

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Grimes City Hall 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Grimes City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Armstrong on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Evans, Shatava, Tapper, Patterson Altringer

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans; the agenda shall be approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the February 9, 2010, B. Set Public Hearing for 2009-10 Budget Amendment and 2010-11 Budget for March 9, 2010 C. Pay Request #3 to Premier Construction Services for the Grimes Concession Stand in the amount of \$16,625 D. Request for reduction in sewer bill due to leak at 1820 Miehe Drive in amount of \$172.80 E. Purchase Agreement for Snow Plow 2011 fiscal year (subject to lease financing) F. Write Off Accounts for EMS G. Acceptance of request for Rezoning of Caymus Park 5.8 Acres from R-3 High Multiple Family District to R-4 Planned Residential Development District and referral to Planning and Zoning Board for Hearing on March 2, 2010 and Set a Public Hearing for City Council March 9, 2010, Claims dated February 23, 2010 in the amount of \$220,072.68

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Tapper; the consent agenda shall be approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes: 5-0.

Funds	Beg Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	1,985,762.11	71,717.14	21,409.54	2,036,069.71
Special Revenue Fund	1,255,524.78	55,351.17	2,257.45	1,308,618.50
Debt Service	1,786,087.75	19,360.63	1,000.00	1,804,448.38
Capital Improvements	5,338,201.01	135,324.68	538,887.89	4,934,637.80
Enterprise Fund	2,997,332.39	212,581.25	116,038.59	3,093,875.05
Total	13,362,908.04	494,334.87	679,593.47	13,177,649.44

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Krohse was present to update the Council on the Code Red Program. This program is a way for Polk County Emergency Management or Polk County Dispatch to inform a certain geographical area of a problem by land line phone or cell phone. Chief Krohse had addressed concerns at the last Council meeting if Dallas County residents living in Grimes would be apart of this program. Chief Krohse stated that he has received word that anyone living in the municipal boundaries of Grimes will be included in this program. If residents do not have a published telephone number or wish to register their cell number they will need to go to the Polk County website and enroll. Chief Krohse advised that further information on enrolling is on the City of Grimes website.

PEOPLESERVICE REPORT

Mark Devine representing PeopleService and Grimes Water and Wastewater was present to address the Council. Devine thanked the Grimes Fire Department, Boy Scouts, and City crews for their assistance in uncovering fire hydrants. Devine also advised that they had repaired a water main break in the 300 block of Morningside. He stated that they were continuing to put up markers for fire hydrants to make them more visible in the snow. Devine advised that several hydrants have been damaged during snow removal and will be fixed but are still functional. At the last Council meeting Devine stated that he was asked about how much it would cost to change over the rest of the water meters to MXU meters. Devine advised that they would need 1,548 meters at a cost of approximately \$162,000.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTIONS

A. Public Hearing on Plans, Specifications and the Award of Contract for the IA 44 Electric Utilities Relocations Project to Communication Technologies Inc. of Huxley - \$224,473.50

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 5:46 p.m. There being no oral or written communication, Mayor Armstrong closed the Public Hearing at 5:46 p.m.

City Engineer John Gade advised that this IA 44 Electric Utilities Relocation Project is part of the Hwy 44 project and will include replacing overhead utility wires with underground from Little Beaver to James Street intersection and north and south of James Street. Gade advised that eight bids were received for the project ranging from a high of \$443,042.25 to a low of \$224,473.50 from Communication Technologies Inc. of Huxley. Gade advised that the engineer's opinion of probable construction cost was \$282,680. Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Tapper; the award of contract for the IA 44 Electric Utilities Relocation Project to Communication Technologies Inc. of Huxley in the amount of \$224,473.50 shall be approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes: 5-0.

B. Public Hearing on the Plans, Specifications and the Award of Contract for the IA 44 Procurement of Street Light Poles and Fixtures

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 5:51 p.m. There being no oral or written communication, Mayor Armstrong closed the Public Hearing at 5:51 p.m.

City Engineer John Gade advised the Council that this was the street light poles, banner arms and luminaire arms for the Hwy 44 Project. Gade advised that bid package called for 31 foot poles instead of the traditional 26 foot poles. He stated that the bid called for poles that are identical to poles already in place east of Hwy 141 on Hwy 44. Gade advised that several companies were unable to supply this pole so an alternate pole was added in the bid. Gade stated that when the bids were opened the low bid on the pole was for the alternate pole, which does not match the existing poles. The Council discussed whether to accept the bid for the alternate pole or go with the original bid pole.

