

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 Tuesday, May 27, 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, May 27, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. at the Grimes City Hall. Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present: Patterson, Altringer, Evans, Blackford, 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.

Presentation from MidAmerican On Request For Renewal Of Franchise Agreement – Mark Reinders of MidAmerican

Mark Reinders, the Franchise Manager for MidAmerican, was present to address the Council. Reinders advised that if the Council wished to renew the 25 year agreement this would be the first step. Reinders stated that this agreement is to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate in the City of Grimes an electric system and communications facilities and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants. Mayor Armstrong advised to move forward with the next step on the renewal. Reinders advised that this would be to set a Public Hearing.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Minutes from May 13, 2014 Council Meeting B. Radish Alcohol License Class C , catering privilege with Sunday Sales C. Change Order 2 to Communication Technologies LLC for Hwy 44 Electric Relocation decreasing contract \$2,544.62 D. Engineer’s Statement of Completion for the Hwy 44 Electric Relocation by Communications Tech.E. Set Public Hearing for the City of Grimes 2013-2014 Budget Amendment for June 10, 2014 F. Baker Electric for installation of New Pole Light at Library - \$3,982.85 G. Central Pump & Motor in the amount of \$7,535 for a double railed guide system for the southeast Lift station H. Kester’s Wild Game Food in the amount of \$4,000 to purchase 10,000 reeds I. Developer’s Agreement payment to CCRC of Grimes LLC - \$121,727 J. Doctors Now – Fire Department Yearly Physicals - \$4,705 K. Resolution 05-2514 Weight Limit L. Claims dated May 25, 2014 -\$598,529.69

Feb 2014

	Beg Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	4,615,245.38	66,165.11	372,733.40	4,308,677.09
Special Revenue Fund	38,729.42	83,466.40	3,123.70	119,072.12
Debt Service Capital Improvements	3,980,204.72	19,529.56	0.00	3,999,734.28
Enterprise Fund	1,255,916.98	1,389,734.26	240,691.05	2,404,960.19
Total	4,563,325.58	274,788.85	612,783.86	4,225,330.57
	14,453,422.08	1,833,684.18	1,229,332.01	15,057,774.25

March-14

	Beg Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	4,308,677.09	237,893.39	502,397.45	4,044,173.03
Special Revenue Fund	119,072.12	119,677.00	2,699.93	236,049.19
Debt Service Capital Improvements	3,999,734.28	47,023.60	0.00	4,046,757.88
Enterprise Fund	2,404,960.19	4,801.00	102,322.52	2,307,438.67
Total	4,225,330.57	373,839.15	131,279.43	4,467,890.29
	15,057,774.25	783,234.14	738,699.33	15,102,309.06

April-14

	Beg Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	4,044,173.03	1,783,275.91	462,809.95	5,364,638.99
Special Revenue Fund	236,049.19	550,275.72	4,775.83	781,549.08
Debt Service Capital Improvements	4,046,757.88	600,730.21	0.00	4,647,488.09
Enterprise Fund	2,307,438.67	2,653.50	43,528.42	2,266,563.75
Total	4,467,890.29	321,782.83	183,035.01	4,606,638.11
	15,102,309.06	3,258,718.17	694,149.21	17,666,878.02

Moved by Bickford, Seconded by Altringer; the Consent Agenda shall be approved.
 Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passes: 5 to 0.

PEOPLESERVICE REPORT

Steve Robinette of PeopleService and Grimes Water and Wastewater was present. He advised that they recovered about 60% of the water we pumped into the ASR last winter. He advised that roughly 10 million gallons are left to recover. Robinette added that the plants have been operating about 12-13 hours daily. He stated that the wells have either maintained or gone up roughly 5%. Robinette stated that they would be doing sewer cleaning in the Capital City area.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS Council may consider and potentially act on the following

Public Agenda items.

A. Second Reading of Ordinance #630 Amending The Grimes Code Of Ordinances Chapter 136.08 Sidewalk Standards

Mayor Armstrong reminded the Council that this Ordinance would have final plats approved after July 1, 2014 to have sidewalk at least five (5) feet wide and four (4) inches thick, and each section shall be no more than five (5) feet in length, maximum cross slope is 2.0% with a target value of 1.5%)

Moved by Blackford, Seconded by Patterson; the Second Reading of Ordinance #630 Amending The Grimes Code Of Ordinance Chapter 136.08 Sidewalk Standards shall be approved.

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

Moved by Blackford, Seconded by Patterson; the Third Reading of Ordinance #630 shall be waived

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

Moved by Blackford, Seconded by Patterson; Ordinance #630 shall now be adopted.

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

B. Second Reading of Ordinance # 629 to Adopt the Official Grimes Zoning Map (*update zoning map*)

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans; the Second Reading of Ordinance #629 shall be approved.

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

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans; the Third Reading of Ordinance #629 shall be waived.

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

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans; Ordinance #629 shall now be adopted.

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

C. Second Reading of Ordinance #631 Rezone of Heritage Development from A-1 Agricultural, R-3 Multi Family Dwelling District, R-2 Single and 2 Family Dwelling District and C-2 General and Highway Service Commercial District to R-4 Planned Unit Development

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Blackford; the Second Reading of Ordinance # 631 shall be approved.

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

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Blackford; the Third Reading of Ordinance #632 shall be waived.

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

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Blackford; Ordinance #631 shall now be adopted.

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

D. Public Hearing on a Request from Metro Waste Authority to increase Curb It! Fee effective July 1, 2014 increasing \$0.04 to \$2.65 per household per month, 1.5% increase.

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 5:55 pm. There being no oral or written comments the Public Hearing was closed at 5:55 pm.

E. First Reading of Ordinance #632 Curb It! Fee effective July 1, 2014 increasing \$.04 to \$2.65 per Household, 1.5% increase.

Moved by Bickford, Seconded by Blackford; the First Reading of Ordinance #632 Curb It! Fee shall be approved.

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

F. Recommendation to Enter Into Negotiations To Contract Services For The Grimes Water and Wastewater Plants

Mayor Armstrong stated that this was a hard decision to make when you have a long term provider and a new provider.

Mayor Armstrong advised that a committee that was comprised of Steve Troyer and John Gade of Fox Engineering along with Economic Development Director Brian Buehe, Council Member Jill Altringer, City Administrator Kelley Brown and himself had reviewed RFP's for contract services for the Grimes Water and Wastewater Plants. Mayor Armstrong advised that the five year contract with People Service was up for renewal in July of this year. He stated that three proposals were received but it came down to two companies; People Service and US Water. Mayor Armstrong stated that after hours of review and interview process it was decided by the committee to enter into negotiations with US Water to contract services for a period of five years. He wanted to stress that they wanted US Water to do whatever was in their power to retain the existing employees who would like to transition to US Water and are eligible for rehire. Council Member Altringer stated that individually and collectively the committee had put many hours into this decision. She added that all members on the committee spend a lot of time reviewing the materials supplied by each company. She also thanked each of the companies who came in and interviewed with them and answered their questions. Council Member Altringer thanked PeopleService for the services that they had provided.

Council Member Altringer moved to enter into negotiations with US Water for the Grimes Water and Wastewater Plants. She added that every effort should be made to hire as many existing personnel as possible that fit with the company. The motion was seconded by Patterson.

Council Member Evans stated that she appreciated all the work the committee did on this issue but was disappointed that the Council was not included more. She stated that she felt the Council could have been better informed. Council Member Evans stated that it was not like we are buying a truck this is a major undertaking for the City. She added that this may be the best choice but felt she has not been informed enough to make a decision. Council Member Blackford asked for confirmation that he understood US Water would retain as many PeopleService employees as possible. Mayor Armstrong stated that was correct, every effort would be made to keep some of the institutional knowledge. Council Member Altringer added that during the interview process US Water was asked how they would proceed and they assured us that they would look to interview existing staff.

Roll Call: Ayes: Altringer, Patterson, Blackford, Bickford. Nays: Evans. Motion passes: 4 to 1.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jeff Peterson of 1117 NW Gabus Circle, Grimes, Iowa addressed the Council. Peterson addressed his concerns over having purchased a home in Grimes on a foreclosure. He had taken out a building permit for an accessory building and after having built it found that it was not allowed according to his covenant. Peterson stated he has lived in the home for two years and was never made aware there was a covenant in the area. He is just requesting that associations be required to file their covenant with the City so that homeowners can be made aware of those requirements.

Aaron Voss with US Water addressed the Council. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to participate in the RFQ process. He added that he felt it was a very open and fair process and thanked them for the due diligence that was done. Voss stated that they are excited to be here and that they will be able to bring a lot of technical resources. He added that one of the first things that they will do is a complete utility assessment and be on board with where they need to go with moving forward. Voss thanked the Council again and stated that they are excited to get started.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

A. Public Hearing for a Loan Contract for lease of two snow plows and a skid loader for a total financing amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 pm. There being no oral or written comment the Public Hearing was closed at 6:11 pm.

B. Resolution 05-2414 Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution Of A Loan Agreement Between The City Of Grimes And Charter Bank In An Amount Not To Exceed \$400,000 For The Purchase Of (2) New O'Halloran International Snow Plows And (1) Bobcat Skid Loader Moved by Blackford, Seconded by Evans; that Resolution 05-2414 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Loan Agreement Between the City of Grimes and Charter Bank in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the purchase of 2 new O-Halloran International Snow Plows and 1 Bobcat Skid Loader 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 wished to appoint Karrie Anderson, 411 SW Kennybrooke Drive, to the Board of Adjustments for a term that will expire on Jan 1, 2018

Moved by Altringer, Seconded by Blackford; Karrie Anderson shall be appointed to the Board of Adjustments for a term that will expire on Jan 1, 2018.

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

2. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Henderson stated that they would be meeting with representatives from Cutty's Campground regarding water concerns on Thursday.

3. City Engineer's Report

4. City Staff Report

5. Old Business

6. New Business

ADOURNMENT

Moved by Altringer, Seconded by Bickford; there being no further business, the meeting shall be adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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

ATTEST:

Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

Thomas M. Armstrong, Mayor

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