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DATE : August 5, 2008
TIME STARTED : 7:05 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 8:56 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Fogelson, Hinseth, Linner, Levitz,
and Mayor Carr
MEMBERS ABSENT : None

Staff members present: City Attorney, Nick Vivian; City Planner, Sherri Buss; City Treasurer, Bob Mikkelsen; and City Clerk, Kim Points

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carr called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SETTING THE AGENDA

Item 9D, Mileage Reimbursement, was added to the agenda.

Item 4F, Resolution No. 2008-14, Axdahl Subdivision Approval, was moved to Item 8B under New Business.

Council Member Hinseth moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Levitz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

July 1, 2008, City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
Bill List, \$68,426.38	Approved
Washington County Assessment Fee, \$25,076.75	Approved
First State Bank & Trust, Equipment Bond, \$45,344.57	Approved
2008 Election Judges	Approved

Council Member Hinseth moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Council Member Fogelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Joyce Welander, 83rd Street, came forward and announced the Grant 4-H Club received the Grand Champion Award for the Community Pride Project at the Grant Town Hall Park for the second year in a row. She outlined the projects and acknowledged the Grant businesses that contributed to the project.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC COMPLEX CONCEPT REVIEW

Mr. Herb Gibson provided an overview of a concept plan for the privately funded construction and maintenance of the Zephyr Athletic Complex, a complete multipurpose athletic facility. He commented on each phase of the facility noting it is anticipated Phase 1 would begin in 2009.

The Council commented on the proposed plan noting the impact on neighbors, buffers and traffic could be an issue. Mayor Carr also indicated there was a fee paid by the City for the previous athletic field and screening was not properly constructed. Those outstanding issues need to be looked into.

City Planner Buss advised a conditional use permit would be required. One issue could involve the height of the structures and a variance may also be required. Other issues could include parking, lighting and setbacks from wetlands. She suggested the group move forward with a wetland delineation and look into requirements regarding an environmental review.

City Attorney Vivian added the City's priority is the neighbors and staff is willing to work through all the issues with the applicants.

STAFF REPORTS

July 2008, City of Grant Police Report, Deputy Breana Fry - The July 2008 Police Report was provided to be placed on file for review at City Hall. Deputy Fry noted there have been some vehicles broken into along the Gateway Trail and advised residents not to keep valuables in their cars.

City Engineer, Diane Hankee – The Engineer's report for July 2008 was provided to be placed on file for review.

Road Commissioner Hinseth added that the 2008 Sealcoating project was completed yesterday.

City Planner, Sherri Buss – A report was provided in the Council packet for July 2008 City planning activities, to be placed on file for review.

City Planner Buss advised the revised Comprehensive Plan has been completed and sent out to neighboring communities for comment. She added the City does have a signed Certificate of Compliance (COC) from Ms. Marotz. The Building Inspector is currently monitoring the conditions of the COC. She requested Council direction regarding revoking the COC.

City Attorney Vivian advised the Building Inspector has the authority to proceed with legal action for non-compliance. He will determine when the legal action should be initiated.

1 Council Member Linner noted the Comprehensive Plan will be available on the website soon.

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3 **City Attorney, Nick Vivian** – City Attorney Vivian provided a report for July 2008 to be placed on
4 file for review. He reviewed and noted the status of the City's enforcement current issues.

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6 **Building Inspector, Jack Kramer** – A report was from Building Inspector Kramer was provided for
7 July 2008 to be placed on file for review.

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9 **OLD BUSINESS**

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11 **Park Nursery/Hedberg Update, Nick Vivian** – City Attorney Vivian advised Dave Snyder is
12 dealing with this issue. Mr. Hedberg has agreed to apply for an amended CUP or a text amendment.
13 Investigative work should be done on the site. He requested a Council Member volunteer to work
14 with Mr. Hedberg.

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16 Council Member Hinseth advised he would work with Mr. Hedberg on site.

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18 **Resolution No. 2008-14, Axdahl Subdivision Approval, Nick Vivian** – City Attorney Vivian
19 reviewed some minor changes to the draft resolution on page 4 and 5.

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21 **Council Member Fogelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2008-14, as amended. Council**
22 **Member Hinseth seconded the motion.**

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24 Council Member Hinseth clarified with the City Attorney that the Developers Agreement and final
25 plat would be approved by the City Council. The Developers Agreement would include the
26 stipulation that escrow money for road maintenance would be refreshed if necessary.

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28 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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30 **NEW BUSINESS**

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32 **Insurance Question Regarding Additional Coverage for Volunteers** – Mayor Carr stated the City
33 has a lot of volunteers that do things within the City. He read a handout regarding available insurance
34 coverage for volunteers at a minimal cost.

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36 Council Member Fogelson agreed the City should have insurance to cover volunteers. He stated he
37 also believes that the City Council and Planning Commission Members should have coverage. He
38 indicated he looked into that type of coverage and the City can cover those individuals at a minimal
39 cost also.

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41 **Council Member Hinseth moved to immediately put in force the additional insurance for City**
42 **volunteers. Council Member Linner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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44 Council Member Fogelson read a draft resolution to add insurance for elected officials and appointed
45 officials within the City.

1 **Council Member Fogelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2008-16, Insurance Coverage for**
2 **Council members, Planning Commission Members and appointed officials. Council Member**
3 **Hinseth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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5 **Charitable Gambling Ordinance No. 2008-05, Nick Vivian** – City Attorney Vivian advised the
6 City does not currently have a charitable gambling ordinance. He reviewed a proposed ordinance
7 noting it could possibly generate some revenue for the City.

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9 The Council suggested adding some clarifying language to the ordinance that outlines the Council
10 can deny gambling permits within the City.

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12 **Council Member Linner moved to table Ordinance No. 2008-05. Council Member Levitz**
13 **seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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15 **Charitable Gambling at Windy Acres, Resolution No. 2008-15, Nick Vivian** – City Attorney
16 Vivian outlined the resolution noting it is specific to charitable gambling at Windy Acres.

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18 **Council Member Linner moved to table Resolution No. 2008-15. Council Member Fogelson**
19 **seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Fogelson abstaining.**

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21 **Mileage Reimbursement, Brad Hinseth** – Council Member Hinseth advised the mileage
22 reimbursement rate was increased to 58.5 cents per mile on July 1, 2008.

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24 **Council Member Hinseth moved to adopt the new mileage rate of 58.5 cents per mile**
25 **retroactive to July 1, 2008. Council Member Linner seconded the motion. Motion carried**
26 **unanimously.**

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28 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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30 **City Council Reports:**

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32 Road Commissioner Hinseth advised additional dust control is scheduled for August 20, weather
33 permitting.

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35 Road Commissioner Hinseth referred to a letter from the City of Hugo relating to Goodview Avenue.
36 He stated he would look into alternatives and options and noted he is disappointed that Hugo has
37 decided to terminate a very fair road maintenance joint powers agreement.

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39 Council Member Levitz excused herself from the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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41 Road Commissioner Hinseth stated Washington County has been very helpful in terms of the
42 Manning Avenue project and have offered the City a lot of assistance working through the issues on
43 that project relative to the City of Grant.

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45 **CLOSED MEETING, OAKLEIGH DOCK ASSOCIATION, NICK VIVIAN**

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1 **Council Member Linner moved to go into a closed meeting at 8:25 p.m. Council Member**
2 **Hinseth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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4 The purpose of the closed meeting was to discuss possible litigation with City Attorney Vivian
5 relating to the City owned lakeshore frontage.

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7 **Council Member Hinseth moved to adjourn the closed meeting at 8:55 p.m. Council Member**
8 **Linner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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10 The Council directed the City Attorney to move forward with the litigation issues as discussed within
11 the closed meeting.

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13 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 6 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008:**

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15 **Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, August 18, 2008, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.**

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17 **ADJOURN**

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19 **There being no further business, Council Member Linner moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.**
20 **Council Member Fogelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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23 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting, September 2, 2008.

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Kim Points, City Clerk

Tom Carr, Mayor

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