



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 08, 2011

Council Session

Item G2

Approving Minutes of November 1, 2011 City Council Study Session

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CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

November 1, 2011

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 November 1, 2011. Notice of the meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on October 26, 2011.

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Councilmember's were present: Chuck Haase, Larry Carney, Bob Niemann, Kirk Ramsey, Peg Gilbert, Mitch Nickerson, Linna Dee Donaldson, Randy Gard, and John Gericke. Councilmember Scott Dugan was 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.

INVOCATION was given by Community Youth Council member Kaitlin Hehnke followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MAYOR COMMUNICATION: Mayor Vavricek introduced Community Youth Council members Kaitlin Hehnke and Andrea Voss.

OTHER ITEMS:

Discussion Concerning Closed Sessions. City Administrator Mary Lou Brown introduced Executive Director Lynn Rex with the Nebraska League of Municipalities for a presentation concerning Closed Sessions and the Open Meetings Act.

Ms. Rex complimented Grand Island for the excellent job the city does with its agenda's and conducting meetings with regards to the Open Meetings Act.

Reviewed were State Statutes §84-1410 Closed Session. Mentioned was the following two reasons to go into closed session: 1) protect the public interest; or 2) for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting.

Mentioned was that no vote could be taken in closed session but council could give direction/guidance on negotiating issues. Confidentiality of closed sessions was discussed.

Discussion was held concerning what constituted public records.

Discussion Concerning Amending the City of Grand Island Police Officer's and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan and Trust for Changes in the Applicable Tax Laws. Interim Finance Director Jaye Monter introduced Greg Anderson Vice-President Trust Officer with Wells Fargo. Mr. Anderson clarified the role of Wells Fargo as trustee for both the Police Officer's and

Firefighters' Retirement System Plans. Mentioned was that the amendments to the plans were required by the Federal Tax Code.

Mr. Anderson stated the amendment as presented would have no change to the current plans. Ms. Monter stated this item would come before the City Council on November 8, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk