The recruitment process was conducted by the City's Human Resources Department. The selection process included involvement from various Department Directors, two City Council members, a legal department member and the City Administrator.

Under Neb. Rev. Stat., §16-308 and Grand Island City Code, §2-30, the office of City Attorney, for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an appointed position. The position is appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council and serves through the Mayor's term.

Discussion

I am pleased to present Daniel Brotzman as my choice for appointment to the City Attorney position.

Brotzman currently resides in Englewood, Colo., and has been employed as the city attorney for the City of Englewood since 1995. In this position, Brotzman was responsible for the daily operations of the municipal law office including handling litigation and claims, drafting ordinances, supervising outside counsel, and facilitating collective bargaining negotiations with local union personnel. During his career at Englewood, Brotzman also provided counsel to city officials and staff on land use, legislation, risk management, personnel, environmental regulations, litigation, and finance taxation.

Prior to this position, Brotzman was the assistant city attorney for the City of Englewood where he was the lead trial attorney for the prosecution of municipal ordinance violations.

Brotzman also worked as an attorney at DeWitt and Brotzman representing individuals and small business clients in a wide range of legal matters.

Brotzman earned a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from the University of Denver in Colorado. Furthermore, he earned his Juris Doctorate from Creighton University School of Law in Omaha.

Brotzman is a member of the Colorado Bar Association, International Municipal Bar Association, American Bar Association, and Municipal Advisory Board to the Attorney General of Colorado. He is a board member for the Center for Education in Law and Democracy and serves as president of Denver Cherry Creek Rotary Club and Foundation.

Pending City Council approval Brotzman's employment will commence in January 4, 2016. His starting salary will be at step fifteen of the City Attorney pay scale which is \$124,489.13 annually. As City Attorney he will supervise the legal department staff.

Mr. Brotzman will bring a career worth of knowledge and experience to the position. Furthermore he will be a great addition to our leadership team.

Finally, I would also like to express my appreciation to Robert Sivick for continuing to represent the City Of Grand Island as the City Attorney during the candidate search.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

I recommend the approval of Daniel Brotzman as the City Attorney.

Sample Motion

Move to approve Daniel Brotzman as the City Attorney.

RESOLUTION 2015-316

WHEREAS, under Neb. Rev. Stat., §16-308, the office of City Attorney, for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an appointed position; and

WHEREAS, under Grand Island City Code, §2-30, the office of City Attorney, for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an appointed position; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, may appoint the position of City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, this position appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council shall hold the position to which they may be appointed until the end of the Mayor's term of office; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Brotzman has accepted the offer and is prepared to start work on January 4, 2016 at Step 15 of the City Attorney salary table of \$124,489.13.

WHEREAS, this position appointed by the Mayor may be removed at any time by the Mayor with approval of a majority of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Daniel Brotzman is hereby duly appointed the City Attorney for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, until the end of the Mayor's term of office.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 10, 2015.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 6, 2015	☐ City Attorney