

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

March 15, 2010

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 15th day of March 2010 at 7:02 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Teresa Coons, Tom Kenyon, Gregg Palmer, Bill Pitts, Sam Susuras and Council President Bruce Hill. Councilmember Bonnie Beckstein was absent. Also present were City Manager Laurie Kadrich, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Hill called the meeting to order. Councilmember Susuras led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an Invocation by Pastor Richard Bishop, Clifton Bible Church.

Proclamations/Recognitions

Proclaiming March 26, 2010 as "Hilltop Community Resources Day" in the City of Grand Junction recognizing Hilltop's 60th Anniversary

Council Comments

There were none.

Citizen Comments

Lisa Binse, 428 29 Road, and John Ray, 420 29 Road, addressed the City Council to thank them for their part in having the "body farm" relocated.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Palmer read the Consent Calendar and then moved to approve items #1 through #4. Councilmember Susuras seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Action: Approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2010 Special Session and the Minutes of the March 1, 2010 and the March 3, 2010 Regular Meetings

2. **Setting a Hearing on the Adoption of the Zoning and Development Code** [File # TAC-2010-020]

Proposed ordinance to repeal the 2000 Zoning and Development Code, certain sections of the Transportation Engineering Design Standards Manual and adoption of the 2010 Zoning and Development Code.

Proposed Ordinance Repealing the 2000 Zoning and Development Code, Repealing Certain Sections of the Transportation Engineering Design Standards Manual, and Adopting the 2010 Zoning and Development Code

Action: Introduction of a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Public Hearing for April 5, 2010

3. **Setting a Hearing on the Zoning the KD Annexation, Located at 823 22 Road** [File # ANX-2010-006]

A request to zone the 10.12 acre KD Annexation, consisting of one parcel located at 823 22 Road, to an I-1 (Light Industrial) zone district.

Proposed Ordinance Zoning the KD Annexation to I-1 (Light Industrial), Located at 823 22 Road

Action: Introduction of a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Public Hearing for April 5, 2010

4. **Appointments and Assignments of City Council Members to Represent the City on Various Boards, Committees, Commissions and Organizations Vacated by Linda Romer Todd**

Councilmember Linda Romer Todd represented the City Council on the Colorado Water Congress and the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority board. Due to her resignation, her position on those boards must be filled. Council may select from its members the person(s) to fill those vacancies. Ms. Todd also served on the Legislative Committee (a subcommittee of the City Council).

Resolution No. 14-10—A Resolution Amending Certain Appointments and Assignments of City Council Members to Represent the City on Various Boards, Committees, Commissions and Organizations

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 14-10

ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**Construction Contract for the D Road Bridge Replacement**

This request is for the construction contract award for the replacement of the D Road Bridge over the No Thoroughfare Wash. The current two-lane bridge is classified as “Structurally Obsolete” by the State of Colorado. While the current bridge itself is still structurally sound, the narrow design of the current bridge creates safety hazards for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians when using the bridge at the same time. In addition, the current 20-foot bridge span was not designed to effectively pass the runoff produced in the No Thoroughfare Wash during a 100-year rainfall event.

Tim Moore, Public Works and Planning Director, presented this item. Mr. Moore advised that the bridge has been deemed structurally obsolete due to its narrowness; there is no pedestrian or bicycle lane. This project meets the goals of the Comprehensive Plan as it helps with the development of a well-balanced transportation system as well as improving the visual appeal in the area. Mr. Moore identified the location of the bridge via a map of the area.

Public Works and Planning Director Moore described the bids received and recommended the award of the contract be to the low bidder, Martinez Western Constructors.

Councilmember Palmer asked why the City is managing the project when the County is funding the project. Mr. Moore answered that this has been in the County CIP for years, however when the City was looking at doing the Monument Road bridge, the County had asked if the City could also do the D Road bridge with the County paying for it because pricing would be better doing two bridges in the same area. Because of the detour route being rough and it didn’t look like it would pass the 100 year event through No Thoroughfare Wash, a redesign had to be done which the County said they would pay for. It has been annexed into the City since then, but it was originally in the County CIP.

Councilmember Coons asked how long the construction will take. Mr. Moore said it will take most of the summer to complete the construction.

Councilmember Coons asked if the low bidder has an office in Grand Junction as well as in Rifle. Mr. Moore deferred the question to Jay Valentine, Assistant Financial Operations and Purchasing Manager.

Jay Valentine, Assistant Financial Operations Manager, said he did visit the local office to verify there is a local office. There are two brothers who own the company and one

is in Rifle and one is in Grand Junction. That is why the company is identified as Rifle/Grand Junction.

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize the purchasing division to enter into a contract with Martinez Western Constructors, Inc. of Rifle, Colorado for the construction of the D Road Bridge over No Thoroughfare Wash in the amount of \$582,850.57. Councilmember Kenyon seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Construction Contract for a Recycle Center Processor Building

This approval request is for the contract award for the Construction of a Recycle Center Processor Building to be located at the Municipal Services Campus site. Currently GJ CRI has sufficient storage and equipment to collect, process, store and ship 3.5 million pounds of recyclable commodity per year. The proposal is to expand the current GJ CRI operation to 9 million pounds per year to meet the growing demands of customers and maintain the well established relationships with trucking firms and domestic markets and mills.

