



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 08, 2011

Council Session

Item G1

Approving Minutes of February 22, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 22, 2011

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 22, 2011. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on February 16, 2011.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Larry Carney, Kirk Ramsey, Mitch Nickerson, Linna Dee Donaldson, Scott Dugan, Randy Gard and John Gericke. Councilmembers Bob Niemann, Chuck Haase and Peg Gilbert were absent. The following City Officials were present: Interim City Administrator/Finance Director Mary Lou Brown, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Interim City Attorney Jason Eley, Interim Public Works Engineer Terry Brown, and Interim Public Works/Utilities Director Gary Mader.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Nick Schonlau, Third City Christian Church, 4100 West 13th Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Vavricek introduced Community Youth Council members Danielle Jim and Dillon Spies.

Interim City Administrator/Finance Director Mary Lou Brown gave the January financials. Overall, financials were looking good. Interest income was soft with a \$100,000 less than planned. Sales taxes reflected in December were very good. Food and beverage taxes were very strong. Gas tax was doing fairly well, somewhat of a drop possibly due to winter weather.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation "Nebraska Danger Week" March 7-13, 2011. Mayor Vavricek proclaimed the week of March 7-13, 2011 as "Nebraska Danger Week". Owners Charlie and Brandi Bosselman, Chuck Bosselman and General Manager Mike McCoy were present to receive the proclamation. Comments were made concerning the first Nebraska Indoor Pro Football Team.

Proclamation "National Athletic Training Month" March, 2011. This item was postponed to the March 8, 2011 meeting.

Presentation by Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway, & Luth for Fiscal Year 2010 City Single Audit and General Purpose Financial Statements and Electric and Water Audit Reports. Terry Galloway from Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth gave the 2010 City Single Audit and General Purpose financial statements and electric and water audit reports. A brief overview and review of the report was given. A clean opinion was given. The City is operating efficiently while being good stewards.

The following future considerations were presented:

- Impact of New Bills in Legislation

- Value of an Internal Auditor
- Audit Finds and other Issues
- Continuation of Program Prioritization

Mr. Galloway explained the recommended figures in the audit. Municipal Equalization and State Aid were also explained.

ORDINANCES:

#9286 – Consideration of Annexation Right-of-Way along a Portion of South Locust Street between the Grand Island City Limits and the Northernmost Terminus of the Exit Ramps to the Interstate 80 Interchange (Final Reading)

Regional Planning Director Chad Naby reported this was the final reading of three readings and was not suggesting extension of the zoning jurisdiction as a result of this annexation. Staff recommended approval.

Motion by Nickerson, second by Gericke to approve Ordinance #9286 on final reading. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent agenda items G-8, G-9, and G-10 were removed for further discussion. Motion by Carney, second by Gard to approve the Consent Agenda excluding items G-8, G-9, and G-10. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

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#2011-37 – Approving Bid Award for One (1) 30,000 Pound Front-Wheel Drive Front End Loader for the Streets Division with Fairbanks of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$99,750.00.

#2011-38 – Approving the Adoption of a Resolution to Revise the National Functional Classification.

#2011-39 – Approving the Purchase of Recycle Pump Parts for the Wastewater Division from Bert Gurney & Associations of Omaha, Nebraska in an Amount of \$29,996.00.

#2011-40 – Approving Bid Award for Burdick Station Boiler Roof Replacement from Tri-Cities Group of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$40,755.00.

#2011-41 – Approving Bid Award for Precipitator and Duct Cleaning at Platte Generating Station with W-S Industrial Services of Council Bluffs, Iowa in an Amount of \$52,087.00.

#2011-42 – Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Water Main Project 2009-W-6 (Sixth Street, Elm to Pine Street) with K2 Construction of Lincoln, Nebraska.

#2011-43 – Approving Consideration to Proceed with Uranium Removal Installation System. Utilities Director Gary Mader explained the process and reasons for the uranium removal.

Mentioned was the Study Session of January 18, 2011 and the presentation by HDR Engineering. Mr. Mader stated that our water is safe and we were being proactive to stay within compliance.

Discussion was held regarding a timeline of when we would not be in compliance. Mr. Mader stated we were very close to not being in compliance with State regulations. Explained was the technology to be used in this process, which had been successful in a small pilot project at the well fields. Water rate increases were mentioned.

