

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Grimes City Hall 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Grimes City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Armstrong on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. at the Grimes City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Patterson, Shatava, Altringer, Evans Tapper

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Tapper; the agenda shall be approved with the removal of item J.; Plat Development Agreement, to discussion under Public Agenda Item F; Grimes Industrial Park Plat 3 Final Plat

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the February 28, 2012 B. Electronic Engineering Warning Siren Controller - \$4,440

C. Pay Request #3 to Keller Excavating for the Grimes Outfall Trunk Sewer and Drainage Channel Maintenance in the amount of \$268,638.71 D. Task Order No. 51 for Profession Services for Grimes Water & Wastewater Improvements – Preliminary Design \$86,100 E. Pay Application #2 to All Pro Electrical Technology for the Grimes Tennis Court and Volleyball Lighting - \$50,730 F. Central Iowa Regional Public Safety Communication System Radio Agreements G.CINTAS 2 Year Rental Service Agreement H. AmericInn Renewal Special Class C Liquor License (BW) Beer/Wine) with Sunday Sales I. Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-aid Agreement for a Non-Primary Highway Project

K. Claims – Dated March 13, 2012 in the amount of \$578,771.30.

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

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

Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Krohse was present to give a report for the month of February. He advised that there had been 54 calls with one structure fire which was at the Grimes Community Complex. He advised that he had just attended his first E911 Board meeting.

Patrol Report

Polk County Deputy Ballinger was present to give an update for the time frame of 2/14/12 through 3/13/12. He advised there were 310 calls for service during this time frame with 65 of them being traffic stops and 55 cases were made.

8. Update on Grimes Volunteer Support Services (GVSS) Jay Brewer

Jay Brewer of the Grimes Volunteer Support Services was present to update the Council on their 1 year of service to the community. Brewer stated that the GVSS matched people who need assistance with volunteers who can help them. He thanked the businesses and the City of Grimes

for their support of this service. Mayor Armstrong thanked Brewer and the other volunteers who provided needed services to the people of Grimes.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS Council may consider and potentially act on the following Public Agenda items.

A Public Hearing for the Amendment of Current City Budget for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Mayor Armstrong opened the public hearing on the amendment of the current City budget on the 5:50 pm. There being no oral or written communication, Mayor Armstrong closed the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m.

B. Action on the Amendment of Current City Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

Moved by Shatava, Seconded by Tapper; the amendment of the current city budget for fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 shall be approved.
Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passes: 5 to 0.

C. Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 at 5:52 pm.

Mayor Armstrong opened the public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2012 –June 30, 2013. There being no oral or written communication, Mayor Armstrong closed the Public Hearing at 5:52 p.m.

D. Action on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

City Administrator Brown advised that the new budget would include 3 new personnel for the new joint fire station in Johnston. She stated that it would also include money for a potential architect for the library. Brown advised that all other departments were on a zero balance increase with pending legislations unknown at this time. She stated that the tax rate is staying the same but it was notable that there was a property 4% valuation decrease in the City of Grimes, but the roll back had gone up. She stated that on a home worth \$200,000 taxes would go up about \$6 per year. Council Member Patterson stated that he was happy that we could come to this budget as other cities in the area are increasing their tax rates this year. She went on to say that for the City of Grimes to put together this budget, still be able to do projects and expand services while keeping the tax rate the same while people are strapped, was good.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans; the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013 shall be approved.

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

E. Grimes Industrial Park Plat 3 – Preliminary Plat

Jerry Oliver, of Civil Engineering Consultants, 2400 86th Street in Urbandale representing Scannell Properties addressed the Council. He stated that Scannell Properties is the developer of the 23 acre outlot that was previously platted as an outlot of Grimes Industrial Park Plat 1 zoned M-2. He advised that the purpose of the replatting is to get it into a buildable lot. He stated that the plat takes it into a street right of way which would be an extension of SW Brookside Drive as well as a right of way dedication on the north side for a future an extension of SE 28th Street. He

added that with the preliminary plat they were proposing that SW Brookside Drive would be extended 200 feet to the north to allow access into the property. He added that there would be a developer's agreement that would address the balance of the public improvements along Brookside Drive and the future SE 28th Street. Oliver advised that Planning and Zoning reviewed this preliminary plat at their last meeting and there was unanimous approval. John Gade of Fox Engineering advised the Council that he had reviewed the plat according to the City's comprehensive plan and all items have been addressed.

Moved by Tapper, Seconded by Evans; the Grimes Industrial Park Plat 3 – Preliminary Plat shall be approved.

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

F. Grimes Industrial Park Plat 3 – Final Plat

Jerry Oliver of Civil Engineering Consultants, 2400 86th Street in Urbandale addressed the Council. He advised this was the same plat that was just discussed. He stated that the developer along with City staff have been working toward a developers agreement which was similar to the property that is to the east of this plat. He added that the first developer's agreement addressed how the future streets would be paved. He advised that the final developer's agreement was not quite finished at this time but they have received approval of the final plat pending the developer's agreement from the Planning and Zoning Board. Oliver asked that this approval be postponed until the next meeting so that time could be given to complete the developer's agreement.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Shatava; the approval of the Grimes Industrial Park Plat 3 Final Plat and developers agreement shall be postponed until the March 27, 2012 City Council meeting.