Representative from the two different street light pole companies addressed the Council regarding the bidding process. First to address the Council was Roy Fawcett, General Manager of Stresscrete Inc. of Atchison, Kansas. Fawcett thanked the Council for their

past business with light poles. He presented the Council with a copy of the life time warranty on his product. Fawcett stated that this warranty provided for the replacement of any pole as long as it is used for the intended use. Fawcett asked the Council for a chance to rebid the alternate pole. Next to address the Council was Dave Metcalfe of Sky Cast Inc. Eloy, Arizona. He stated that he went to Fox Engineering and advised that they were unable to bid the pole listed in the specifications but requested to bid an alternative pole. Metcalfe stated that Sky Cast was then listed as an approved alternative pole. He stated that he was advised that an award would be made to the lowest bidder in each section, pole, arm and fixture. Metcalfe stated that Sky Cast bid the project in good faith under the terms of the bid project and did not understand why this project would be rebid. Metcalfe went on to say that if there were concerns over the poles being bid that it should have been addressed before the bidding closed. He felt rebidding at this time with pricing already being received would cause problems with the bidding procedure. Metcalfe stated that according to the bid package Sky Cast is the lowest bidder and should be entitled to the award of the contract. The Council discussed whether they wanted to accept the alternate bid or go with the original pole which would match the existing poles.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Shatava; the award of contract for the Stresscrete poles and banners arms to Echo Group in the amount of \$274,500. The custom luminaire arm to Echo Group in the amount of \$142,500 and the luminaire package to Construction Products Distribution of Ames, Iowa in the amount of \$67,007.11 shall be approved. Roll Call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes: 5-0.

C. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance #586 to Amend The Grimes Code Of Ordinances Chapter 108.06 To Provide For The Increase In The Charge For The Collection Of Recyclable Materials From \$2.48 to \$2.58 Effective July 1, 2010

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. There being no oral or written communication, Mayor Armstrong closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Armstrong advised that this cost was a straight pass through of costs incurred to the City from Metro Waste Authority. Mayor Armstrong advised that we did have the option of the City absorbing the increase in cost. City Administrator Brown added that the auditors like to see these fees self supporting to the City.

Moved by Shatava, Seconded by Evans; that the First Reading of Ordinance #586 to amend the Grimes Code Of Ordinances Chapter 108.06 to provide for the increase in the charge for the collection of recyclable materials from \$2.48 to \$2.58 effective July 1, 2010 shall now pass.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes: 5-0.

D Set Public Hearing, Award of Contract for March 9, 2010 and Bid Date of March 3, 2010 for Hwy 44 Street Lighting Equipment "Rebid"

Due to the Councils approval of the street light equipment the rebid was not needed, so no action was taken.

A. PUBLIC FORUM

No one requested to address the Council.

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS.

1. Mayor's Report

a. Appointments to Polk County E911 Service Board

Mayor Armstrong appointed Council Member Tom Shatava as the primary for the Polk County E911 Service Board and Mike Grove as the alternate.

b. Appointments to Public Health and Safety Advisory Board

Mayor Armstrong advised that appointments to the Public Health and Safety Board would be for 3 years but since this is a new board, the first appointments would be staggered. The following appointments and terms to the Public Health and Safety Advisory Board were made by Mayor Armstrong: Mike Grove Jan. 2013, Tim Hopson Jan. 2012, Dick Pipho Jan. 2011. Mayor Armstrong advised that the Fire Chief and someone from the Polk County Sherriff's Department would also set on this board.

2. City Attorney's Report

The City Attorney had nothing new to report

3. City Engineer's Report

City Engineer John Gade stated that the District Engineer with the IDOT was still waiting on the agreement from the railroad agreement to continue with the project.

4. City Staff Report

City Administrator Brown advised that City street crews have put in 1702 hours of comp time/overtime for snow removal. Brown stated that an additional \$50,000 has been spent on outside contract labor for snow removal and that we currently have about 225 ton of salt left. Mayor Armstrong advised that City crews have worked almost every weekend and holiday since Thanksgiving. Council Member Shatava stated that he had a chance to go and visit the City shop and street crew. He commented on how neat and orderly the City shop was kept and how the City equipment was well maintained. Council Member Shatava also commented on an issue that had happened last week and how City staff addressed it immediately to the satisfactions of the resident.

5. Old Business

Council Member Evans asked the Mayor is a workshop could be done regarding appointments.

6. New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Altringer, Seconded by Shatava; there being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:50 pm.

ATTEST:

Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

Thomas M. Armstrong, Mayor