Lewis Kent, 624 East Meves Avenue spoke in opposition.

Motion by Ramsey, second by Dugan to approve Resolution #2011-43. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2011-44 – Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Irrigation Installation at Veterans Athletic Field Complex with Nature’s Helper Sprinkler Systems of Omaha, Nebraska. Interim City Attorney Jason Eley answered questions concerning testing the system. He stated the system had been tested and winterized.

Motion by Dugan, second by Gard to approve Resolution #2011-44. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2011-45 – Approving Interlocal Agreement with hall County for Aerial Photography. Regional Planning Director Chad Nabity stated this was an Interlocal Agreement with Hall County paying 50% of the cost. Explained were the quality of pictures and uses. Discussion was held regarding whether the City was mandated to take pictures since we just took them last year. Mr. Nabity stated this was not mandated.

Motion by Gard, second by Carney to approve Resolution #2011-45. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2011-35 – Consideration of Requesting the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission to Require El Diamante Night Club, 1600 South Eddy Street to Complete a Long Renewal Form. This item was postponed from the February 8, 2011 City Council meeting.

Police Captain Pete Kortum reported that due to numerous violations of El Diamante Night Club the Police Department recommended the City Council vote to ask the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission to require Club 69 to submit a new application for the renewal of the liquor license.

Bill Francis, Attorney for El Diamante Night Club spoke in opposition and requested this be referred to a committee. Submitted into the record were copies of 3 letters, health certificate, and 4 pictures. Discussion was held regarding the area covered by the liquor license. Interim City Attorney Jason Eley clarified City Code Section 4-23.

Motion by Gericke, second by Gard to approve Resolution #2011-35. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2011-46 – Consideration of Requesting the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission to Require Rafa’s Tacos, 911 West 2nd Street to Complete a Long Renewal Form. Interim City Administrator Mary Lou Brown reported that Rafa’s Tacos had failed to pay \$6,400.46 for food and beverage occupation taxes. This was a violation of City Code which is sufficient to request a long form application for renewal.

Bill Francis, Attorney spoke in opposition. Discussion was held regarding collecting delinquent food and beverage taxes. Captain Kortum stated through the investigation Rafa’s Taco was leasing this property to someone else and was not selling alcohol at this time. Lorri Rogers, Investigation with the State Patrol reviewed the history of Rafa’s Tacos liquor license.

Motion by Gard, second by Ramsey to approve Resolution #2011-46. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Ramsey, Donaldson, and Gericke voted aye. Councilmembers Carney, Nickerson, Dugan, and Gard voted no. Motion failed.

#2011-47 – Consideration of Approving Funding of Economic Development Request for Standard Iron, Inc. Interim City Administrator Mary Lou Brown reported that Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation had submitted an application for LB840 funding in the amount of \$225,000.00 to be used for job incentive and infrastructure by Standard Iron, Inc. for expanding its business in Grand Island.

Mark Stelk, 3117 Brentwood Drive, Chairman of the Citizens’ Review Committee and Marlan Ferguson, EDC President spoke in support. Rich Demules representing Standard Iron was present and thanked the Council for the opportunity to have their business in Grand Island.

Motion by Gericke, second by Donaldson to approve Resolution #2011-47. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2011-48 – Consideration of Dissolution of the Grand Island Area Solid Waste Agency. Interim Public Works Director Gray Mader reported that the Grand Island Area Solid Waste Agency was formed through an Interlocal Agreement with Hall County on August 4, 1992. The primary purpose of the agreement was to issue revenue bonds to acquire the existing Transfer Station and Landfill properties from Hall County. On December 7, 2010 the City Council approved the redemption of Solid Waste refunding bonds, Series 2004 thereby completing the purpose of the original agreement.

Motion by Dugan, second by Ramsey to approve Resolution #2011-48. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Dugan, second by Gard to approve the Claims for the period of February 9, 2011 through February 22, 2011, for a total amount of \$3,141,645.24. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Dugan, second by Gard to approve the Claims for the Period of February 9, 2011 through February 22, 2011 for the Veterans Athletic Field Complex for a total amount of \$3,919.44. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk