



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Council Session

Item G1

Approving Minutes of August 23, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 23, 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 August 23, 2011. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on August 17, 2011.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Chuck Haase, Larry Carney, Bob Niemann, Kirk Ramsey, Peg Gilbert, Mitch Nickerson, Linna Dee Donaldson, Scott Dugan and John Gericke. Councilmember Randy Gard was absent. The following City Officials were present: City Administrator Mary Lou Brown, City Clerk RaNae Edwards, City Attorney Robert Sivick, and Public Works Director John Collins.

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Todd Bowen, Grace Covenant Church, 418 West 12th Street followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Vavricek introduced Community Youth Council members Stephanie Chandler and Jordyn Barnett. Mentioned was the start of the Nebraska State Fair which starts Friday, August 26, 2011. Explained was the way finding signs and reasons why Island Oasis would not be open during the State Fair, due to lack of help. Congratulations were extended to the Bill White Family for their contributions to the community and the Convention and Visitors Bureau for bringing the State Volleyball Tournament to Grand Island for 2012 and 2013.

PRESENTATIONS:

Recognition of Brian Sands, Street Supervisor with the Public Works Department for 45 Years of Service with the City of Grand Island. Mayor Vavricek and Council recognized Brian Sands, Street Supervisor for 45 years of service with the City. Mr. Sands was present for the recognition and said a few words concerning his work with the City, acknowledging fellow employees who were present for the recognition.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for Property Located at 213 N. Ruby Avenue. Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director reported that Token LLC, Todd and Kelly Enck, developers had submitted a proposed amendment to the redevelopment plan that would provide for site acquisition, demolition and construction of an existing single family home and subsequent construction of a duplex at 213 N. Ruby Avenue. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for Property Located at 1822 West 13th Street. Chad Nabity, Utilities Director reported that Arnold Wenn, developer had submitted a proposed amendment to the redevelopment plan that would provide for site acquisition, demolition and construction of an existing single family home and subsequent construction of a duplex at 1822 West 13th Street. No public testimony was heard.

Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2011-2012 City Single Budget (Continued). City Administrator Mary Lou Brown introduced Jeff Wattier, Solid Waste Superintendent who reported on the Solid Waste 2012 budget. Currently the Solid Waste does not receive any General Fund monies. Reviewed were the following major accomplishments for this year:

- Early redemption of Solid Waste bonds
- Solid Waste Agency dissolved
- Landfill re-permitting process completed
- Cell 3 construction activities/preparation

The following budget changes for FY 2012 were presented:

- Overall target budgetary reduction of 1.75%
- Discontinue Residential Clean-Up Card program

Presented were the following Fee Changes for FY 2012

- No rate increase proposed
- Reduction of minimum charge at the Transfer Station
- Free disposal of tree limbs/branches
- Proposed \$25 fee for late loads
- New fee of \$20 per ton for disposal of automotive fluff

Discussion was held concerning the life of the facility. Mr. Wattier stated 100 to 150 years. Out of county waste was mentioned with the same rate as in town users.

John Collins, Public Works Director reported on the Wastewater Budget for 2012. Mr. Collins gave an overview of funding sources, revenues, expenses, treatment plant, and collections. The following 2012 Capital Projects were presented:

- Aeration Basin Rehabilitation (\$787,000)
- Lift Station 7 (\$160,000)
- Annual Sewer Rehabilitation (\$350,000)
- Sewer Districts (\$250,000)
- Sewer Repair 4th, 5th, Eddy-Vines (\$100,000)
- Wildwood Sewer District (\$900,000)
- Platte Valley Industrial Park Sewer Extension (\$320,000)
- Ultra Violet (UV) Pretreatment Screen (\$97,000)
- NE Interceptor Construction (\$3,000,000)
- Wastewater Rehabilitation Projects Design (\$1,200,000)
- Capital Outlay (Buildings, Vehicles, Machinery & Equipment) (\$984,000)
- South & West Interceptor Rehabilitation (\$2,516,500)

Discussion was held concerning debt service, lowering cash reserve balance, NE Interceptor, and rate increase starting in January 2012. Ms. Brown commented on the rate study and the increase.

ORDINANCES:

Councilmember Gilbert moved “that the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read by title on three different days are suspended and that ordinance numbered:

#9316 – Consideration of Amending Chapter 31 of the Grand Island City Code Relative to Signs

be considered for passage on the same day upon reading by number only and that the City Clerk be permitted to call out the number of this ordinance on second reading and then upon final passage and call for a roll call vote on each reading and then upon final passage.” Councilmember Nickerson second the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Craig Lewis, Building Department Director reported that Ordinance #9316 would eliminate the reference to political campaign signs, establish a definition and regulations for free standing yard signs, and amend certain sections to clarify current interpretations, regulations and enforcement of sign regulations.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Carney to approve Ordinance #9316.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9316 on first reading. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on first reading, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

City Clerk: Ordinance #9316 on final passage. All those in favor of the passage of this ordinance on final passage, answer roll call vote. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Mayor Vavricek: By reason of the roll call votes on first reading and then upon final passage, Ordinance #9316 is declared to be lawfully adopted upon publication as required by law.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Ramsey, second by Dugan to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

Approving Minutes of August 9, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting.

