



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Council Session

Item I3

**#2010-372 - Consideration of Approving Appointment of Interim
City Engineer Terry Brown**

Staff Contact: Mayor Vavricek

Council Agenda Memo

From: Mayor Jay Vavricek

Meeting: December 21, 2010

Subject: Interim City Engineer Mayoral Recommendation

Item #'s: I-3

Presenter(s): Mayor Jay Vavricek

Background

State Statute and Grand Island City Code specifies the need to designate a City Engineer within the Public Works Department of the City of Grand Island. The current City Engineer is Steve Riehle. As Public Works Director, Steve's resignation relative to both positions will become effective January 7, 2011. Therefore, it is necessary to make a recommendation in order to maintain the on going work of the Public Works Department. A capable replacement with an accredited engineering degree to serve in the capacity as Interim City Engineer is necessary and has been identified to be Terry Brown.

Discussion

Terry Brown received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. He has over 20 years of experience as a consultant, is a registered Professional Engineer in our state and has significant background as a Senior Design Engineer with Ross Engineering in Lincoln, a Senior Project Manager for Snyder and Associates in Ankeny, Iowa and as a Senior Project Manager for Olsson Associates for seven years. Terry has been an employee of the City of Grand Island Public Works Department as Manager of Engineering Services since July 2010 and serves as the head of the Engineering Division.

Therefore, I am confident he has the accreditation and previous engineering experience, and as a valued employee within the Public Works Department, I am confident this recommendation is in the best interests of the effectiveness of the department, meets the qualifications necessary under State law and Grand Island City Code and as Interim City Engineer best serves the people of Grand Island. Mr. Brown's appointment will be effective January 10, 2011 with Council approval.

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

City Administration recommends that the Council appointment of Terry Brown as Interim City Engineer.

Sample Motion

Move to approve Terry Brown as Interim City Engineer.

RESOLUTION 2010-372

WHEREAS, under Neb. Rev. Stat., §16-308, the office of City Engineer 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 Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the position will become vacant and an interim appointment may be made; and

WHEREAS, the Manager of Engineering Services is a licensed professional engineer and meets the statutory requirement for a City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended the appointment of Terry Brown as the Interim City Engineer effective as of January 10, 2010 until such time as a replacement is appointed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Terry Brown is hereby duly appointed the Interim City Engineer for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, .

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 21, 2010.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk