

City of Granger  
Special City Council Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2020

The Granger City Council met via an electronic meeting on May 28, 2020, at 7 p.m. due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynold's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, which among other matters, ordered the prohibition of community gatherings of ten or more people at all locations. The Governor's supplemental Proclamation of May 26, 2020, extended the restrictions to June 1, 2020. Therefore, in-person meetings of the City Council are impossible or impractical as contemplated by Iowa Code Section 21.4(1)(b).

Mayor James opened the public hearing on changing the zoning classification Parcel C being a part of the Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ and part of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ all in Section 1, Township 80 North, Range 26 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Granger, Dallas County, Iowa, as shown on Plat of Survey Recorded in Book 2002, Page 767 of the Dallas County Records from A-1 to create P.U.D. Landing at Oxley Creek West Planned Unit Development at 7 p.m. With no written or oral comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor James opened the public hearing on the amendment of Ironwood Estates Conservancy PUD to allow Lots 1 through 4 to be developed as four single-family residential lots or six townhomes. With no written or oral comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor James opened the electronic Special City Council meeting at 7:02 p.m. Council members on the call/Zoom meeting were Backous, Bermel, Brandt, and Schutt. Saak was not present.

Backous made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Schutt. All Ayes.

Action to approve the request from Don Tuel at 2004 Cherry Street to add fill to his streetside ditch was approved by Schutt, seconded by Brandt. All Ayes.

Action on Ordinance No. 388 – on amending Section 167.16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Granger, Iowa, to allow Lots 1 through 4 to be developed as four single-family residential lots or six townhomes, the first reading was approved by Backous, seconded by Schutt. All Ayes. Backous made the motion to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Schutt. All Ayes.

Action on Ordinance No. 389 – amending the official zoning map and Chapter 167 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Granger, Iowa, as amended by adding Section 167.17 – Landing at Oxley Creek West Planned Unit Development, first reading, was approved by Brandt, seconded by Schutt. All Ayes.

At the May 13, 2020, City Council meeting, the City Council voted to move forward with the phosphate inhibitor addition to control the corrosion potential in the water distribution system. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources requires the City to obtain a construction permit for any chemical addition. The Iowa DNR also charges a construction permit application fee of \$100 as a minimum for any project. Schutt made a motion to approve the construction permit and payment of the application fee of \$100, seconded by Bermel. All Ayes.

The City Council would like Jennifer to get two additional quotes for the replacement of the Community Center window. The discussion and possible action to approve purchase will be added to the June City Council meeting.

The City Council was in favor of increasing the credit card limits to \$1,000 for the Fire and EMS departments. City Attorney, Ben Rouse will revise Resolution 2015-2 and include at the June City Council meeting for approval.

Action on Ordinance No. 390 – amending water rates effective August 1, 2020, first reading, was approved by Brandt, seconded by Schutt. 3 Ayes, 1 Naye.

Discussion on Ordinance No. 391 – amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Granger, Iowa, as amended, by adding a Chapter pertaining to Urban Chickens. One change to the Ordinance under the issuance of permit is to

remove City Clerk and add Public Works Director as the Permitting Officer. This Ordinance and Resolution for the discussion of the permit fee will be added to the June City Council meeting for approval.

Action on Resolution 2020-13 – amendments to the Personnel Policy Handbook Manual was approved by Schutt, seconded by Backous. All Ayes.

Mayor James and the City Council decided to wait to reopen City Hall until July 1<sup>st</sup> to allow time to install the necessary safety equipment and signage for our City employees and residents. The decision was also made to open the playgrounds at Centennial Park and Community Center along with the restrooms as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be signage by the playgrounds to let the community know that the equipment is not sanitized and that you should play at your own risk. Mayor James and Ben Rouse have talked with Travis Squires are financial advisor and he is going to reach out to some local lenders to get terms on applying for a bond anticipation note for three years in the amount of \$550,000 to cover the water filters and engineering fees and then after the three years, look into bonding it with a bigger note for future projects. Money should be available as early as August.

The electronic meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Tony L. James, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kristy Trzeciak, City Clerk