

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 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 Tues, November 25, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. at the Grimes City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.

Roll Call: Present: Bickford, Evans, Blackford. Absent: Altringer and Patterson

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Armstrong asked for approval of the agenda with the change that Ron Long's update on the MWA be moved to the beginning.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passes: 3 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from November 11, 2014 Meeting B. Alcohol License Renewal for Stevie C's Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales C. AECOM - \$8,151.56 (NW Transportation Corridor Feasibility Study) D. Koester Construction Company for the City Hall and Chamber Remodel - \$14,641.94 E. Polk County E911 Service Board – Chief Krohse as Primary Secondary Representative Dave Sigler F. Resolution 11-0114 Polk County Joint E911 Service board Adoption of National Interoperability Channels G. Grimes Chamber and Economic Development Oct-Nov contribution \$11,064 H. All Inclusive Rec – playground equipment for Water Works Park - \$12,518.5 I. Municipal Supply Inc. – meters - \$15,063.50 J. Set a Public Hearing and Action for December 9, 2014 for release of a surface water drainage that is no longer needed along 301 NE 4th Street property owned by Eldon Schlenker K. Set a Public Hearing and Action for December 9, 2014 Releasing 2010 Temporary Construction Easement, 1991 Temporary Construction Easement and 1992 Temporary Construction Easement L. Resolution 12-0214 Releasing Development Agreement Between Cramer Properties, LLC and the City Of Grimes, Iowa M. Pay Request 8 from Concrete Technologies for the SE 19th Street Improvements - \$175,684.74 N. TBB&M LLC for the Grimes Public Library Interior Renovation - \$31,540.95 O. Claims date November 25, 2014 in the amount \$766,765.63

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

Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passes: 3 to 0.

Metro Waste Authority Report – Board Representative from Grimes Ron Long

Ron Long summed up the activities at the MWA. First of all the transfer station just started construction with anticipated completion date being August of 2015. It is a \$12 Million project. Keep Iowa Beautiful is starting an initiative to make plastic bags illegal in Iowa. California has already passed this law. MWA has yet to take a position on this issue. Costs are increasing: Compost It! bags are increasing .05 and tipping fees at the landfill are increasing \$1.00 per ton for residential waste and \$2.00 per ton for commercial waste. The consistent good news is that Grimes is once again top on the list for the percentage of residents who recycle topping off at 89%!

Presentation on NW 70th Avenue/E 1 Street Improvements – Dave Cubit – Public Works Director City of Johnston.

Dave Cubit was in attendance presenting on the NW 70th/E 1st Street Project. Cubit high-lighted why the City of Johnston prefers round-a-bouts instead of signals at intersections like that at NW 107th and 70th Ave. First of all the angle of 107th makes it difficult for a person at that intersection to look back and determine if there is traffic. Johnston has seen a reduction in accidents by 51% because they reduce speed, reduce conflict points and the potential for accidents are rear end or side swipes which tend to be less severe than right angle or head-on accidents. Cubit noted that the amount of land and concrete needed for these intersections versus a signalized

intersection is relatively close and that the city doesn't have the cost of the signal; \$250K+ and ongoing maintenance costs. All in all, Johnston has been very pleased with the success of their round-a-bouts.

Presentation by Mayor of Perry – Jay Pattee as Member of the Metropolitan Advisory Council (MAC) – Summary of the Work of MAC

Mayor Pattee was in attendance updated the City Council on the MAC. Council Member Jill Altringer and Mayor Tom are the City of Grimes representatives; however, Council Member Altringer is the one who is always in attendance and serves on the MAC Executive Committee as well. The MAC's purpose is to improve the quality of life and economic viability of the Central Iowa region by providing a forum for governmental bodies to engage in dialogue and pursue common purposes and objectives which make the region stronger, more competitive and a better place to live. Some of the success of the MAC are: regionalization; (DART, Bravo) model ordinances; (vicious animal, bike ordinance) awareness of issues; (bed bugs, Emerald Ash Borer), legislative issues; (Local option sales tax, hotel/motel tax) and networking and communication between 21 cities and 3 counties.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Krohse was in attendance updating the City Council. In October there were 64 runs, 47 of which were EMS related. Last year in October there were 65 runs. Year to date there have been 742 runs compared to 662 at the same time last year. Chief explained a safety initiative we are starting this holiday season called KEEP THE WREATH RED. There will be a wreath hung at the fire department with all red bulbs. Every time there is a holiday-related fire one of the bulbs will be changed out to white. The idea is to increase awareness on holiday safety tips to prevent fires and keep the wreath red. Some of the examples of safety tips are:

- Consider an artificial tree; they are much safer.
- If buying a real tree, select only fresh trees that are deep green in color, have a strong scent of pine, and do not easily lose their needles.
- Keep holding stand for real trees full of water. Place trees away from heat sources and a safe distance from exits.
- Do not rely on chemical sprays to make a tree flame resistant.
- Buy and use lights approved by a national testing laboratory.
- Discard any lights that have frayed or worn cords, cracked sockets, broken or loose connections, bare wires, or operate intermittently.
- Never use indoor lights outdoors. Do not overload electrical outlets. Keep the use of extension cords to a minimum.
- Do not run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
- Unplug lights when you leaving home or before going to bed.
- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, like clothing, books and curtains.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Keep matches, lighters and candles out of children's reach.
- Burn only dry wood in the fireplace.
- Never burn Christmas wrapping paper in the fireplace. The paper burns too hot and too fast and could cause a fire in the chimney.

