

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 25, 2014
Grimes City Hall 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Grimes City Council was called to order by Mayor Armstrong on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. at the Grimes City Hall. Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present: Evans, Blackford, Patterson, Altringer, Bickford

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Armstrong asked for approval of the agenda.

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

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

Eagle Scout Presentation – Cole Benson

Cole Benson of 804 SE Trail Ridge Road of Grimes, Troop 171 presented an Eagle Scout Project for approval. Benson stated that he was interested in putting up signage at the Grimes Sports Complex that would show the trail around the Sports complex along with distances. Benson will work with City staff on the color and location of the sign.

Moved by Evans, Seconded by Blackford; the Eagle Scout Project presented by Cole Benson shall be approved.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from meeting on February 11, 2014 B. Gortz Haus Liquor License Renewal Special Class C with Outdoor Services and Sunday Sales requested (*licenses are renewed annually at local and state level*) C. Resolution 02-1414 to Appoint a Member to the Polk County Emergency Management Polk County -Primary Chief Krohse Alternate Joe McAreavy (*this is a link between the Polk County Emergency Management Agency and the local jurisdiction*) D. Request for Early Release of Retained Funds for the SE Main Street Project to Absolute Concrete for the SE Main Street Improvement Project - \$22,720.18 (*according to Iowa Code 26.13 at any time after all or any part of the work on a public Improvement is substantially completed; the contractor may request the release of all or part of the retained funds owed.*) E. Vessco – Preventative Maintenance Parts for the Water Treatment Plant and Repair Parts for Old Water Plant - \$4,712.05 (*preventative maintenance for the water plants*) F. Physio-Control purchase of Lucas CPR Device EMS -\$13,477.30 (*\$10,000 to be paid through grant from Prairie Meadows Grant, CPR device to be purchased by fire department*) G. Midwest Breathing Air LLC Bauer Compressor for EMS - \$3,295 (*replace current system with upgraded filtration system*) H. University of Iowa Hygienic Lab for Special ASR Testing - \$3,775 (*this is for testing of the ASR “Aquifer Storage and Recovery Well”*) I. Set Public Hearing and Action for the Amendment of Current City Budget for March 11, 2014 (*when revenue and expenditure appropriation are changed during a budget year the Council must approve the amendment through a public hearing and action*) J. Set Public Hearing and Action on the Proposed Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 for March 11, 2014 (*a Public Hearing and action is required to show the proposed receipts and expenditures that are being budgeted for in the new fiscal year*) K. Request for early payoff of Lift Station note not to exceed \$417,500 (*current note is at 6 ½ percent, funding will come from water tapping fees*) L. Enclosed Concrete Trailer from R/T Motors

Inc - \$5,540 (*trailer to get concrete supplies to job site*) M. Claims Report date February 25, 2014 in the amount of \$265,804.02

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Bickford; the Consent Agenda shall be approved.

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

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	Beg Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	4,367,916.92	678,174.97	430,846.51	4,615,245.38
Special Revenue Fund	1,997,678.34	79,086.81	2,038,035.73	38,729.42
Debt Service Capital Improvements	2,714,501.79	1,265,702.93	0.00	3,980,204.72
Enterprise Fund	968,100.35	701,322.50	413,505.87	1,255,916.98
Total	4,952,743.82	1,169,128.42	1,558,546.66	4,563,325.58
	15,000,941.22	3,893,415.63	4,440,934.77	14,453,422.08

PEOPLESERVICE REPORT

Steve Robinette of PeopleService and Grimes Water and Wastewater was present to update the Council. Robinette stated that there had not been a change in the levels in the shallow well but that is probably due to the frost and the inability of the water to seep back into the aquifer. He stated that the Jordan Well has been approved by the DNR and that he was going to start testing on the well next week. Robinette stated that they have a new intern working for them who is working out very well.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS

A. Presentation on Tomorrow Plan – Bethany Wilcoxon Des Moines Area MPO

Wilcoxon provided a presentation to the Council with a focus on communities working as one region to compete globally and to leave a sustainable legacy for future generations. She added that this plan has been worked on for three years. She stated that this work through The Tomorrow Plan focuses on housing and transportation, the economy, the environment, and community vitality. Wilcoxon stated that the plan will save us money by drawing our resources and talent to the region to prepare us for future growth. She did emphasis that this is a voluntary plan and just a blue print and guide as each community is different with their needs. Wilcoxon asked for any questions. Mayor Armstrong stated again this is a voluntary plan and that each City can treat their ordinance and planning individually as we see fit is just showing Best Practices across the region. Council Member Bickford asked what the best success has been on this plan. Wilcoxon stated that one of the biggest successes is the frank discussion that has happen with leaders around the communities. She stated in the past it was about transportation issues and now it is housing and environmental issues that are being faced, issues that people have not wanted to touch previously as their wasn't a regional forum previously. Wilcoxon stated that over the three years a level of trust has been built to have those frank discussions. She stated also putting into the plan things from her community engagement over the years and their input from all social economic levels.

B. Resolution 02-1314 Support of the Tomorrow Plan

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Bickford; Resolution 02-1214 showing support of the Tomorrow Plan shall be approved.

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

C. Discussion/ Watershed Management Authority of Walnut Creek – Bethany Wilcoxon Des Moines Area MPO

Bethany Wilcoxon of the Des Moines MPO was present to give a presentation on a request to be part of a 28E to create a Watershed Management Authority for Walnut Creek. She stated that this is a big part of the Tomorrow Plan with the flooding issues that have happened in the past. Wilcoxon stated that Code of Iowa authorizes two or more political subdivision located within the same United State Geological Survey Hydrologic Unit Code watershed to enter into a 28E to establish a watershed management authority to enable cooperation in supporting watershed planning and improvements for mutual advantage. She stated that as part of the 28E flooding issues would be addressed, develop coordination in the watershed and work together to access funding. Wilcoxon added that a Board of Directors would be put together with one voting Board member from each entity. She stated that the Authority's duties would be to assess and reduce flood risk, assess and improve water quality, monitor federal flood risk planning and activities, educate residents, allocate moneys that are made available to the watershed. Council Member Altringer asked where the funding would come from. Wilcoxon stated there is no money to form the water shed. She stated there are grants that can be pursued. Council Member Patterson asked about the timeline on this to get everyone on board. Wilcoxon stated there was no timeline but that the 28E has been filed with the Secretary of State so once others join they will be added on. Council Member Patterson asked if this was an agreement that could be pulled out of if the Council changed their mind at a later point. Council Member Altringer read from the contract that a 90 day notice is required to pull out of the contract but the contract lasts until perpetuity. Council Member Patterson asked how many other watershed authorities there are in Iowa. Wilcoxon stated that she knew there was one in eastern Iowa and the Waterloo Cedar Falls area. She also knew that another one is being worked on in the Greene and Carroll counties. Wilcoxon stated that there is money available at this time through the state. Council Member Patterson wanted to make sure that if we sign this there would be no negative impact to the City. City Engineer Gade stated that he felt there was no negative impact to the City that this would allow to apply for funding and priorities projects. He said it is not committing us to any funding. Council Member Altringer also asked about the funding. Gade stated that everything would be voted on for use of the funding. Council Member Altringer stated that the contract states that interested parties can join the watershed and asked for clarification as to who those parties would be. Wilcoxon stated that it could be the MPO for the Raccoon River Group or someone who would have a stake in the watershed.

D. 28E to Create a Watershed Management Authority for Walnut Creek

Moved by Evans Seconded by Blackford; the 28E to create a Watershed Management Authority for Walnut Creek shall be approved.

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

E. Set a Date to Received Bids for March 18, 2014 at 2:30 pm and Set a Date for a Public Hearing, Approval of Plans and Specifications and Award of Contract for March 25, 2014 for the ASR Well No. 1 Well Pump and Control Building Improvements (*the extent of work will include installation of a new ASR well pump, demolition of existing water treatment plant equipment, installation of chemical feed systems, installation of piping and valves, HVAC and plumbing replacement, building renovations, structural modifications, and installation of associated electrical equipment*)

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Blackford; the bid date of March 18, 2014 and a Public Hearing and Action on March 25, 2014 for the ASR Well No. 1 Well Pump and Control Building Improvements shall be approved.

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

F. Public Hearing First Reading of Ordinance #625 to Add Language to Chapter 106 Collection of Solid Waste to add language regarding pick up of solid waste (*if the 96 gallon container is full and resident has additional garbage this may be picked up by placing garbage in bags next to the container. A bag of garbage by itself will not be picked up. Additional bags shall not be placed in containers.*)

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 pm. There being no written oral comment the Hearing was closed at 6:10 pm. The Council discussed concern over the residents not being able to place an additional container alongside of the 96 gallon tote for additional garbage. Mayor Armstrong advised that the Council consensus was to take no action on this item at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Michael Schneider of 608 SE Meadowlark Drive, Grimes addressed the Council. He stated that he had attended the previous City Council meeting requesting the Council look into allowing chickens in the City limits. Mayor Armstrong advised Schneider that the Council was going to be provided some information on the issue later in the meeting.

Marty Frueh of 313 SW Kennybrooke Drive addressed the Council. Frueh asked if the Council was being proactive in regards to the Emerald Ash Borer anticipated infestation. Public Works Director Joe McAreavy advised that money has been budgeted towards removal of some trees. He also stated that a Tree Board is going to be formed and an inventory of the trees in the City is going to be done. McAreavy also stated that Metro Waste Authority is making plans for disposal options.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

A. Glenstone Park Phase I Alternate Bids Discussion (*Alternate 1- artificial grass at a cost of \$24,525 Alternate 2 - basketball court at a cost of \$37,730*)

The Council discussed the alternate bids that were received as part of the Glenstone Park Phase I bids. Bob Gibson of Civil Design Advantage stated that at the request of Public Works Director Joe McAreavy he obtained a bid from the contractor doing the Phase I to add a section of trail along Glenstone Drive which would cost around \$28,000. McAreavy added that he received an email from a Park and Recreation Board member that expressed concern over the lack of a walkway on the west side of Glenstone. He added that in Phase I the trail is not part of this. Morgan Molden of 2812 SE Cobblestone Drive, Grimes addressed the Council regarding safety concerns of people trying to cross over into the park area. Council Member Evans asked how a crossing was going to make it safer for people to get into the park area. City Engineer stated that he felt that the request was if a crossing was put in it could lead to a sidewalk. He added that this may not improve the safety issue but make a place for people to cross. Molden asked about possible signage. Council Member Altringer asked if the sidewalk was part of Phase II and McAreavy advised that it was part of Phase II. McAreavy added that he did have Gibson get a quote for consideration and it came in at \$28,000. Council Member Bickford asked Molden who is a board member for the Park and Recreation Board what the Park Board would like to see given consideration. Molden stated that she received feedback from a few of the board members and their concern is safety. She added that the basketball court is desired as this would be geared towards teens and adolescents. Mayor Armstrong stated that he was concerned that if we tried to add the trail at this point would it be additional work or require a new bid. Bob Gibson stated a concrete guy would be doing the sidewalks around the play equipment so a better price could probably be obtained for the trail if the same contractor got the low bid. City Administrator Brown asked if they were willing to spend the dollar amount for the trail as they were already amending the current budget for Phase I and Phase II and were they willing to amend it again. Council Member Evans stated that with safety being the number one priority to keep in mind is this really going to help with safety? Council Member Patterson stated that he thought this should go back to Park and Recreation Board to see what their priorities are. Mayor Armstrong brought the conversation back to the discussion on Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 of the Glenstone Park Phase I. Council Member Evans and Bickford were both interested in the basketball court and not the artificial grass.

Moved by Bickford, Seconded Blackford; Alternate 2 providing for the basketball court in the amount of \$37,730 shall be approved.

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

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Armstrong advised that he was not ready at this time to make any additional appointments to the Park and Recreation Board and the Board of Adjustment. He advised that he was still looking for two females for the Board of Adjustments for gender equality if at all possible.

2. City Attorney's Report

Attorney Henderson had no report.

3. City Engineer's Report

City Engineer Gade had no report.

4. City Staff Report

Public Works Director Joe McAreavy provided information to the Council on what other metro communities allow in regard to allowing chickens in the city limits. McAreavy stated that Des Moines allows for up to 25 chickens per family lot. Johnston allows up to two chickens per residential lot over 20,000 sq feet but allows you to petition the Board of Adjustment if you have a smaller lot.

Windsor Heights allows up to two chickens on a typical single lot. Altoona, Ankeny, Pleasant Hill, Urbandale and Waukee do not allow chickens within single-family zoned areas. Council Members Evans and Patterson asked about doing a survey to get feedback from the community regarding the request. City Administrator Brown will put a survey in the utility newsletter and in the Grimes Living Magazine.

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ATTEST:

Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

Thomas M. Armstrong, Mayor