



GRINNELL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

The Grinnell City Council met in regular session Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Canfield presided with the following council members in attendance: White, Wilson, Wright, Worley and Witt. Absent: McNaul.

AGENDA

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

- Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, July 07, 2008 regular session;
- Approval of Liquor License BC0028618 renewal for Kum & Go #22, 715 Lang Creek Avenue;
- Approval of Liquor License LC 0018214 renewal for Bowladrome, 915 State Street;
- Request to close Commercial Street from Main to Broad from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on September 20, 2008 for the Galaxy Annual Great Bike Ride Around Grinnell (GAGBRAG) family event;
- Request to close 5th Avenue between from the alley between Broad and Park Streets to Park Street from 2:00 p.m. to dusk on August 6, 2008 for the Grinnell United Methodist Church youth concert; and
- Accept Paul McDonald's retirement as of December 31, 2008.

AYES: All. Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Mayor declared it the time and place for a public hearing in regard to the plans and specifications for the Public Safety Building Project.

Dennis Sharp, John Karrmann and Yolanda Vetsch of FEH presented a brief presentation on the proposed plans and specifications. They noted many of the cost saving measures that were taken to ensure a building within the proposed range of \$6.5 Million

They recommended that the city have the receipt of bids on Tuesday, August 26 at 2:00 p.m. and the bid award for Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

The Mayor asked for any written comments for or against the PSB plans and specifications.

Boy Scout Baumann asked where the noon whistle would be placed. Chris Johnson asked about why the tower size was reduced. No other comments were made.

Witt made the motion, second by Worley to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. AYES: All. Motion carried.

The Mayor declared it the time and place for the award of the Hazelwood Cemetery Road Improvement Project. He asked for any written or verbal comments for or against said project. There were none.

Witt made the motion, second by Worley to close the hearing at 7:30 p.m. AYES: All. Motion carried.

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

- A. Finance Committee minutes: July 7, 2008.
- B. Planning Committee minutes: July 7, 2008.
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee minutes: July 7, 2008.
- D. Public Safety Committee minutes: July 8, 2008.
- E. Planning and Zoning Commission minutes: July 8, 2008
- F. Parks and Recreation Board minutes July 14, 2008
- G. Monthly Police Report for June 2008.
- H. Letter in regard to Mediacom changes.
- I. Thank you from Darlene Canfield Gregory.

No official action necessary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wilson made the motion, second by Worley to set the public hearing for the bid award for the Public Safety Building Project for Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. as the date and time to receive and open bids. AYES: All. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second by Witt to approve RESOLUTION NO. 3346 - "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRINNELL AND GRINNELL NEWBURG SCHOOLS FOR LEASING OF OFFICE SPACE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING." AYES: All. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second by Witt to approve Resolution No. 3347 - RESOLUTION NO. 3347 - "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND DAVID MENNINGA, POLICE OFFICER FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT." AYES: All. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second by Witt to approve Resolution No. 3348 - "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND JOSEPH MEYERS, POLICE OFFICER FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT." AYES: All. Motion carried.

PeopleRides has notified the city of their intention to increase their ride fare from \$4.00 to \$4.25. The finance committee will review the same to determine how they will handle said increase.

There was a brief discussion on the Galaxy Youth Center request for additional financial assistance for the year 2008-2009. Tourism currently contributes \$3,000 a year from their budget for the same. No official action was taken.

The council was made aware of an issue with JPT Decategorization Executive Board meeting. No official action was taken.

The group briefly discussed the continued review of the long range schedule of fees for sanitary sewer service. No official action was taken.

The Campbell Fund was approved as presented.

Council member White stated that he has been approached about public restrooms being open at the Memorial building until 10:00 p.m. No official action was taken.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Worley made the motion, second by Wright to approve Resolution No. 3349 - "A RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO VACATE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID PROPOSAL." AYES: All. Motion carried.

Worley made the motion, second by White to approve the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board in regard to Veteran's memorial repair and enhancement project at the Hazelwood Cemetery. AYES: All. Motion carried. (*Project to be completed by the American Legion*).

White made the motion, second by Worley to support the Mayor's appointment of a Task Force for the development of an overall energy policy reduction policy for the city of Grinnell. AYES: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Witt made the motion, second by Wright to approve Resolution No. 3350 - "A RESOLUTION MAKING BID AWARD FOR 2008 CEMETERY STREETS PROJECT TO TK CONCRETE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,679.00." AYES: All. Motion carried.

Witt made the motion, second by Wright to approve Resolution No. 3351 - "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR CBD PHASE III IMPROVEMENTS ON 5TH AVENUE FROM WEST STREET EAST ONE BLOCK TO MAIN STREET AND ON MAIN STREET FROM 5TH AVENUE NORTH ONE BLOCK TO 6TH AVENUE." AYES: All. Motion carried. (*Agreement for \$560,000 in funding from the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Assistance Program*).

Witt made the motion, second by Wright to approve Resolution No. 3352 - "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT (FINAL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,096.53 TO BDL ENTERPRISES, MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA ON WORK COMPLETED FOR SOUTH BROAD STREET SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT." AYES: All. Motion carried. *Note last payment was actually made on October 2, 2006. We will need to pass a resolution accepting completion of project at next meeting. Bankruptcy resulted in city of Grinnell keeping final retainage amount.*

Witt made the motion, second by Wright to approve Resolution No. 3353 - "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PAY REQUEST NO. 1 (FINAL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,070.00 TO GEE ASPHALT SYSTEMS, INC. OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE 2008 STREET REPAIRS – (2) CRACK SEALING.”

AYES: All. Motion carried.

Witt made the motion, second by Wright to approve not opening the pool for the summer of 2009. AYES: All. Motion carried.

Witt made the motion, second by Wright to allow David and Ann Ferguson to tile and fill a ditch on Ferguson Road. AYES: All. Motion carried.

A brief update was provided on the 2009 Arbor Lake to Industrial Avenue Recreation Trail construction project. Staff has met with the landowners in regard the necessary easements for the project. They have a number of conditions and questions but are generally very positive about the project.

Imagine Grinnell has submitted a grant application through the “Harkin Wellness Grant” program. If funded this would provide the final source of revenue to fully fund the project. Currently we are \$50,000 to \$70,000 short. The city is on schedule to complete the trail in the 2009 construction season.

ORDINANCES

White made the motion, second by Worley to approve the second reading of ORDINANCE NO. 1306 – “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA, 2006, BY ADDING NEW CHAPTER FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.” AYES: All. Motion carried.

Worley made the motion, second by White to approve the second reading of ORDINANCE NO. 1307 - “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 774 BY CHANGING CERTAIN DISTRICTS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR 300 PARK STREET FROM M-1 TO R-2.” AYES: All. Motion carried.

White made the motion, second by Witt to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

GORDON R. CANFIELD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

P. KAY CMELIK, CITY CLERK