US Water Report

Aaron Voss from USW was in attendance updating the Council. Voss updated on operational issues but highlighted the differences in the water sources. The Jordan well is 2551 feet deep and is in a rock formation. The temperature of the water coming from the Jordan is 75 degrees. The Shallow wells are 58-60 feet deep. The Jordan well has more naturally occurring Fluoride, Ammonia, Manganese and Sulfides. Because of the depth of

the well and the formation it is in, it will have a more mineral taste to it than the Shallow Wells. The Shallow Wells are more susceptible to run-off from the farm fields; Nitrates, and more bacteria in general, and have a lot of Iron. The Shallow Wells also recharge faster. Last summer Aaron had reported that the Shallow Wells were 1 foot above the pump. They are now 15-16 feet above the pump. Both water sources are Lime-Softened and Chloramines are used for disinfection. Mayor Tom asked for clarification that although there are more natural minerals in the Jordan Water, there isn't anything that is above the limits of our permit or compromise the safety of the water. Voss responded that his comment is correct. The water is perfectly safe to drink. Council Member Evans also asked about the increase in disconnects this last month which was significantly higher than the previous month. Brown responded that there was an extra week of billing in the previous month which did make the bills higher than normal. Jeff Macke will research it further and get back to Evans with an analysis.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS

A. Public Hearing on the East 1st Street Improvement and ROW Acquisition From 925' east of SE Destination Drive to NW 107th Street. (City of Grimes and Johnston are experiencing growth north of East 1st and east of SE Destination Drive so expansion to East 1st Street/NW70th Avenue to provide improved access to this developing area is needed along with temporary construction easements and/or permanent right-of-way from landowners)

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 6:24 p.m. There being no oral nor written comments, he closed the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

B. Resolution 11-0214 Approving Work On East 1st Street (NW 70th Avenue) Improvements and Right Of Way Acquisition from 925' east of SE Destination Drive to NW 107th Street in Grimes and Johnston, Iowa

Moved by Bickford, seconded by Evans; Resolution 11-0214 shall now pass.
Roll Call. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion passes 3 to 0.

C. Second Reading Ordinance #637 Amending Chapter 156 Building Code by adding Chapter 156.02 2 (N) Fences

Moved by Evans, seconded by Bickford; the Second Reading of Ordinance #637 shall now pass.
Roll call. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion passes 3 to 0.

D. Request for Rezone from Hubbell Realty of 8.88 acres from C-2 to M-1A to refer onto Planning and Zoning for a Public Hearing and Action on December 2, 2014 and a Public Hearing and action by City Council on December 9, 2014 referred to as Grimes Business Park Plat 2 Outlot B (*Property is located between Gateway Drive and Highway 141 and proposes to construct warehouse building*)

Moved by Evans; seconded by Blackford; the request for rezone from Hubbell Realty and the setting of Public Hearings as indicated above shall now pass.
Roll call. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion passes 3 to 0.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one was attendance for the Public Forum.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

Mayors Report

Appointment of Kristin Williamson to serve the unexpired term of Lynh Patterson until Jan. 2019

Moved by Evans, seconded by Bickford; Kristin Williamson shall be appointed to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Lynh Patterson until January of 2019.

Roll call. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion passes 3 to 0.

Mayor Tom added that the City is still looking for Tree Board Members.

Mayor Tom and Brian Buethe also reported on the initiative to have Grimes qualify for the designation to be a Home Base Iowa Community. The City of Grimes already proudly employs 12 Veterans and it would be great if that same initiative could be carried out to our business community as a whole.

Brian Buethe, Director of Economic Development, has taken on the task of developing a committee to work towards this goal. The standards to become a Home Base Iowa Community are: 10% of businesses become Home Base Iowa Businesses, the community develops its own welcome/incentive package for veterans, City Council passes a resolution of support and proudly displays the Home Base Community designation!

City Attorney Report

City Attorney Henderson had nothing new to report.

City Engineer Report

Mitch Holtz was in attendance. SE 19th Street Construction update – It will be open to through traffic but not all of the paving will be completed this year. The four lanes on the Grimes side will be open with a transition to the northern two lanes as you travel east into Johnston.

City Staff Report

City Administrator Brown added to the Home Base Iowa discussion that the City proudly honored those Veterans who are employed with the City during Veterans Day.

Old Business - none

New Business – none

Moved by Bickford, Seconded by Evans; there being no further business, the meeting shall be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passes: 3 to 0.

ATTEST:

Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

Thomas M. Armstrong, Mayor