Approving Minutes of August 11, 2011 City Council Special Meeting.

Approving Minutes of August 16, 2011 City Council Special Meeting.

Approving Liquor Manager Designation for Tyra Love, 211 S. Sycamore Street for Smoker Friendly/T & D Liquors, 802 West 2nd Street.

#2011-215 – Approving Bid Award for Pulverizer Separator Tops & Classifier Assemblies at Platte Generating Station with Southwestern Corporation of Fort Collins, Colorado in an Amount of \$61,700.00.

#2011-216 – Approving Bid Award for Precipitator and Duct Cleaning and High Pressure Wash at Platte Generating Station with W-S Industrial Services, Inc. of Council Bluffs, Iowa in an Amount of \$67,945.00.

#2011-217 – Approving Agreement for Temporary Ingress/Egress easement to Access Outlot “A” in Springdale Second Subdivision – Part of SW 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 23-11-10 (Barry W. and Jo Lynn Niedfelt).

#2011-218 – Approving Bid Award for One (1) TV Van for Videoing the Sewer System with Municipal Pipe Tool Company of Hudson, Iowa in an Amount of \$135,000.00.

#2011-219 – Approving Certificate of Final Completion for Handicap Ramp Project No. 2010-1 with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska.

#2011-220 – Approving Bridge Deck Repairs on the Blaine Street Bridge with The Diamond Engineering Company of Grand Island, Nebraska in an Amount of \$21,346.24.

#2011-221 – Approving Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for Holliday Investments Subdivision. It was noted that Jari C. Holliday, President and William and Kathryn Holliday, owners had submitted the Final Plat and Subdivision Agreement for Holliday Investments Subdivision for the purpose creating 2 lots on a tract of land located south of U.S. Highway 30 and east of Gunbarrel Road, in the two mile extraterritorial jurisdiction of Grand Island, in Merrick County containing approximately 5.29 acres.

#2011-222 – Approving Parking Lot Agreement with the Nebraska State Fair in an Amount of \$1.00 per year.

Approving the Appointments of Jerry Piccollo, Glen Murray, Gary Rosacker, Alex Wirth, Ashley Bykerk, Bob Niemann, Linna Dee Donaldson, Anita Lewandowski Brown, and Chad Nabity to the Redistricting Committee.

REQUESTS AND REFERRALS:

Consideration of Request from Nebraska State Fair for Modification to Conditional Use Permit for Recreational Vehicle Camper Site at Fonner Park. Craig Lewis, Building Department Director reported that a request had been made by the Nebraska State Fair for modifications to the construction schedule of the recreational vehicle camper site at Fonner Park. The request was to allow for the continued operation of the recreational vehicle camper site for the fair year of 2011.

Discussion was held regarding maintaining the site last year. Mr. Lewis stated they had no problems.

Motion by Dugan, second by Donaldson to approve the request from the Nebraska State Fair. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2011-223 – Approving Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for Property Located at 213 N. Ruby Avenue. This item related to the aforementioned Public Hearing.

#2011-224 – Approving Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for Property Located at 1822 West 13th Street. This item related to the aforementioned Public Hearing.

Discussion was held concerning the length of time for TIF Projects. It was suggested that CRA look at the number of years for TIF projects. Mr. Nabity stated the Cherry Street Apartments project would end their 15 year TIF this December. Comments were made concerning the increased valuations of surrounding properties because of these TIF projects.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Haase to approve Resolutions #2011-223 and #2011-224. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2011-225 – Approving the Wayside Horn Agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the City of Grand Island. John Collins, Public Works Director reported that a Wayside Horn agreement with UPRR was required prior to commencing with construction of the Wayside Horn system at the Walnut Street Crossing.

Motion by Ramsey, second by Niemann to approve Resolution #2011-225. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

#2011-226 – Approving Design Detail with HDR for Uranium Removal. Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director reported that in order to proceed with the installation of the uranium removal system, the City's consultant for the project, HDR Engineering, was directed to provide a proposal for detailed engineering required to complete the project. HDR's proposal was in the amount not-to-exceed \$111,728.00.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Dugan to approve Resolution #2011-226. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Dugan, second by Nickerson to approve the Claims for the period of August 10, 2011 through August 23, 2011, for a total amount of \$4,329,644.42. Unanimously approved.

OTHER ITEMS:

Review and Approval of Proposed FY 2011-2012 City Single Budget. Discussion was held on the process of adopting the final budget. Ms. Brown stated the final approval would take place at the September 13, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion by Gilbert, second by Dugan to approve the Solid Waste Budget as presented. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Gilbert, second by Ramsey to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. for the purpose of union negotiation updates with IBEW (Service/Clerical). Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion by Gilbert, second by Haase to return to Regular Session at 9:17 p.m. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk