



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

Council Session

Item G-1

Approving Minutes of December 8, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 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 December 8, 2015. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on December 2, 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, Chuck Haase, Julie Hehnke, Linna Dee Donaldson, Michelle Fitzke, Vaughn Minton, Roger Steele, and Mike Paulick. Councilmember Jeremy Jones was absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Marlan Ferguson, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Interim Finance Director William Clingman, Assistant City Attorney Stacy Nonhof, and Public Works Director John Collins.

Mayor Jensen introduced Community Youth Council member Rebecca Peterson.

INVOCATION was given by Monte Galvan, 4116 Texas Avenue followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Jefferson Elementary School to Sing Christmas Carols. Approximately 25 students from the 3rd through the 5th grades from Jefferson Elementary School sang Christmas carols under the direction of music instructor Emily Roemmich.

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 his duties. Nebraska law allows the election of the Council President to be by secret ballot. The total number of votes for each candidate; however, must be stated and recorded in the Minutes. Past practice has included a run-off election between the top two nominees, if necessary. The City Clerk prepared and distributed ballots.

Councilmember Hehnke nominated Councilmember Donaldson. Councilmember Paulick nominated Councilmember Haase. There were no further nominations.

City Clerk RaNae Edwards called for the first ballot. It was reported that Councilmember Donaldson had received 5 votes and Councilmember Haase had received 4 votes. Mayor Jensen cast the sixth and deciding vote for Councilmember Donaldson. Mayor Jensen declared Councilmember Donaldson Council President for 2016.

Motion by Haase, second by Paulick to make a unanimous vote for Councilmember Donaldson for President for 2016. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ORDINANCES:

Councilmember Donaldson moved “that the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days are suspended and that ordinances numbered:

#9567 - Consideration of Vacation of the Remaining Portion of Washington Street;
Between 4th Street and North Front Street

#9568 - Consideration of Administrative Fees for Individual Fire Pension Accounts

be considered for passage on the same day upon reading by number only and that the City Clerk be permitted to call out the number of these ordinances on second reading and then upon final passage and call for a roll call vote on each reading and then upon final passage.” Councilmember Hehnke seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#9567 - Consideration of Vacation of the Remaining Portion of Washington Street;
Between 4th Street and North Front Street

Public Works Director John Collins reported that Ordinance No. 9567 would vacate a portion of Washington Street between 4th Street and 5th Street at the request of the property owner. Staff recommended approval. Arnold Wenn, 2410 Overland Trail Court spoke in support.

Motion by Haase, second by Stelk to approve Ordinance #9567.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9567 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9567 on second and final reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on second and final reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Jensen: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon second and final readings, Ordinance #9567 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

#9568 - Consideration of Administrative Fees for Individual Fire Pension Accounts

Interim Finance Director William Clingman reported that Ordinance #9568 would allow the Council to develop a schedule of investment costs for Fire Pension Accounts based on Neb. Rev. Stat. §16-1036.01 and City Attorney Opinion 2015-05.

Scott Kuehl, 1419 Independence Avenue, Phil Thomas, 1809 Elm Street, Aurora, NE, and Mike Nelson, 4168 New Mexico requested this item be referred to the Police and Fire Pension Committee for further review.

Motion by Haase, second by Hehnke to approve Ordinance #9568.

Comments were made that this ordinance would codify what the City was currently doing. Assistant City Attorney Stacy Nonhof stated the Police Department was not a part of this ordinance as their fees were set in state statutes.

Motion by Paulick, second by Nickerson to amend the motion to send this ordinance back to the Police and Fire Pension Committee for further review.

Mr. Clingman commented on the current RFP in process for the pension plans. Mayor Jensen commented on the administrative costs vs the ordinary costs which were provided by the City. Discussion was held regarding what was in State Statute and what was in the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Minton, second by Stelk to amend the amendment by adding that this item be brought back to Council on December 29, 2015. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Paulick, Steele, Minton, Fitzke, Donaldson, Hehnke, Stelk, and Nickerson voted aye. Councilmember Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

Upon roll call on the original amendment to send this to the Police and Fire Pension Committee for further review, Councilmembers Paulick, Steele, Minton, Fitzke, Donaldson, Hehnke, Stelk, and Nickerson voted aye. Councilmember Haase voted no. Motion adopted.

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

Approving Minutes of November 24, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of December 1, 2015 City Council Study Session.

Approving Liquor Manager Designation for Terry Fredrickson, 415 Eisenhower Drive for Huddle Lounge, 112 Kaufman Avenue.

#2015-330 - Approving Purchase of Cooling Tower Chemicals for Platte Generation Station from Water Engineering of Mead, NE in an Amount of \$0.86 per pound solution.

#2015-331 - Approving Change Order #5 for Air Quality Control System at Platte Generating Station with AMEC Kamtech, Inc. of Tucker, GA for a Deduction of \$220,000.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$42,790,551.37.

#2015-332 - Approving Amendment #1 to the Contract for Architectural Services for the Electric Service Center Building at 1116 W. North Front Street with JEO Architects of Grand Island, NE for Phase 2 in an Amount of \$99,000.00.

#2015-333 - Approving Letter of Intent with Invenergy for a Wind Project at a Wind Energy Project Complex in Nebraska.

#2015-334 - Approving Certification of Final Completion for 3rd Street and Wheeler Avenue Intersection Improvements; Paving Project No. 2015-P-2 & Water Main Improvements Project No. 2015-W-3 with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, NE.

#2015-335 - Approving Bid Award for One (1) Used Hydraulic Excavator for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department from NMC of Doniphan, NE in an Amount of \$136,250.00.

#2015-336 - Approving State Bid Award for One (1) 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan for the Wastewater Division of the Public Works Department from Lincoln Dodge, Inc. dba Baxter of Lincoln, NE in an Amount of \$22,225.00.

#2015-337 - Approving Change Order No. 3 for Headworks Improvement Project No. WWTP-2013-1 with Garney Companies, Inc. of Gardner, KS for a Deduction of \$30,583.00 and a Revised Contract Amount of \$16,820,174.00.

#2015-338 - Approving Bid Award for One (1) 2017 Model 90,000 GVW Conventional Truck-Tractor for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department from Hansen International Truck of Grand Island, NE in an Amount of \$100,000.00.

#2015-339 - Approving Medical Supplies Contract with Saint Francis Medical Center.

#2015-340 - Approving Physio-Control Lucas Device Maintenance Contract for 4 Years.

REQUEST AND REFERRALS:

Consideration of Forwarding Blighted and Substandard Area #19 (Mark Otto – Premier Home Sales) to the Hall County Regional Planning Commission. This item was pulled from the agenda at the request of the applicant.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Donaldson, second by Fitzke to approve the Claims for the period of November 25, 2015 through December 8, 2015, for a total amount of \$7,333,953.48. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk