

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Tuesday, January 8, 2013  
**Grimes City Hall 5:30 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Grimes City Council was called to order by Mayor Armstrong on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. at the Grimes City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Armstrong

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

**GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS.**  
**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Shatava, Seconded by Patterson; the agenda shall be approved.  
Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passes: 4 to 0.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Armstrong clarified that under Item H for appointments to the Metro Waste Authority Board for 2013 that the Primary would be Mat Tapper and Alternate would Ron Long.

A. Minutes from the December 11, 2012 Meeting B. Approval of Plans and Specifications and Set a Bid Date of February 6, 2012 and Public Hearing and Award of Contract for February 12, 2012 for the Grimes SE Main Street Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining C. Approval of Plans and Specification and Setting a Bid Date of February 6, 2012 and Award of Contract for February 12, 2012 for the 2012 Water Main Improvements D. Engineer's Statement of Completion for the 2012 Paving Improvements E. Change Order No. 2 Increasing Contract \$31,921.50 for the 2012 Paving Improvements F. Pay Request No. 2 to Grimes Asphalt and Paving Company for the 2012 Paving Improvements In the amount of \$3,859.37 G. Pay Request No. 3 to Grimes Asphalt and Paving Company for the 2012 Paving Improvements In the amount of \$19,394.44 H. Appointment for Metro Waste Authority's Board of Directors for 2013: Primary and Alternate I. Consent and Acknowledgement Agreement for Grimes Industrial Park Development Agreement J. A-1 Concrete Leveling – sidewalks at wastewater plant leveled \$2,520 K. Claims – dated Jan. 8, 2013 - \$348,380.24 Claims dated December 27, 2013 were approved by email by Council - \$386,389.18.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Tapper; the consent agenda shall be approved.  
Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passes: 4 to 0.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Chief Krohse was present to update the Council on the fire department. Chief Krohse stated they closed out 2012 with 744 calls. He added that 2011 call totals were 557. He stated that this showed an increase in call volume by 187 calls of which 150 were EMS. Chief Krohse stated that we would make available more detailed reports. He added that a retirement party would be held on January 30, 2013 at 6:30 at the fire station for Jess Dunn for his over 15 years of service

and Ed Phillips for over 19 years of service. Council Member Tapper asked if the detailed report would show where the calls went to and Chief Krohse advised that it would. Council Member Tapper stated that he wondered if the call volume was going to go down with the new joint fire station. Chief Krohse stated that the call volume would not go down but the amount that the Grimes station would handle would. Chief Krohse added that 31% of the calls would be taken care of by the Grimes/Johnston fire station based on the 2012 calls through the end of November.

## **PATROL REPORT**

Polk County Sheriff's Department Deputy Ballinger was present to give an update on the department. He advised that he had received 440 calls for service and approximately 150 traffic stops for a total of 590 contacts of which there were 88 cases made for the time frame of December 11 through today. Deputy Ballinger stated that they had helped many motorists during the recent snow storm. Council Member Altringer asked if anything further had been done about having a SRO Officer in the Dallas Center Grimes Schools. Captain Knight of the Polk County Sheriff's Department who was also present said that they would continue discussions with the school to get someone in place. He also discussed some training programs that they were interested in doing with staff in the schools.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS Council may consider and potentially act on the following Public Agenda Items.**

### **A. Meadowlark South Plat 2**

Doug Saltgaver of Engineering Resource Group, 2413 Grand Avenue Des Moines IA 50312 representing the developer, Hubbell Metropolitan Development was present to discuss the Plat. Saltgaver stated that Plat 2 consists of 20 single family residential lots on 6.06 acres. City Engineer Gade noted that the trail planned on the easement along lots 9 and lot 13 would not be installed until such time as the land directly to the north is developed.

Moved by Shatava, Seconded by Patterson; the Meadowlark South Plat 2 Final subject to Fox Engineering letter dated January 3, 2013 shall be approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passes: 4 to 0.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Gale Smith, 3520 SW Brookside Drive representing Brookside Commons addressed safety concerns over the intersection of South James Street and SE 37<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that with the increase in the amount of businesses in this area and as well as the opening of the new Fed Ex building that will be employing around 250 people.

Mayor Armstrong gave some background on this issue. He stated that when Fed Ex decided to build this facility in this area traffic studies were done in the area. Mayor Armstrong stated that the existing traffic did not meet the warrants required by the DOT but the projected traffic with the addition of Fed Ex on opening day would meet the bottom level of the warrants for a stop sign/traffic signal at this intersection. Mayor Armstrong stated that when the Fed Ex facility opens there would potentially be a 4- way stop sign or temporary stop lights before a complete build out would be done at this intersection. City Engineer Gade stated that STP Funding had been applied for this area but the funding would not be until 2017. He added that if we were able to secure these funds it is possible that they could be used sooner. Gade also added that there were

other possible funding sources for this project. Mayor Armstrong stated they were continuing to work on this concern.

Steve Wilson of 1213 NE Frances Drive wanted the Council to know how nice the holiday decorations looked this year both the City's and residential lighting. He added that during the storm he knew that quite a few of the decorations were damaged by the snow and wind during the recent blizzard and offered to do whatever he could to help with the repair of them. Mayor Armstrong thanked Wilson for his offer of assistance and advised that staff would be in touch with him.

Scott Cowles of 1900 Destination Drive and Manager of Fed Ex also expressed his concerns over the intersection of South James Street and SE 37<sup>th</sup> Street.

Brian Buethe, of Grimes Economic Development and Grimes Chamber addressed the Council. He stated that he had also had received communication from business owners and citizens regarding the intersections of SE 37<sup>th</sup> Street and South James Street and thanked the Council for take a hard look at this intersection. Buethe also wanted to thank the City and Economic Development for allowing him to attend a conference in Tucson, Arizona at the Institute of Organizational Management

Bill Danylchuk, General Manager of Iowa Auto Outlet, 3520 SW Brookside Drive addressed the Council regarding the intersection of South James Street and SE 37<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that he felt this is an extremely dangerous intersection.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS

### **1. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Armstrong thanked the Council personally for their time as they attended the strategic planning workshop last Friday and Saturday. He added that he looked forward to implementing the strategies that were agreed to as a team.

### **2. City Attorney's Report**

City Attorney Henderson had nothing new to report.

### **3. City Engineer's Report**

John Gade of Fox Engineering had no report.

### **4. City Staff Report**

City Staff had nothing to report

### **5. Old Business**

### **6. New Business**

Council Member Tapper asked that during a workshop they talk about "Weapon Free Zones". Council Member Altringer stated that the MAC had been talking about this and thought that they could possibly wait and see if there is a metro wide ordinance that could be established. City

Attorney Henderson also advised that he could make some recommendations on this issue if the Council desired.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Altringer, Seconded by Shatava; there being no further business, this meeting shall be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

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Thomas M. Armstrong, Mayor

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