



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Council Session

## Item I9

**#2012-198 - Approving Appointment of Terry Brown as Interim  
Public Works Director/City Engineer**

Staff Contact: Mayor Jay Vavricek

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Mayor Jay Vavricek

**Meeting:** July 24, 2012

**Subject:** Mayoral Recommendation for Interim City Engineer/Public Works Director

**Item #'s:** I-9

**Presenter(s):** Mayor Jay Vavricek

## Background

State Statute and Grand Island City Code specifies the need to designate a City Engineer within the Public Works Department of the City of Grand Island. The current City Engineer is John Collins. As Public Works Director, John's resignation relative to both positions will become effective July 29, 2012. Therefore, it is necessary to make a recommendation in order to maintain the on going work of the Public Works Department. A capable replacement with an accredited engineering degree to serve in the capacity as Interim City Engineer/Public Works Director is necessary and has been identified to be Terry Brown.

## Discussion

Terry Brown received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. He has over 20 years of experience as a consultant, is a registered Professional Engineer in our state and has significant background as a Senior Design Engineer with Ross Engineering in Lincoln, a Senior Project Manager for Snyder and Associates in Ankeny, Iowa and as a Senior Project Manager for Olsson Associates for seven years. Terry has been an employee of the City of Grand Island Public Works Department as Manager of Engineering Services since July 2010 and serves as the head of the Engineering Division.

Therefore, I am confident he has the accreditation and previous engineering experience, and as a valued employee within the Public Works Department, I am confident this recommendation is in the best interests of the effectiveness of the department, meets the qualifications necessary under State law and Grand Island City Code and as Interim City Engineer best serves the people of Grand Island. Mr. Brown's appointment will be effective July 24, 2012 with Council approval. Mr. Brown will be placed in step 11 of the

current Public Works Director pay scale per the City Personnel Rules which represents a salary of \$96,774.60 per year.

### **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**

City Administration recommends that the Council appointment of Terry Brown as Interim City Engineer/Public Works Director.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve Terry Brown as Interim City Engineer/Public Works Director.

RESOLUTION 2012-198

WHEREAS, under Neb. Rev. Stat., §16-308 and Grand Island City Code §2-30 the office of City Engineer/Public Works Director for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, 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, the position will become vacant and an interim appointment may be made; and

WHEREAS, Terry Brown, the Manager of Engineering Services is a licensed professional engineer and meets the statutory requirement for a City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended the appointment of Terry Brown as the Interim City Engineer/Public Works Director effective as of July 24, 2012 until such time as a replacement is appointed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Terry Brown is hereby duly appointed the Interim City Engineer/Public Works Director for the City of Grand Island, Nebraska,.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 24, 2012.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
July 23, 2012	☐ City Attorney