



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Council Session

## Item G1

**Approving Minutes of May 24, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting**

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 24, 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 May 24, 2011. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on May 18, 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, Peg Gilbert, Mitch Nickerson, Linna Dee Donaldson, and Randy Gard. Councilmember's Chuck Haase, Bob Niemann, Scott Dugan, and John Gericke were absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Mary Lou Brown, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Interim City Attorney Jason Eley, and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Melanie Adams, Trinity United Methodist Church, 511 North Elm Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Vavricek introduced Community Youth Council members Tori Katzberg and Stephanie Chandler. Mentioned were the following events the Mayor had attended this past week: Drug Court graduation, Peace Lutheran Church ground breaking, Fire School, Rolling Thunder motorcycle ride. Mayor recognized a plaque made by a Veteran given to him.

Finance Director Mary Lou Brown presented the April Financial Report. Revenues were weak for April. Sales tax receipts had dropped in the amount of \$100,000 to \$150,000. Interest income was down and gas receipts were down \$75,000. Mentioned were appropriations. Strong cash position due to postponement of vehicle purchases and open positions that had not been filled yet.

Meetings had been held regarding planning for water that would be coming from Wyoming into the Platte River. Flooding would be monitored by the Emergency Management Director. Highway 281 sewer extension was mentioned to move forward with the creation of a Sanitary Improvement District (SID). A consultant would be hired for approximately \$7,500. A request for sanitary sewer by Charles Staab at the May 17, 2011 Study Session was in the process as the paperwork had been filed.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Recognition of Grand Island Senior High Soccer Team and Coaches for State Runner-Up in Class A Boys State Soccer Tournament. Mayor Vavricek and the City Council recognized the Grand Island Senior High Soccer team and Coach Jeremy Jensen for their success in the Class A Boys State Soccer Tournament and receiving runner-up. Coach Jensen and several soccer players were present for the recognition.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Request from Alfredo Zamora-Gomez dba Las Vegas Bar & Grill, 316 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for a Class "C" Liquor License. RaNae Edwards, City Clerk reported that an application for a Class "C" Liquor License had been received from Alfredo Zamora-Gomez dba Las Vegas Bar & Grill, 316 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Ms. Edwards presented the following exhibits for the record: application submitted to the Liquor Control Commission and received by the City on April 25, 2011; notice to the general public of date, time, and place of hearing published on April 30, 2011 and May 14, 2011; notice to the applicant of date, time, and place of hearing mailed on April 25, 2011; along with Chapter 4 of the City Code. Staff recommended approval contingent upon final inspections. Jerry Janulewicz, attorney representing Las Vegas Bar & Grill spoke in support. No further public testimony was heard.

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

Approving Minutes of May 10, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of May 17, 2011 City Council Study Session.

Approving Appointments of Karen Bredthauer, Scott Ericksen, and Julie Connelly to the Interjurisdictional Planning Commission.

Approving Re-Appointments of Bill Martin, Buzz Douthit, Kris Nolan Brown, and Scott Zana to the Business Improvement District #4 Board.

Approving Liquor Manager Designation for James D. Goodman, 2716 Apache Road for Skagway Discount Dept. Stores, Inc. 620 State Street.

#2011-123 – Approving Purchase of Traffic Signal Components for the Installation of a Traffic Signal at the Webb Road and West North Front Street Intersection with Brown Traffic Products, Inc. in an Amount of \$11,226.00 and General Traffic Controls, Inc. in an Amount of \$6,242.00.

#2011-124 – Approving Program Agreement with Nebraska Department of Roads for the Capital Avenue Widening, Webb Road to Broadwell Avenue Project for a total estimate cost of \$3,250,639.00 and the cost to the City in an amount of \$650,129.00.

#2011-126 – Approving Program Agreement with Nebraska Department of Roads for the Grand Island Historical Lighting Project on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Wheeler Avenue for a total estimate cost of \$189,540.00 and the cost to the Downtown Business Improvement District through funding awarded by the Community Redevelopment Authority in an amount of \$37,908.00.

#2011-128 – Approving Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Schemmer Associates, Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska for Engineering Consulting Services for the Walk to Walnut Project not to exceed \$26,785.81 with a revised total of \$71,309.32.

#2011-125 – Approving Program Agreement with Nebraska Department of Roads for the Various Locations in Grand Island Resurfacing Project for a total estimate cost of \$2,747,266.00 and the cost to the City in an amount of \$549,453.00. Public Works Project Manager, Scott

Gripenstroh reported this project was scheduled for the year 2013 using Federal Aid STP funds. Total project cost was \$2,747,266 with the City responsible for \$549,453.

Discussion was held concerning Asphaltic Concrete on Capital Avenue and Blaine Street. The project would consist of removing 2" of existing surfacing by cold milling and placement of 2" new Asphaltic Concrete. They would not replace curb and gutter.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Donaldson to approve Resolution #2011-125. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2011-127 – Approving Designating No Parking on Portions of Elm Street, Sycamore Street, Eddy Street and Wheeler Avenue. Public Works Project Manager, Scott Gripenstroh reported that The Fire Administration has requested No Parking designation at the Elm Street, Sycamore Street and Eddy Street locations to allow Fire Emergency equipment the ability to turn around quickly. The Veterans Affairs Medical Center had requested the No Parking at Wheeler Avenue.

Dennis Wagoner representing the VA Medical Center spoke in support. Discussion was held regarding employee parking on the street. Mr. Wagoner stated there was adequate parking on the VA Medical Center property.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Ramsey to approve Resolution #2011-127. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

#2011-129 – Consideration of Request from Alfredo Zamora-Gomez dba Las Vegas Bar & Grill, 316 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for a Class "C" Liquor License. This item related to the aforementioned Public Hearing.

Motion by Carney, second by Nickerson to approve Resolution #2011-129 contingent upon final inspections. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2011-130 – Consideration of Responding to the Request for Proposal (RFP) from the State of Nebraska for Office Lease of the One Stop Building. Building Department Director Craig Lewis reported that the State of Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, State Building Division had issued a Request for Proposal for the purpose of leasing 3,693 (+-) square feet of general office and storage space. They currently lease the building located at 1306 West 3<sup>d</sup> Street known as the One Stop Building. The current lease will expire on June 30, 2011.

The States proposal was for the City to pay the utilities, custodial, lawn care and snow removal costs. They requested a long term lease of 6 years.

Mr. Lewis stated the request was for a portion of the office space of 3,600 to 3,750 square feet of the 14,000 square feet of office space available. Subleasing the rest would be difficult. Mentioned was selling the building. The building was bought for \$600,000 and had been remodeled in the amount of \$400,000. Since the building had been rented out it had recouped approximately \$800,000.

City Administrator Mary Lou Brown commented on the layout of the building. The back portion of the building was for City storage with the front offices used by One Stop. There was space available to be sublet. Discussion was held concerning the City paying the utilities.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Gard to approve Resolution #2011-130. Upon roll call vote, Councilmember Nickerson voted aye. Councilmember's Carney, Ramsey, Gilbert, and Donaldson voted no. Motion failed.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Donaldson, second by Ramsey to approve the Claims for the period of May 11, 2011 through May 24, 2011, for a total amount of \$2,479,390.60. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Gilbert, second by Gard to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. for the purpose of union negotiation updates for the protection of the public interest. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Ramsey, second by Donaldson to return to Regular Session at 9:48 p.m. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

RaNae Edwards  
City Clerk