

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Grimes City Hall 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Grimes City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Armstrong on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Long, Grove, Patterson, Evans, Altringer

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Long, Seconded by Altringer; the Agenda shall be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the April 28, 2009, 2009 Council Meeting, Shive Hattery Proposal for Services for Grimes Community Complex Mechanical System Retrofit, Pay Request No. 6 to Sternquist Construction for Destination Driving Paving in the amount of \$12,524.98, Alcohol License for The Radish, Class C Liquor License, Catering Privilege, Sunday Sales, Alcohol License for Grimes Chamber & Economic Development Class B Beer Permit Funtastic Days. TAB, Alcohol License for Spirits and More, Class E Liquor License, Carry Out Beer and Wine, Sunday Sales, Resolution # 05-0109 setting a Public Hearing for May 26, 2009 for the Development Agreement and TIF rebate for the South 11th Signal Project., Grimes Comprehensive Plan Agreement, Purchase Order approval of LIFEPAK 1000 Defibrillator from Physio Control - \$2,612.84 Claims date May 12, 2009 in the amount of \$291,471.13.

Moved by Long, Seconded by Altringer; the consent agenda shall be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes 5-0.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Kroshe was called away and reported later in the meeting

PATROL REPORT

Deputy Johns from the Polk County Sheriff's Department was present to answer questions from the Council. The Council had no questions at this time.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTIONS

A. Approve Outdoor Alcohol License/Street Dance for Funtastic Days Celebration – Keagan's Korner Bar

The Council received a written request from Dennis Simmer owner of Keagan's Korner, requesting permission to conduct a yearly street dance on Friday, June 12th and Saturday June 13th during Funtastic Days. Simmer also requested to have a portion of Main Street blocked off during this event. Simmer's letter stated that the streets would be blocked off at approximately 6:00 p.m. on both days with the street dance starting at 8:00 p.m. ending at 12:00 a.m.

Moved by Grove Seconded by Patterson; this request shall be approved as two separate requests for each night, that the behavior of the vendors and the crowd would dictate the approval for the second night and that the music and street dance end at 11:00 p.m. and clean up be finished by 12:00 a.m.

Roll call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes 5-0.

B. Approve Site Plan and Plat of Survey Resubmittal for MEC Substation Property

Attorney Chris Pose representing Mid American Energy addressed the Council. Also present were Steve Haacke of Mid American Energy Substation Engineering, Marty Dostalík of CEC, Paige Norris and Jay Peterson of Mid American Energy Right of Way Department. Pose stated that the location of the substation would be ½ mile north of the interstate from Hwy 141/ Hwy 44 on ramp. Pose provided a map showing the plat of survey for the property and gave an overview of the need for a substation in the area to meet the continued growth needs of Grimes. Pose advised that the property would be landscaped, have a paved driveway leading up to it, along with an opaque screening pre-stamped to look like brick. Pose stated that recently the Council had approved an Ordinance allowing a five year time limit on site plan approvals. Pose stated that as part of the site plan approval being requested tonight, Mid American Energy would request the entire five years. Pose went on to state that this request is being made at this time as Mid American Energy continues to review the load growth and the development of this area and future needs. Pose stated that Mid American Energy feels that it is best to put substations out ahead of the developments. A sign would also be posted on the property by Mid American Energy stating that a substation would be built on this property so that any other development would be aware of the project. He also stated that this would be a very low traffic area in and out of the facility once the construction is completed. Pose advised that they had met before the Planning and Zoning Commission and had received approval from them on the five year time option along with the screening options. Pose presented three screening options for the Council's approval. After review of the three screening options the Council advised that they would approve either option one or two.

Moved, Long, Seconded by Patterson; the site plan presented, plat of survey along with the approval of the five year time frame and the color scheme of option one or two shall be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes 5-0.

C. Discussion regarding possible extension of NW 54th Avenue Project past Grimes Asphalt far west driveway

City Engineer John Gade stated that he had met several times with representatives from Grimes Asphalt regarding the upcoming paving project. Currently the ½ mile paving would stop in front of the Monarch Foundations and Grimes Asphalt properties. Grimes Asphalt is asking for consideration to moved the paving project back to their far west driveway. Gade provided several options to the Council ranging in cost from \$211,000 to \$26,000. Gade did state that the lower cost option would be a savings in the future as there would be less tear out when further improvements are made. Dan Manning representing Grimes Asphalt stated that they appreciated the review of all the options and at the minimum would be satisfied with the least costly option. Manning stated that with this option, when further improvements are made in the future, all three entrances to Grimes Asphalt would not be affected. Gade asked the Council for direction on this project.

