



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Council Session

## Item I-4

**#2016-15 - Consideration of Approving Legal Services for Problem Resolution Team**

Staff Contact: Craig Lewis

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Craig A. Lewis, Building Department Director

**Meeting:** January 12, 2016

**Subject:** Resolution to Approve Legal Services to Obtain Court Order for Abatement of Public Nuisance at 220 S. Vine Street

**Presenter(s):** Craig Lewis, Building Department Director

## Background

The Grand Island City Building Department issued a request for proposal for legal services to obtain a court order to abate a public nuisance at specified private property on November 12, 2015; one proposal was received on December 1, 2015. The proposal was reviewed and is in conformance with departmental needs.

## Discussion

The Building Department along with the City Problem Resolution Team have been working on several properties in the past that have progressed to a point that abatement is desirable and the next step in the process is to acquire a court order allowing the City to enter onto the private property and abate the defined public nuisance. This step requires legal action to obtain a court order and this resolution allows for outside legal services to obtain the desired court order and facilitate abatement.

Neuhaus Law Office of Grand Island, Nebraska submitted the proposal for the identified property at 220 S. Vine Street with a not-to-exceed \$4,500.00 limit.

## Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the proposed resolution.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the resolution as submitted.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
FOR  
LEGAL SERVICES – BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**RFP DUE DATE:** December 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.  
**DEPARTMENT:** Building  
**PUBLICATION DATE:** November 12, 2015  
**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 24

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED**

**Neuhaus Law Office**  
Grand Island, NE

cc: Craig Lewis, Building Department Director  
Marlan Ferguson, City Administrator  
Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

Karla Collinson, Building Secretary  
William Clingman, Interim Finance Director

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RESOLUTION 2016-15

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island published a request for proposal for legal services to obtain a court order to allow the City of Grand Island to abate a public nuisance on specified private property within the jurisdictional area, and

WHEREAS, one proposal was received and evaluated, and

WHEREAS, the City has determined the most beneficial proposal for legal services was submitted by Neuhaus Law Office of Grand Island Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the proposal with Neuhaus Law Office in the amount of \$250.00 per hour for Attorney time, \$75.00 per hour for paralegal time, billed in .1 hour increments, with a not to exceed total of \$4,500.00 for legal service to obtain a court order allowing the City to enter onto private property at 220 S. Vine Street, legal description of Lot 1, Block 3 Koehler Place and abate the identified public nuisance and charge the cost thereof against the real estate and owner of record.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 12, 2016.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
January 8, 2016	☒ City Attorney