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

G. Dogwoods Lodge – Site Plan

Clark Snyder of Simonson and Sons Architects, 1717 Ingersoll Avenue Des Moines along with the applicant Jessica Lohry, Dogwoods Lodge and Pooch Academy, Diane Jeffries Laad of Simonson and Associates Architects Keith Weggen of Civil Design Advantage 3405 SE Crossroads Drive Suite G, Grimes Iowa were present to ask for approval of the Dogwoods Lodge site plan. Clark stated that this a 2.1 acre site at 2960 SE Grimes Blvd. that would be the location for a high end day care training, grooming and boarding facility for dogs. Clark stated that this facility was going for a lodge like appearance in the design. Clark advised that the original plan was requesting a prefinished metal panel due to the use of this facility and the Planning and Zoning Board altered it to HardiePlank siding on the exterior of which they were in agreement with that decision. The exterior would now contain stone and Hardieplank siding. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Board also had approved an opaque material wood fence to screen the dogs from the public view. Clark stated that the exercise area would contain wood posts with chain link fencing. The Council discussed at length the use of HardiePlank siding and chain length fencing in Zone 1 in Grimes. Council Member Evans asked what the building requirements were in Zone 1 along Highway 141 corridor. City Engineer Gade advised that they had to be 100% brick, glass, stucco or decorative concrete. Clark provided samples of the HardiePlank they were wishing to use. Gade stated that there were questions as whether HardiePlank siding would meet the decorative concrete requirement even though it is a masonry product. City Attorney Henderson advised that when this code was written the intent was not to

have buildings in this area that have exteriors of metal or wood and the HardiePlank looks like wood. He stated that HardiePlank was not really used when this code was written. Council Member Evans asked if the reason for the code was for permanency or the look. City Attorney Henderson advised that it was for the look along this corridor when it was written. Clark addressed concerns over the fencing. He stated they had opaque fencing in front to shield the dogs from the front. Attorney Henderson stated from the code the requirement that the Planning and Zoning Commission must approve an alternative design before being brought to the City Council. Council Member Patterson stated that his one concern would be that if the HardiePlank was approved that future development in this area would most likely also request the use of HardiePlank. Clark did advise the HardiePlank does make a stucco product as an option that could be placed above the stone. The Council also reviewed the request for the fence materials around this building.

Moved by Tapper Seconded by Shatava; this request shall be referred back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a review of the materials for the exterior of building and the fencing. Council Member Tapper leaves the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Jessica Lohry; applicant for the property, addressed her requests for the fencing options. Gade suggested that maybe an opaque material could be used for the fencing that is the frontage to the building and chain length fencing to the back which would allow the owner to save money on the fencing and be able to put that towards the front of the building. Gade clarified that the face of the building would need to be some type of stone masonry type product and wrap it around to where the fencing starts and then the rest of the sides and back could be HardiePlank siding, Clark advised that the 8 foot opaque fencing with the roll top could go back to the building line on both sides. Mayor Armstrong advised that staff had discussed this with the Planning and Zoning Commission chair and they would be able to meet and make a recommendation to the Council for the March 27, 2012 meeting. Mayor Armstrong asked for a vote to the motion.

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

Public Forum

No one was present to address the Council.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

A_ AFSCME/Iowa Local 3673 representing the Bargaining Unit Employees of the City of Grimes Iowa tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement for 7/ 1/ 12 – 6/30/17

Mayor Armstrong provided an overview of the changes to the new tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement that would be the time frame of 7/1/12 through 6/30/17.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans; the AFSCME/Iowa Local 3673 representing the Bargaining Unit Employees of the City of Grimes Iowa tentative Collective Bargain Agreement for 7/1/12-6/30/17 with a change in page 45 from effect date through June 30, 2013 to 2017 shall be approved.

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

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Armstrong had nothing new to report.

2. City Attorney's Report

Attorney Henderson had nothing new to report

3. City Engineer's Report

City Engineer Gade advised that he would have information for further discussion on the storm water utility fee at the next meeting and on cost options for North Main Street.

4. City Staff Report

Council Member Shatava asked about a sign that was removed in a lot. Public Works Director McAreavy advised that if a sign is on public property and it refers to the property it is adjacent to we will move it to that property and take it off public right of way. If the sign is not on the property it refers to the sign is pulled and taken to the City shop and may be picked up by the owner of the sign.

5. Old Business

Participation in the Washington D.C. Partnership Trip.

Mayor Armstrong advised that these costs are considered in the budget. He stated that he along with the Council attended the partnership meeting last year. He said that we want to look at the best way to use federal legislations funds for lobbying and working. Mayor Armstrong stated that it has been looked at only sending two or three people to help reduce costs. Council Member Evans stated that she felt with all the Council Members and the Mayor going last year there was a bad perception about having everyone go. She stated that she would like to see with a fall or spring trip a plan as to how it would benefit the City. Council Member Evans stated that on the Partnership Trip the Mayor and three Council Members would go. If there was a fall trip send three people one which would be the Mayor. She felt it was not just the money but the perception. Mayor Armstrong reviewed the costs for sending fewer people. Mayor Armstrong reviewed some other options for funding the trip by having the participants pay part of the cost in order to allow for more to attend. Council Member Shatava agreed with having the Partnership Trip with having the Mayor and three council members. Council Member Evans added that she wanted to make sure they had a plan in place before going if a late spring or fall trip is planned. Council Members Altringer and Patterson agreed that they need a good game plan in place and it would be a good workshop item prior to attending.

6. New Business

Adjournment

Moved by Altringer, Seconded by Shatava; there being no further business, this meeting shall be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

Thomas M. Armstrong, Mayor