

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Grimes City Hall 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Grimes City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas M. Armstrong on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. at the Grimes City Hall.

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

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the February 24, 2011 B. GCC Batting Cage Carpet and Tiles- Asbestos Abatement by REW Services Corporation in the amount of \$3,628 C. Gym Wall Painting at the Grimes Community Complex bid to TT Specialties DBA Taylor Painting and Restoration in the amount of \$3,764.88 D. AmericInn of Grimes renewal of Special Class C Liquor License (BW) Beer/Wine E. New Liquor License Special Class C (BW) Beer/Wine for New Morning, 213 SE Main F. Pay Request #17 to Reilly Construction for the IA44 Improvement Project in the Amount of \$29,187.28 G.

Approval to Initiate Lease Proceedings for a Caterpillar Wheel Loader not to exceed \$114,000

H. Claims dated March 8, 2011 in the amount of \$275,949.19 I. Financial Reports for February 2011

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

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

Fire Chief Report

Chief Krohse had no reported that there were 45 calls for the month of February. He also advised that there had been a Code Red Activation and they were working out how notifications are made when an incident happens.

Council Member Tapper arrives at 5:36 pm.

Patrol Report

Deputy Shane Grego from the Polk County Sheriff's department was present to answer any questions from the Council. He advised that the patrol cars now have a sticker with the City of Grimes on them as requested.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION

A. Public Hearing for a Request from Grimes Land Co., LLC to Rezone a Part of Outlot "Z" James Pointe from R-3/C-1 to R2-60.

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 5:39 p.m. a request from Grimes Land Co., LLC to Rezone a Part of Outlot "Z" James Pointe from R-3/C-1 to R2-60.

Jesse Duff representing Cooper Crawford & Associates, 475 S 50th Street, West Des Moines, Iowa and Grimes Land Company was present to address the Council requesting a Rezone of a portion of James Pointe. He stated that currently the bottom half is R-3 and the north half is C-1. He advised that just a portion of the property is being requested to be rezoned. There being no oral or written communication, Mayor Armstrong closed the Public Hearing at 5:43 p.m.

Mitch Holtz of Fox Engineering advised that a portion of the property would remain R-3 and a portion C-1 which would create an island on the remaining piece of property R-3 which is owned by another property owner. Duff stated that the property owner had requested that if there were no objections to the first reading that the second and third reading be waived tonight. Mayor Armstrong advised that typically

the Council would wait until the next meeting and then approve the second reading and waive the third reading. Council Member Patterson requested that the remaining parcel be rezoned as soon as possible.

B. First Reading for Ordinance # 588 to Rezone a Part of Outlot "Z" James Pointe from R-3/C-1 to R2-60 request from Grimes Land Co. LLC

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans; the First Reading of Ordinance #588 to Rezone a Part of Outlot "Z" James Pointe from R-3/C-1 to R2-60 as requested by Grimes Land Co. LLC.; shall be approved.

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

No further action was taken.

C. Public Hearing and Approval of the for 2011-12 Budget

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m. for the approval of the 2011-12 Budget.

There being no oral or written communication, Mayor Armstrong closed the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m.

City Administrator Brown provided an overview of the Budget. She stated that the tax rate remains the same at \$12.91 and the taxable valuation increased by \$22 million dollars which equates to \$284,413 new tax revenue to the City of Grimes. City Administrator Brown stated that the assessor has advised that the 2011 valuations in Grimes will see a 3% decrease in residential and commercial valuations. City Administrator Brown went on to say that the gain we see this year will be a loss next year, not taking in to effect any new growth that may occur. She advised that an article would be in the Grimes Living Magazine for March that would explain more about the budget. She also encouraged anyone with questions to view the City's website or email her personally with any questions. Council Member Evans thanked City Administrator Brown for all her work on the budget. Council Member Patterson asked if we could look even earlier at the budget for next year. He stated that with all the budget cuts that are pending at this time they could impact the budget next year.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Tapper; the 2011-12 Budget; shall be approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: Patterson, Tapper, Evans, Shatava. Nays: Altringer. Motion passes: 4-1.

D. Preliminary Site Plan for James Pointe Plat 2

Jesse Duff representing Cooper Crawford & Associates and Grimes Land Co. LLC addressed the Council regarding the preliminary site plan for James Pointe Plat 2.

Duff stated that this is a 30 lot subdivision of which most of these are 65 feet wide. There would be construction of one major street. Mitch Holtz of Fox Engineering advised that Cooper Crawford on this subdivision would be providing 8 feet trails at both entrances to the site and that would go towards the elementary school. Holtz also stated that they had sewer available along with a 12 inch water main on both NW27th and James. He advised that they would still be working on the name of the street. Holtz called attention to the City Ordinance that states that under the R260 zoning that only a maximum of 25% of the lots can be at or greater than 65 feet in width per plat and this subdivision more than 25% of the lots are 65 feet wide or larger. Holtz advised that one of the options would be to have them reduced to 64.99 feet to meet the ordinance but wanted the Council to have input on the issue. Holtz stated that Planning and Zoning's recommendation was to waive the requirement. City Attorney Henderson advised that the requirement can not be waived under the ordinance.

Moved by Shatava, Seconded by Patterson; the preliminary site plan for James Pointe Plat 2 subject to the letter from Fox Engineering dated February 21, 2011 and reduce the lots widths to 64.99 so that no more than 25% would have lots of 65 feet wide or larger for the final plat approval: shall be approved.

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

E. Site Plan for New Addition to DC-G Middle School

Mayor Armstrong advised that no one was available to speak on behalf of the DC-G Middle School.

Moved by Evans, Seconded by Tapper; that the site plan for the new addition to the DC-G Middle School be postponed until the representatives are available to attend.

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

F. Board of Adjustment Appointments

Mayor Armstrong advised that he would be looking for someone to fill an open position on the Board of Adjustments Board.

G. Public Forum

No one was present to address the Council.

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Armstrong advised that he would be making an appointment to the Library Board as the next Council meeting.

2. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Henderson discussed the current bill that would roll back commercial property taxes and the possible impact on finances and jobs. Council Member Patterson stated that he had been made aware that the assessed value of commercial property may be cut which will impact the economy even more.

3. City Engineer's Report

Mitch Holtz of Fox Engineering had nothing new to report. Council Member Shatava asked for a list of what streets are going to have work done on them this year. Public Works Director Joe McAreavy advised that he would give him that information when it is available.

4. City Staff Report

City Administrator Brown advised that the City now has a Face Book page which will contain all types of City business.

Public Works Director Joe McAreavy advised the Council that two accidents have happened recently at the intersection of 37th Street and South James Street. Residents have asked to have this intersection looked at for any possible signaling. City Engineer's will review this intersection.

5. Old Business

Council Member Shatava asked about having a public meeting or getting information out to the public to discuss with the residents the work that has been done with regards to the flooding that occurred last spring. Council Member Tapper asked about having work shop how communication is disseminated when a Code Red is activated.

6. New Business

Council Member Shatava asked to have the gun laws reviewed for City properties.

Moved by Altringer, Seconded by Shatava; there being no further business, this meeting shall be adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

Thomas M. Armstrong, Mayor