



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Council Session

Item G1

Approving Minutes of December 1, 2009 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 1, 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 December 1, 2009. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on November 25, 2009.

Mayor Hornady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Councilmember's were present: Meyer, Niemann, Gilbert, Haase, Carney, Dugan, Ramsey, Nickerson, Zapata, and Gericke. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Jeff Pederson, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Finance Director Mary Lou Brown, 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 introduced Community Youth Council members Miranda Baxter, Audie Aguilar, and Danielle Jim. Mayor Hornady commented on the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the City Singers held earlier this evening. These events would be on GITV.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Mayor Hornady 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 her duties. Councilmember Haase nominated Councilmember Peg Gilbert. Councilmember Dugan nominated Councilmember Bob Meyer. Councilmember Carney nominated Councilmember John Gericke.

City Clerk RaNae Edwards called for the first ballot. It was reported that Councilmember Gilbert had received 4 votes, Councilmember Meyer had received 3 votes, and Councilmember Gericke had received 3 votes. On second ballot it was reported that Councilmember Gilbert had received 4 votes, Councilmember Meyer had received 3 votes, and Councilmember Gericke had received 3 votes.

Councilmember Meyer removed his name from the nominations.

City Clerk RaNae Edwards called for the third ballot. It was reported that Councilmember Gilbert had received 6 votes and Councilmember Gericke had received 4 votes. Mayor Hornady declared Councilmember Peg Gilbert the new Council President for 2010.

Motion by Haase, second by Ramsey, carried unanimously to make the vote a unanimous one for Councilmember Peg Gilbert as City Council President. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent Agenda items G-3, G-5, and G-6 were removed for further discussion. Motion by Zapata, second by Nickerson to approve the Consent Agenda excluding items G-3, G-5 and G-6. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of November 24, 2009 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Appointment of Julie Connelly and the Re-Appointment of Karen Bredthauer to the Regional Planning Commission.

#2009-307 – Approving Locomotive Lease Agreement with Diesel Locomotive Company, LLC of New Richmond, Wisconsin for an Estimated Total Rental Cost of \$5,000.00.

#2009-310 – Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with the Nebraska Department of Roads for South Locust Street for Northbound Roadway Construction.

Approving Appointment of Steve Kunzman to the Central District Health Board. Councilmember Haase commented on the work done by Ann Marsh on the Health Board and thanked her and stated he looked forward to working with Steve Kunzman who would replace her.

Motion by Haase, second by Carney to approve the appointment of Steve Kunzman to the Central District Health Board. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2009-308 – Approving Purchase of Sixteen (16) Dell Computers for Police Department from State Bid Contract Bid with Dell Computers in an Amount of \$23,178.24. Discussion was held concerning the state bid contract and more clarification of the specifications. Finance Director Mary Lou Brown stated she would look on-line for the specifications and get back with council. Police Chief Steve Lamken referred questions to the IT department.

Motion by Zapata, second by Gericke to approve Resolution #2009-308. Upon roll call vote, Councilmember's Carney, Ramsey, Zapata, Nickerson, and Gericke voted aye. Councilmember's Meyer, Niemann, Gilbert, Haase, and Dugan voted no. Mayor Hornady voted no to break the tie. Motion failed.

#2009-309 – Approving Purchase of Seven (7) 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles from State Bid Contract Bid with Tinchner Ford of Plattsmouth, Nebraska in an Amount of \$138,011.00. Discussion was held concerning the depreciation and driving the cars an extra year. Police Chief Steve Lamken stated they had a small fleet and needed every car and the older the car the more maintenance. Currently they had minimal down time due to maintenance.

Motion by Haase, second by Carney to approve Resolution #2009-309. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Dugan, second by Ramsey to approve the Claims for the period of November 25, 2009 through December 1, 2009, for a total amount of \$1,336,682.42. Unanimously approved.

Councilmember Haase questioned the claim for an ambulance purchase from Medtec Ambulance Corporation in the amount of \$205,724.00. Budget amendments were discussed. Councilmember Haase voted no on the purchase of the ambulance, purchase order #19293.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk