



GRINNELL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

The Grinnell City Council met in regular session Monday, October 15, 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 and Worley. Absent: Witt. Also present were Jan Anderson, Jack Griffith, Travis Renze, Kary Kinmonth, Jeremy Murray, Michael Dickenson, Don Schild, Loyla Lipchitz, Janet Alexander, Linda Masuku, Meg Jeffrey, Lamoyne Gaard, Theresa Petersen, Martha Pinder, Chris Johnson, Russ Behrens and Kay Cmelik.

AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

White made the motion, second by Worley to approve the agenda with the third reading of the Code of Ordinances moved to the beginning of the agenda and consent agenda as follows:

- Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, October 1, 2007 Regular Session.
- Approve new Police Officer hires: Jeremy Murray, Michael Dickenson & Kary Kinmonth.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

White made the motion, second by McNaul to approve the claims where funds are available.
AYES: All. Motion carried.

The council acknowledged receipt of the following communications and meeting minutes as follows:

- A. Finance Committee minutes: October 1, 2007.
- B. Planning Committee minutes: October 1, 2007.
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee minutes: October 1, 2007.
- D. Public Safety Committee minutes: October 2, 2007.
- E. Tourism Committee Minutes: September 19, 2007.
- F. Tourism Committee's 1st Quarter Report.
- G. Financials for Tourism Committee.
- H. Potluck for Captain Sittig at Police Department on October 26, 2007.

No Official action was needed.

FINANCE

White made the motion, second by McNaul to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3221 - "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AS DEPOSITORIES**

FOR PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF GRINNELL AND RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS NO. 2973.” AYES: All. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second by McNaul to request that the question of the imposition of a local option sales and service tax be submitted to the registered voters of the unincorporated areas of the county according to *Iowa Code Chapter 423B.1*. AYES: All. Motion carried.

The chair noted that they had reviewed a rough draft of the proposed TIF Debt Certification for the FY 08-09. The final certification will be presented to the council at a later date.

The chair also told the council that union contract negotiations have begun for the FY 09. The second meeting for the same will be held on November 15, 2007.

White made the motion, second by McNaul to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3222 - “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE FOR THE CITY OF GRINNELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION TECHNICAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.”** AYES: All. Motion carried.

The chair handed out the City Manager’s performance evaluation to all of the council members. He asked that they fill it out and return it to him at their earliest convenience.

White made the motion, second by Wilson to approve Mayor’s request to provide noon meal for Mideast Visitors on November 1, 2007 for the public purpose of promoting international relations and tourism for the city of Grinnell. AYES: All. Motion carried.

The chair announced that Maynard Rafferty has resigned from the Campbell Funds Board of Trustees. The trust agreement will be reviewed to determine the protocol for replacing a trustee.

The Campbell funds were approved as presented and is available for review at the City Clerk’s office.

PLANNING

It was noted by the chair that the Planning Committee is reviewing possible changes to the open burning ordinance. There will be further discussion before any changes are proposed.

Worley made the motion, second by White to approve the request to place “trash” arches for Bioneer conference on October 20. AYES: All. Motion carried.

It was noted that staff has been directed to begin the process of securing an engineer for the improvements to the 146 and I-80 interchange.

The group discussed the salvage and demolition of the five homes for the new library and PSB. The clerk was instructed to publish notice of the same.

Worley made the motion, second by Wright to set a public hearing on the proposals for salvage responsibility of the five homes for November 5, 2007 with bids being due on November 1, 2007. AYES: All. Motion carried.

The group received an update on Transient Merchant permit requirements. The city has not charged or received any payment for the BBQ trailer placement. They discussed a possible fee of \$150 to \$200 per month. No official action was taken.

It was noted that the County Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The Zoning Protection for WWTP/Brush Site is on the agenda and it was recommended that several city representatives attend the same.

PUBLIC WORKS AND GROUNDS

McNaul made the motion, second by Wright to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3223 - “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH TK CONCRETE, INC. OF PELLA, IOWA FOR AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,042.00 ON THE 2007 1ST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”** AYES: All. Motion carried.

McNaul made the motion, second by Wright to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3224 - “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH TK CONCRETE, INC. OF PELLA, IOWA FOR AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT COST FOR THE QUANTITY INCREASE REQUIRED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,169.00 ON THE 2007 1ST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”** AYES: All. Motion carried.

McNaul made the motion, second by Wright to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3225 - “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 WITH TK CONCRETE, INC. OF PELLA, IOWA FOR AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,746.50 ON THE 2007 1ST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”** AYES: All. Motion carried.

McNaul made the motion, second by Wright to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3226 - “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 WITH TK CONCRETE, INC. OF PELLA, IOWA FOR AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,442.50 ON THE 2007 1ST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”** AYES: All. Motion carried.

McNaul made the motion, second by Wright to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3227 - “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR’S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166,019.14 TO TK CONCRETE, INC., PELLA, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE 1ST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”** AYES: All. Motion carried.

McNaul made the motion, second by Wright to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3228 - “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR’S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 12 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$173,198.77 TO JASPER CONSTRUCTION OF NEWTON, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2.”** AYES: All. Motion carried.

McNaul made the motion, second by Wright to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3229 - “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRECONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE IDOT AND THE CITY OF GRINNELL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. PRIMARY HIGHWAY NO. 6 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT.”** AYES: All. Motion carried.

The chair updated the group on the 8th Avenue design progress. At this point the cost estimates are \$1.4 million which may be on the high end. The city has allocated \$400,000 maximum towards the project. It has not been determined what the cost sharing will be on the project. The current agreement for repair to streets is 70/30. No official action was taken.

An update on Bailey Park and Prairie Street Safe Route to Schools Project was provided. They are still working on the site plan and once it is completed school staff and city leaders will meet with the neighbors in regard to the same. No official action was taken.

Discussion was held on the recreational trail project from Arbor Lake to Industrial Avenue. No official action was taken.

At this time Jim Stricker of the IDNR Field Office No. 5 was introduced. Jim was invited to Grinnell to discuss the WWTP Notice of Violation dated September 24, 2007. The notice references Ammonia nitrogen limit effluent violations NPDES Permit No. 04-77-0-01. This problem has been ongoing for a few years. He stated that what they are seeking is some sort of compliance letter with the city on remedying the violations? He understands our difficulty in doing the same without a new permit being issued.

In the interim the IDNR wants to do everything they can to help us meet the requirements to avoid future violations. They will be looking to us to submit a proposal on how we intend to meet the ammonia nitrogen levels. The Grinnell plant was never built to eliminate ammonia nitrogen levels. As the treatment plant continues to age and flows increase the ability of this plant to meet those restrictions is very difficult.

He notes that what we need to present to them is what we can be done to meet those ammonia nitrogen limitations as frequently as possible with the current plant. They will continue to work with us for an implementation to meet the final regulations once they have supplied those to us.

He stated that the IDNR is looking at 20 years to resolve these issues throughout the state much the same as the last time Grinnell upgraded their plant. Certainly this treatment plant owes us nothing. It is because of the staff that you are able to meet the requirements as much as possible.

The expense of a new treatment plant is difficult to know without the treatment limits required for our plant. Jim Stricker stated that this is probably one of the biggest expenses that a city will deal with in a community. The amount of \$700 million to a billion dollars is expected to be spent to upgrade all of the treatment plants in the state of Iowa.

The question was asked whether the city of Grinnell would have to have this upgrade done in five years. Jim stated that he would be extremely surprised if we would be able to build the same in five years. No official action was taken.

PUBLIC SAFETY

An update on PSB was provided. The progress is continuing in regard to the final plans and future site preparations.

The 11th Avenue speed change was discussed and needs some revisions before it can be presented to the council.

The three new officers were introduced to the council. We are pleased that we were able to find three qualified individuals. They will all start their schedules this week.

Wilson made the motion, second by Worley to regretfully accept Captain Tim Sittig's resignation from the Grinnell Police Department. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Captain Sittig has accepted the position of Chief of Police for the City of Pleasant Hill. His last day of work for the city of Grinnell is Thursday, October 20. There will be a potluck for Captain Sittig at noon on the 26th of October. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION

McNaul made the motion, second by Wilson to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 3230 - "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY AND REQUEST TAX EXEMPTION FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 404 OF THE STATE CODE" (1815 Hobart St.)**. AYES: All. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

White made the motion, second by Worley to approve the third and final reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 1294 - "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA, 2007, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO STOP REQUIRED."** AYES: All. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second by Worley to approve the third and final reading of **ORDINANCE 1295 - "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE "CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA, 2007."** AYES: All. Motion carried.

Report from the City Manager:

The City Manager reported that the city has found some significant deficiencies on the boilers for Community Center building. It is approaching a six figure number to repair. He would like to pursue fitting this building for a geo thermal system. He hopes that we are able to pursue the same without having to make immediate costly repairs to the current system.

The Lake Project is starting to move forward. Russ reminded everyone that it will most likely require a special meeting to discuss the same. This will be determined at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

White made the motion, second by McNaul to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. AYES: All.
Motion carried.

GORDON CANFIELD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

P. KAY CMELIK, CITY CLERK