



GRINNELL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

***Minutes***

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The Grinnell City Council met in regular session Monday, December 17, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the council chambers. Mayor Pro-Tem White presided with the following council members present: Wright, Worley and Witt. Absent: Mayor Canfield, McNaul and Wilson. Also present were Russ Behrens, Kay Cmelik, Travis Renze, Jeff Hughes, Martha Pinder and Chris Johnson.

**AGENDA**

Witt made the motion, second by Worley to approve the agenda and consent agenda as follows:

- Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, December 03, 2007 Regular Session.
- Approve temporary Liquor License transfer from Grinnell College, 1011 Park St to 1114 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue for January 5, 2008.
- Approve temporary Liquor License transfer from Grinnell College, 1011 Park St to 1115 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue for January 12, 2008.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

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

- A. Finance Committee minutes: December 03, 2007.
- B. Planning Committee minutes: December 03, 2007.
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee minutes: December 03, 2007.
- D. Public Safety Committee minutes: December 04, 2007.
- E. Thank you letter from Imagine Grinnell.

No official action necessary.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A brief discussion was held on the committee's preference for structure of sanitary sewer rate increases. No action taken.

The Campbell Funds were approved as presented.

There was an inquiry on the possible increased speed of the railcars running east and west through town. This will be researched further.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

We have received news that the first reading of the county ordinance with the zoning protection for the WWTP and compost/brush site has been completed. We do not anticipate any problems with the second and third reading of the same.

An update on the Sapphire Lake Project was given. The development group was pleased that we provided a letter in regard to our proposed TIF support.

Discussion continues on the Historic Warehouse and the profitability of the same. No action taken.

The group reviewed the draft ordinance on open burning. The committee is moving towards completing an ordinance to eliminate the burning of yard waste. They do not intend to eliminate recreational fires or burn rings.

There was an update on the Library project and summary of joint meeting between the library and public safety building professional staff, particularly the mechanical engineers. There may be some exciting opportunities for eliminating some future costs to the community. There will more information as it develops.

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND GROUNDS**

An update on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue design efforts was provided. Things are progressing well and the schedule remains in tack for the construction of the same.

Updates were provided on the solicitation of qualifications for engineering consultants for the Highway 146 Corridor Enhancements; Aquatic Center Project; Airport Consultant and the Community Center Mechanical Engineer consultant selection process. No action was necessary.

Witt made the motion, second by Wright acknowledging letter from project engineer to accept CBD Phase II construction as substantially complete as of November 30, 2007. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Witt made the motion, second by Wright to approve **Resolution No. 3250 - "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 8 WITH JASPER CONSTRUCTION OF NEWTON, IOWA FOR AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,186.51 FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II."** AYES: All. Motion carried.

Witt made the motion, second by Wright to approve **Resolution No. 3251 - "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 16 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,535.49 TO JASPER CONSTRUCTION OF NEWTON, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2."** AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Public Safety Building project appears to be progressing at a good pace. The demolition of the houses should start in the near future. The plans are nearing completion.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Witt made the motion, second by Worley to approve the appointment of Teresa McCall to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission with the term expiration of 6/30/09. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Witt made the motion, second by Worley to approve the re-appointment of Sharon Mathis to the Planning and Zoning Commission with the term expiration of 6/30/11.

## **ORDINANCES**

Witt made the motion, second by Worley to approve the third and final reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 1296 - "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA, 2007, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ONE-WAY TRAFFIC REQUIRED."** AYES: All. Motion carried.

Worley made the motion, second by Witt to approve the third and final reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 1297 - "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.

Worley made the motion, second by Witt to approve the first reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 1298 - "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.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Witt made the motion, second by Worley to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. AYES: All. Motion carried.

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JIM WHITE, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

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P. KAY CMELIK, CITY CLERK