



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Council Session

Item G2

Approving Minutes of October 4, 2011 City Council Study Session

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Study Session 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 October 4, 2011. Notice of the meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on September 28, 2011.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was said.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Vavricek introduced Community Youth Council members Tori Katzberg and Jackson Buck and thanked them for being at the meeting. Mayor thanked all the people involved in the Harvest of Harmony Parade. Comments were made concerning five International visitors from Tajikitsan and seven visitors from Latin America visiting this week. Mentioned was correspondence received by the Mayor and an upcoming Knickrehm School reading event. Mayor thanked City Administrator Mary Lou Brown for her leadership during budget meetings and Human Resources Director Brenda Sutherland for her work on union negotiations. Mayor thanked the Grand Island Independent for supporting the Mayor in vetoing Ordinance #9355. Explained were his reasons for vetoing the vote. Mentioned was that the veto procedure was allowed under City Code and had not been used much in the past.

OTHER ITEMS:

Granicus Presentation

Pat Larsen, GIS Coordinator presented a Granicus demonstration outlining the benefits of this program on the web-site. Live streaming was shown and the benefits for people anywhere in the world with connection to the internet to watch. Also presented was how to access, navigate, and search the many online streaming programming available to the public. Pictometry aerial photos, which was a joint effort with Hall County, was included in the demonstration.

Discussion of Agreement for Professional Engineering Services Entitled "Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Rehabilitation".

Terry Brown, Public Works Manager of Engineering Services provided background on the need of the rehabilitation and the contractual process for the Wastewater Treatment Plan and Collection System.

Presented were the following initial engineering contract CIP components:

Northeast Interceptor	\$15.70M
Collection System Rehabilitation	
4 th – 5 th Streets & Eddy-Vine	\$ 1.10M
South Interceptor	\$ 2.98M
West Interceptor	\$ 0.91M
Wastewater Treatment Plant	<u>\$ 9.22M</u>
	\$29.91M

Interceptor lines were explained as large diameter lines which collected large amounts of waste and takes it directly to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Derek Cambridge, Project Director with Black & Veatch presented the three critical need areas: Collection System Rehabilitation; Collection System Planning and Improvements; and Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation. Reviewed were maps of the sanitary sewer main interceptors and pictures of the lines showing the wear and need for replacement.

Mayor asked CYC students Tori Katzburg and Jackson Buck what would happen if the interceptor lines collapsed. Ms. Katzburg answer it would get a little messy.

Kevin Meador, Project Manager with Black & Veatch presented the following Project Components:

- Planning Study
 - * Collection System Model
 - * Northeast Interceptor Corridor Study
- Collection System Rehabilitation
 - * Northeast Interceptor (7th to WWTP)
 - * 4th – 5th Streets & Eddy – Vine Streets
 - * South & West Interceptor
- WWTP Rehabilitation
 - * Influent Pumping & Screening
 - * Flow Measurement
 - * Grit Removal

Comments were made concerning public awareness and impact to the citizens.

The following Project Phasing was explained:

- Phase 1
 - * Planning Studies
 - * Conceptual Design

- * Preliminary Design
- Phase 2
 - * Preliminary Design
 - * Final Design
 - * Bidding
- Phase 3
 - * Construction

Mr. Meador reviewed the project schedule with Phase 1 – Planning being completed in 2012.

Mr. Brown stated the cost for Phase 1 was as follows:

• Project Management	\$103,360
• Initial Planning Studies	\$407,000
Conceptual & Preliminary Design	
• 4 th – 5 th & Eddy to Vine West & South Interceptors	\$166,040
• WWTP	\$274,800
• Northeast Interceptor	<u>\$169,960</u>
	\$1,121,160

Amendments to the contract would be brought to Council in the spring of 2012. Discussion was held regarding conducting this design in-house. Mr. Brown stated this would take approximately 40 engineers and 6,000 hours of time to design. City Administrator Brown answered questions concerning borrowing (bonding) money now with lower interest rates to pay for this project. This was a multiple year project and there was no need to borrow money until it was needed. Mentioned was that within the budget of the Public Works Department there was money built in if there was failure to the system.

Discussion was held regarding building a new plant to the west part of town. Mr. Brown stated at one time there was a small plant at the CAAP land. Several locations had been looked at over the years. The cost of a new plant would be cost prohibitive. Comments were made that gravity flow was the way to go.

Mentioned was that the existing interceptor lines were in current easements and a re-route or new route would require property/easement acquisition.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk