



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Study Session

Item -3

Discussion Concerning Reduction of Old Ordinances as New Ones are Added

Councilman Whitesides has requested that time be made on the agenda for a discussion related to City ordinances, such that as new ordinances are passed and added to the statutes, a like number of antiquated ones be terminated and removed. Certainly, there are ordinances on the books for which may have outgrown their usefulness and for which no current purpose is served. Deletion would reduce the total and make reference, retrieval and maintenance easier. It may also foster more thought in the passage of new ordinances. To do, in essence, a purging of the existing files, legal staff time would be required to research each ordinance before submitting to Council for approval to remove. This would take valuable staff time as well as Council time to review. Council would have to decide if that is where staff's and their own efforts should be directed. Typically, obsolete ordinances would be candidates for removal as they became evident, through the normal course of business.

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