

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 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, April 8, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. at the Grimes City Hall. Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present: Patterson, Altringer, Bickford, Evans Absent: Blackford

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Armstrong asked for approval of the agenda.

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

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

Presentation from Jester Park Conservation Center on Vision IA CAT Grant – Kami Rankin Community Outreach Supervisor a. Request for a Letter of Support and Monetary Contribution towards a Vision IA CAT Grant - (*help to secure a Vision Iowa Grant*)

Kami Rankin the Polk County Conservation Community Outreach Supervisor was present to ask for a letter of support and a monetary contribution towards the new Jester Park Conservation Center. Rankin stated that the Jester Park Conservation Center will become a regional destination for outdoor enthusiasts and those wishing to learn more about conservation. She added it will serve as a major hub for top notch environmental education for people of all ages. Rankin stated that \$4.5 million dollars has been secured for this facility and approximately \$2 million still needs to be raised. She added that they hope to break ground this summer or fall. Rankin stated that a Vision IA CAT grant for this Center for around \$1 million dollars had been submitted. She stated that it was presented to the CAT Board a few weeks ago and received favorable comments and some suggestions. Rankin stated that one of the suggestions from the CAT Board was to solicit letters of support and small financial contributions from local city governments. She advised that she was requesting the letter of support and a contribution of \$5,000 from the City. City Council Member Altringer advised that she remembered the City giving a contribution to the Jester Park a few years ago towards a play scape that turned out very nicely. She added that she was proud that we were able to assist with that project and supported this project too.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans: to provide a letter of support and a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 towards the Jester Park Conservation Center shall be approved.

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

Proclamation Declaring the week of April 21-26 Affordable Housing Week-Polk County Housing Trust Fund – *information about the need for safe, stable and affordable housing*

Eric Burmeister the Executive Director of the Polk County Housing Trust Fund was present to request a Affordable Housing Week proclamation. He advised he was requesting a proclamation the week of April 21-26 that is dedicated to educating the community about the importance and value of safe, stable and affordable housing in the City of Grimes and throughout Polk County.

Moved by Evans, Seconded by Patterson; that the proclamation declaring the week of April 21-26 Affordable Housing Week shall be approved.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from meeting on March 25, 2014 B. Midwest Construction for Residing of Library - \$27,729 (*new siding on library*) C. Alcohol License Renewal for Gortz Haus Special Class C Liquor License D. INTERACTDEV, LLC for revisions to website - \$2,980 (*face lift to City website*) E. Iowa Dept of Transportation – \$3,882 (*cutting edges for big truck snow blade*) F. Municipal Supply Inc. –water meters, mxu’s \$26,240.40 (*meters for new construction*) G. Temporary Construction Easement, Public Utility Line Easement, Surface Water Flowage Easement and Storm Sewer Easement for Hunter Farms (*part of SE 19th Street Project*) H. Knox Company – knox boxes \$2,550 (*rapid entry system, hold building keys for EMS*) I. Ford F150 Truck from Ed Stivers Ford Lincoln Inc. \$18,956 state bid price (*public works equipment*) J. Meadowlark South Plat 5 Storm Water Management Facility Maintenance Covenant and Permanent Easement Agreement (*storm water maintenance agreement*) K. Caymus Park Holdings, LLC Site Plan Storm Water Management Facility Maintenance Covenant and Permanent Easement Agreement L. Accept the Settlement Agreement for Tobacco Citation from Krueger Enterprises M. Resolution 04-2014 Waiving The City of Grimes Right to Review the Plat of Paup Acres Plat 1 Within the Two Mile Unincorporated Area of Polk County (*the City has the right to review or waive the City’s right to review on plats with two miles of the unincorporated area of Polk County*) N. Municipal Supply Inc. -\$3,113.20 (*change out old water meters*) O. Sanitary Sewer Easement for Grossman Industrial Acres Subdivision and authorize payment for easements in the amount of \$15,400 – (*payment for easements as part of the Prairie Business Park Sanitary Sewer Project*) P. R/T Motors Inc - \$5,540 (*concrete trailer*) Q. Claims dated April 8, 2014 in the amount of \$306,385.43. Moved by Bickford, Seconded by Altringer; the Consent Agenda shall be approved. Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passes: 4 to 0.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Krohse was called away

PATROL REPORT

Deputy Ballinger from the Polk County Sheriff’s Department advised they were working through the Public Health and Safety Board to address some concerns regarding parking in Fire zones. Chief Schneider was also present. He advised they had put on a program at the Dallas Center Grimes Schools regarding texting and driving which had been well received. He added that they were continuing to work on the drug drop off box that would be provided at no cost to the City for a drop off for medications to be disposed of by residents.

Council Person Altringer stated that she wanted to thank everyone who had helped Karrie Anderson regarding the theft of her IPAD.

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

A. Public Hearing Amending The Grimes Zoning Ordinance Chapter 165B.01, 165B.02 and 165B.19 Under the Hwy 44 Mixed Use Development Corridor Overlay District

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 5:54 pm. There being no oral or written comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:54 pm.

B. First Reading on Ordinance 627 Amending The Grimes Zoning Ordinance Chapter 165B.01, 165B.02 and 165B.19 Under The Hwy 44 Mixed Use Development Corridor Overlay District.

City Engineer Gade reviewed the ordinance with the Council. He advised that this ordinance would rename Chapter 165B from the Highway 44 Mixed Use Development Corridor Overlay District to the Transportation Corridor Mixed Use Development Overlay Zoning District. He added that it would also add major transportation corridors as indicated on the zoning map, Gade also advised this ordinance would make some changes to the landscaping and screening along this area which would allow some

planting of trees, hedges, wall, earth berm, or other durable landscape barrier. He also advised that requirement set forth in the Chapter 165B could be waived by the City Council after consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans; that the First reading of Ordinance 627 amending the Grimes Zoning Ordinance Chapter 165B.01, 165B.02 and 165B.19 under the Hwy 44 Mixed Use Development Corridor Overlay District shall be approved.

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

C. Public Hearing Amending The Grimes Zoning Ordinance Chapter 165A.27 Under The Highway Mixed Use Development Corridor District

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 pm. City Engineer Gade advised that this would allow a waiver of requirement under the Highway 141 Mixed Use Development Corridor District by the City Council after consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission under Chapter 165A. There being no oral or written comments, the Hearing was closed at 6:05 pm.

D. First Reading on Ordinance 628 Amending The Grimes Zoning Ordinance Chapter 165A.27 Under The Highway 141 Mixed Use Development Corridor District

Moved by Bickford, Seconded by Evans; that the First Reading of Ordinance 628 amending the Grimes Zoning Ordinance Chapter 165A.27 under the Highway 141 Mixed Use development Corridor District shall be approved.

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

E. Public Hearing and Action on Resolution No. 04-2114 Vacating Public Utility Easement In Lot 28 of Bridge Creek Plat 1.

Mayor Armstrong opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm. There being no oral or written comments, the hearing was closed at 6:06 pm.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans; that Resolution No. 04-2114 Vacating Public Utility Easement in Lot 28 of Bridge Creek Plat 1 shall be approved.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Allison Buttencutter of 600 SE Meadowlark Drive and Tom and Ginny Midkiff of 204 NW 11th Street all spoke in favor of allowing chickens in the city limits.

Mr. Easter Bunny was in attendance to remind everyone of the Grimes Easter Eggstravaganza that will be held on Saturday, April 19th from 10:00 am to noon at the Grimes Community Complex, 410 SE Main Street.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

A. Continue Discussion on Request to Allow Chickens in City Limits

The Council continued discussion on a request to allow chickens in the city limits. Public Works Director Joe McAreavy reviewed with the Council ordinances in other metro areas in Des Moines. Council Members Evans asked that city staff put together the number of pros and cons that were received from the latest survey that was sent out.

COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Armstrong had no report.

2. City Attorney's Report

Attorney Henderson had no report.

3. City Engineer's Report

City Engineer Gade had no report.

4. City Staff Report

5. Old Business

6. New Business

7. Recess Open Session

Mayor Armstrong recessed open session at 6:24 pm

8. Reconvene Open Session

Mayor Armstrong reconvened open session at 6:30 pm.

9. Resolution 04-2214 providing for Closed Session ref 21.5 (1) (c) potential matters in litigation and 21.5(1) (j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Bickford; Resolution 04-2214 providing for closed session ref 21.5 1 (c) and 21.5 (1) (j) shall be approved.

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

10. Rise from Closed Session

Moved by Evans, Seconded by Patterson; to rise from closed session at 7:02 pm shall be approved.

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

11. Reconvene Open Session

Moved by Patterson, Seconded by Evans; to reconvene open session at 7:02 pm shall be approved.

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

12. Open Session – cont.

13. New Business – cont.

ADOURNMENT

Moved by Altringer, Seconded by Bickford; there being no further business, the meeting shall be adjourned at 7:07 pm.

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

ATTEST:

Rochelle Williams, City Clerk

Thomas M. Armstrong, Mayor