Moved by Grove, Seconded by Patterson; the SE 37th Street (NW 54th Ave) paving project shall be extended to the middle drive of Grimes Asphalt, which would be the least expensive option, cause for less issues for Grimes Asphalt when phase 2 is done and have some cost savings to the City for Phase 2 shall be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion passes 5-0.

D. NW 54th Avenue Assessment Schedule

City Engineer, John Gade discussed the option of having a public assessment meeting to discuss the N.W. 54th Avenue Assessment Project. He advised that a notice could be sent out to all property owners who would be affected by this project along with a notice

placed in the newspaper. It was decided by the Council to move forward with the public assessment information meeting and hold it after the Council meeting on May 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

E. PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present to address the Council.

Fire Chief Kroshe returned to the meeting and provided a recent run report. He advised that he is continuing the interview process of seven candidates for the firefighter/paramedic position. Kroshe advised that he hoped to start the new employee on July 5, 2009

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS.

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Armstrong stated that Council Members Patterson and Altringer were signed up for the Washington DC trip along with himself. He advised that if anyone else on the Council was interested in attending they would need to schedule it quickly.

2. City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Tom Henderson had nothing new to report. Council Member Altringer asked about proceeding with an assessment of the City of Grimes and DART contract. Attorney Henderson stated that he had reviewed the contract and some possible options for exiting the contract. Attorney Henderson advised that this could be discussed at another meeting possibly in closed session. Council Member Altringer stated that she would like to see a plan laid out to better serve the citizens of Grimes. Council Member Altringer stated that the City was paying an additional \$50,000 but the residents were not receiving any additional services for this fee. Mayor Armstrong advised that it might be good to have Mayor Van Oort of Ankeny, who is the City's representative on the DART Board, at a workshop for further discussion. Mayor Armstrong suggested that Mayor Van Oort attend the workshop for the June 23, 2009 meeting and then have Attorney Henderson discuss the contract with the Council during the first meeting in July.

3. City Engineer's Report

City Engineer, John Gade stated that the South James Street Paving Project final plans are into the IDOT and he would expect to hear back from them soon with some revisions. He stated that they were on schedule for the July 21, 2009 bid date. Gade advised that some progress has been made on the right of way acquisitions. Three of the six easements have been acquired. Gade stated that by the end of the week they should know about the other three, but they were looking favorably. He advised that the IDOT has given them until June 1, 2009 to obtain all necessary easements for this project or the bid date would have to be moved. Gade also advised that a progress meeting would be held tomorrow on East 1st Street which is coming to a close. Gade stated that he had received a call today from Mid American Energy who are having some timing issues on mounting the transformer for the signal. Gade asked Mid American Energy what the cost per month would be to provide energy to these signals. Mid American Energy was unable to provide this information at this time. Gade asked the Council if they wanted to power

these lights up now, or wait until Wal-Mart is on site. Gade stated that there would be several issues with not powering up the lights at the end of the project. Gade stated that it would be something for the Council to think about and he would try to have monthly costs on the signal from Mid American Energy by the next meeting. Mayor Armstrong advised that he felt the Council needed that information in order to make a decision.

4. City Staff Report

City Administrator, Kelley Brown had nothing new to report.

5. Old Business

Council Member Patterson stated that he was happy to see the Comprehensive Plan moving forward and would be looking for input from citizens. Council Member Grove asked about the status of the grain bins, brick house, elevator and shed. Mayor Armstrong advised that the grain bins had been sold. Council Member Grove also asked for an update from time to time on the 1st Street/Hwy 44 Project and when changes would start to be seen.

6. New Business

Council Member Altringer reminded the Council that it was Bike To Work week and she asked that drivers use caution in light of the accident that happened earlier in the day. Council Member Long advised that he was seeing some substantial work being done on the house at 308 South Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Long, Seconded by Altringer; there being no further business, this meeting shall be adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

Tom Armstrong, Mayor