



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 08, 2011

Council Session

Item I1

#2011-62 - Consideration of Approving Appointment of Public Works Director John Collins

Staff Contact: Mayor Vavricek

Council Agenda Memo

From: Mayor Jay Vavricek
Meeting: March 8, 2011
Subject: Consideration of Appointment of Public Works Director
Item #'s: I-1
Presenter(s): Mayor Jay Vavricek

Background

The Public Works Director position became vacant with the resignation of Steve Riehle in January 2011. An interim appointment was made to ensure continuity in the department until a replacement could be found. The City's Human Resources Department conducted a national recruitment. Sixteen applications were received.

Discussion

I am pleased to present John Collins as my choice for appointment to the Public Works Director position. Collins' public works experience includes 25 years in various statewide engineering and management positions with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Nebraska as well as the State of Louisiana. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Louisiana State University.

Collins managed a staff of 89 employees and an operating budget of \$40 million. Collins and his staff worked with the rehabilitation efforts during the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In addition he has in-depth experience with the State of Louisiana Legislative budget process.

Pending City Council approval Collins' employment will commence on March 14. His starting salary will be at step four of the Public Works Director pay scale which is \$86,286.99 annually. As Public Works Director he will supervise the Engineering, Solid Waste, Streets, Fleet Services, and Wastewater Treatment divisions.

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

As Mayor, I recommend John Collins be appointed to the position of Public Works Director/City Engineer.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the appointment of John Collins as the Public Works Director/City Engineer.

RESOLUTION 2011-62

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, under Grand Island City Code, §2-30, the office of City Engineer and Public Works Director have been consolidated into one position for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, and is an appointed position; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, may appoint the position of City Engineer/Public Works Director; 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, 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 John Collins is hereby duly appointed the City Engineer/Public Works Director 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, March 8, 2011.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ☐ _____
March 4, 2011 ☐ City Attorney