



GRINNELL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

The Grinnell City Council met in regular session Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the council chambers. Mayor Canfield presided with the following council members in attendance: White, McNaul, Wilson, Wright, Worley and Witt.

White made the motion, second by McNaul to approve the agenda and consent agenda as follows

1. Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, May 21, 2007 Regular Session;
2. Approve Liquor License one day transfer for Grinnell College from 1114 10th Avenue to Harris Center;
3. Approve Liquor License LC renewal for State Street Station, 909 State Street;
4. Approve Liquor License LC outside service renewal for State Street Station, 909 State Street;
5. Approval of the request submitted by Mr. Payton Byers in regard to the blocking of streets for the 34th Annual Auto Show and Swap Meet in Central Park on Sunday, June 24, 2007; and
6. Acceptance of Carol Carlson's resignation from Human Rights Commission.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second by Worley to approve the City Claims and Payroll Claims where funds are available. AYES: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor announced that it was the time and place for the public hearing on the exchange of property aka Arbor Lake Property Exchange. He asked for any written or verbal comments for or against the exchange of property. There were none.

Worley made the motion, second by Witt to close the public hearing. AYES: All. Motion carried.

The council acknowledged receipt of the following communications/meeting minutes:

- A. Finance Committee minutes: May 21, 2007;
- B. Planning Committee minutes: May 21, 2007;
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee minutes: May 21, 2007;
- D. Public Safety Committee minutes: May 22, 2007;
- E. State of Iowa results of Grinnell Temporary Holding Facility Inspection;
- F. Mayor's Proclamation of Skipper Day on June 21, 2007;
- G. Kites Over Grinnell Planning Meeting.

No official action necessary.

FINANCE

An update was provided on the re-codification of the City Code. The department heads are now reviewing their recommended changes and will return the same to the City Clerk by the end of June. Once this has been completed the draft will be return for finalization by the Iowa Codification with final draft scheduled to be presented to the council in July.

The committee tabled their recommendation on the resolution proposed for solid waste collection rate increase. They wanted time to review the matrix prior to passage of the same.

The Campbell Fund requests were approved as presented to the committee.

White made the motion, second by McNaul to approve INCODE onsite reconciliation training scheduled for June 6 & 7, 2007. AYES: All. Motion carried. Estimated cost is \$2,400.00.

PLANNING

An update was provided on development projects located along Iowa Highway 146 South.

Discussion and comments were provided on the pros and cons of the proposed closure of 8th Avenue. It was noted that this issue needs to be resolved by August 1, 2007 in order to receive bids for the repairs in a timely manner.

Those speaking against the closure were: Jim Onthank, Kathy Steele, Joann Hansen, Lee Staroska, Lowell Vanderploeg, Charlie Manly and Curt Heinselmann of Curt's Collision Center.

The committee discussed the implementation of the architectural design standards for 146. They will look at how to better inform the council and staff of the requirements. No changes are foreseen or necessary, just education on the same.

PUBLIC WORKS AND GROUNDS

Discussion was held on the IDNR Use Assessment and Attainability Analysis for Wastewater Treatment Plant. When these requirements are implemented the city will have to make an improvement to their sewage treatment plant. It is projected that this requirement will cost in the area of \$20 million.

It was noted that we have found some problems with the paint and the chemicals that we use in our water at Grinnell Municipal Swimming Pool. We are doing our best to resolve this issue and believe we can do so without having to close the pool for any amount of time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

It was noted that the negotiations with Midwest Ambulance will begin on June 19. We have had a few concerns that need to be discussed before finalization of a new contract

Discussion has been held on the consumption of alcohol in public places. In particular discussion centered on the memorial building where alcohol is allowed. They need to make it more of an item in the contract so that it is handled responsibly.

Wilson made the motion, second by McNaul to approve Julie Hansen as police reserve officer. AYES: All. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

White made the motion, second by Worley to approve the re-appointment of Jean Jones to the Board of Adjustment. AYES: All. Motion carried.

McNaul made the motion, second by Worley to approve the re-appointment of Stan Steward to the Planning and Zoning Commission. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Witt made motion, second by Worley to approve the re-appointment of Darren Pinkerton and Frank Shults to the Recreation Board. AYES: All. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second by McNaul to approve the re-appointment of Dave Danforth, William McNally & Ray Spriggs to the Renaissance Board. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Worley made the motion, second by McNaul to approve the re-appointment of Paul Pohlson and Rick Bierman to the Stewart Library Board. AYES: All. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second by Worley to approve the re-appointment of William Crosby to the Art Gallery Board. AYES: All. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Worley made the motion, second by Witt to approve Resolution No. 3151 - "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY." AYES: All. Motion carried.

Witt made the motion, second by McNaul to approve Resolution No. 3152 - "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,003.14 TO JASPER CONSTRUCTION OF NEWTON, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IMPROVMENTS PHASE 2." AYES: All. Motion carried.

Witt made the motion, second by Wright to approve Resolution No. 3153 - "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES." AYES: All. Motion carried.

Wilson made the motion, second by Worley to approve Resolution No. 3154 - "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRINNELL AND FEH ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT." AYES: All. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

Wright made the motion, second by Worley to approve the second reading of ORDINANCE NO. 1292 - "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION AND SALE OF AN ALLEY IN THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA." (Fareway Project - Alley.) AYES: All. Motion carried.

Wilson made the motion, second by McNaul to waive the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1292. AYES: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Charlie Mann – 1st Ward in regard to how long the city will allow the cemetery road to deteriorate before we repair those roads. It was noted that we have the funds budgeted to complete \$10,000 a year in seal coating. It is very clear that the Mausoleum Road is in the most need of repair. We are doing the best we can to perform the necessary improvements within our financial means.

ADJOURNMENT

White made the motion, second by McNaul to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. AYES: All. Motion carried.

GORDON CANFIELD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

P. KAY CMELIK, CITY CLERK