Greg Trainor, Utilities, Streets Systems, and Facilities Director, introduced this item. He noted that Deputy Director Terry Franklin as well as Solid Waste and Streets Manager Darren Starr were present. Mr. Trainor reviewed the history of the recycling program that was started twenty years ago. He provided statistics about the growth of the number of customers and the number of pounds recycled, which meant those materials did not go to the landfill. This proposal will increase the capacity from 3.4 million pounds to 9 million pounds a year. The program is popular and well-received. There has only been one rate increase in twenty years.

Councilmember Susuras asked how far into the future the 9 million pound increase will take the City. Darren Starr, Solid Waste and Streets Manager, said it will take the City at least ten years into the future. The main reason for the increase in capacity is to open the program up to larger generators like St. Mary's Hospital and Community Hospital which have been turned away in the past.

Councilmember Pitts asked if the baler that was purchased recently would be housed in this building. Mr. Starr explained that they will actually have two balers and they will both work in the new building, one on each side for different materials.

Councilmember Susuras asked if the project is grant funded. Mr. Starr said yes and the whole operation is funded by the solid waste fund, there are no general fund dollars in this program.

Councilmember Palmer asked who owns the building, the City or the Foss's. Mr. Starr said the building and all the equipment is owned by the City, the trucks, and the trailers are owned by CRI (the Foss's).

Councilmember Coons asked how they predict the commodities market will handle the increase in quantity. Mr. Starr explained how in the past they were able to hold back material in order to get the best price. The other advantage to this operation is that the materials are "clean", that is, it is not mixed in with garbage and therefore better received by the companies who use these recycled materials.

Councilmember Coons commented on people questioning why the City doesn't take the #5 and #6 plastics. In her conversation with Mrs. Foss, she had explained that the only market for those materials is overseas and that is why they have chosen not to accept those plastics. Mr. Starr said they have other markets for different commodities that other recyclers, don't such as glass.

Councilmember Palmer asked if this is a "not-for-profit" (enterprise) or if this is a "for profit". Mr. Starr explained that the company does not make a profit, the employees are paid for out of the operation and those salaries are budgeted. Councilmember Palmer asked if the City has operational control or oversight over them. Mr. Starr said the contract with the City is for just residential customers. Their commercial activity is their own. Councilmember Palmer confirmed that this baler will help CRI on their commercial side. Mr. Starr said it could but it will also benefit the City.

Councilmember Coons moved to authorize the purchasing division to enter into a contract with Vostatek Construction, Inc. for the construction of a Recycle Center Processor Building in the amount of \$153,923. Councilmember Susuras seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmembers Kenyon and Palmer voting NO.

Contract for Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant UV Disinfection Design Services

This approval request is the contract award for the design of an Ultra Violet (UV) Disinfection System at the Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Based on previous process improvement evaluation studies at the WWTP, Staff has identified the need to move from final treatment of the waste stream using chlorine gas to an ultraviolet disinfection system to improve operation safety at the WWTP. This change will eliminate handling and storage of chlorine and sulfur dioxide gases and provide a system that is more reliable and will serve the WWTP well into the future.

Tim Moore, Public Works and Planning Director, introduced this item and recognized other staffers present that could lend more details. Mr. Moore spoke to the risk

elimination with this UV system. UV disinfection is the industry standard. The proposal does meet Comprehensive Plan Goal 11 which improves public services to the citizens and improves the provision of services.

Councilmember Kenyon asked if there is an estimate for the actual construction. Mr. Moore responded \$600,000.

Councilmember Susuras asked about only opening the top rated bid. Mr. Moore deferred to Jay Valentine, Assistant Financial Operations and Purchasing Manager.

Jay Valentine, Assistant Financial Operations Manager, explained that this solicitation was based more on qualifications than on price but a price ceiling was identified. After the interview and presentations, the list was narrowed down to three. Then they narrowed it down to one. The bid was opened and the price was higher than what the City was willing to pay so the price was negotiated from there.

Councilmember Susuras asked if there are any grants for this project. Mr. Valentine said it is paid for by the Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant enterprise fund, no general fund monies.

Councilmember Palmer asked for more detail on the selection process. Mr. Valentine explained the expectations of the firms to be selected and the special nuances of the project.

Councilmember Susuras asked for confirmation that if all the bids had been opened, the price would not have been able to be negotiated. Mr. Valentine confirmed that it would be more difficult if all the bids had been opened.

Councilmember Coons explained a similar situation in the grant process. Ratings are done on a point system. Mr. Valentine concurred adding that it is not uncommon to approach this process in that manner.

Council President Hill said it is frequently used in the design phase. City Manager Kadrach added that it also is the method used for professional services contracts.

Councilmember Susuras asked how the additional of UV lights addressed future capacity.

Bret Guillory, Utilities Engineer, explained how the use of chlorine will be restricted in the future when using UV disinfection, the various wavelengths of the lights kill certain bacteria. Another "drain" with another bank of lights would expand the capacity.

Councilmember Kenyon advised that this is a proven method. He then addressed the selection process through standards, getting the best for the price is what the State does when hiring design consultants. If this is the best fit, he is satisfied.

Councilmember Palmer said he is comfortable with it after the explanation.

Councilmember Kenyon moved to authorize the Purchasing Division to enter into a contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the design of the Persigo WWTP UV Disinfection System in the amount of \$145,600. Councilmember Susuras seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk