



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

Council Session

Item I-4

#2016-183 - Consideration of Approving Resolution Establishing Plan for 911/EOC Facility Construction

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Jon Rosenlund, Emergency Management Director
Meeting: July 26, 2016
Subject: Emergency Management/911 Facility
Presenter(s): Jon Rosenlund, Emergency Management Director

Background

The City Council requested the Emergency Management Interlocal Committee to reconvene and make a recommendation for a new facility and a method of payment for that facility. It is recommended by the Interlocal Committee to construct a primary 911/Emergency Operation Center facility at the Fire Station #1 location. The facility would be owned by the City of Grand Island and operated by the Emergency Management Department. Cost of the structure is estimated to be \$3.1 million.

Discussion

In May, the Emergency Management Department was instructed to reconvene the Emergency Management Interlocal Committee and obtain a single recommendation for the type of emergency management/911 communications facility and propose a method of paying for that facility. The proposed full-scale facility located at the Fire Station #1 is estimated to cost approximately \$3.1 million.

At that meeting, the Interlocal Committee recommended that a full-scale center for both the 911 Center and the Emergency Operations Center be constructed at Fire Station #1. It was the general consensus of the Interlocal Committee members that, after considering the costs of construction for the alternate and full-scale facilities, the most responsible use of public funds would be to construct the full scale center for 24 hour use. This facility will also provide a training location for the Fire Department as it will be directly adjacent to the developing training center at Station #1.

This 911/EOC facility would be purchased and owned solely by the City of Grand Island and construction and payment of the construction bond would not pass through the Emergency Management Department, excluding the facility from the Interlocal Agreement. Members of the County Board assigned to the Interlocal Committee have expressed their desire that the building be owned solely by the City of Grand Island and these Board members also understand that any expenses made by the Emergency

Management Department to operate and maintain the building in the future will fall under the conditions of the Interlocal Agreement and be shared accordingly.

The facility will be funded through a 2% increase in the telephone occupation tax, generating approximately \$330,000 to cover the estimated \$210,000 annual cost of a 20 year bond. The excess revenues from this 2% increase will be available for other public safety needs. The Ordinance related to this increase is detailed in a separate Council Agenda Item.

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 adopt this proposed Resolution.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the proposed Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016-183

WHEREAS, through an Interlocal Agreement, the City of Grand Island and the County of Hall operate a joint 911/Emergency Operations Center utilizing facilities currently located in the basement of Grand Island City Hall; and

WHEREAS, due to physical hazards affecting City Hall it is prudent to develop and have in operational readiness both a primary and a secondary 911/Emergency Operations Center facility in order to better ensure the provision of emergency services in times of natural and other disasters and events that would interrupt 911/Emergency Communications at a single site; and

WHEREAS, the development of a new, primary 911/Emergency Operations Center at and upon City property at the location of Fire Station #1 would reduce development cost of a new center and would enable the City to provide additional training facilities needed by the City's Fire Department by co-location and shared use of resources by both departments; and

WHEREAS, the estimated \$3.1 million cost to develop, design, construct and equip a new, primary 911/Emergency Operations Center can be financed with the issuance of bonds to be paid from revenue derived from an additional 2% occupation tax on telecommunications providers within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that City staff members are authorized and directed to proceed with such action as necessary for the planning, development, and construction of a new, primary 911/Emergency Operations Center at the site of Fire Station #1.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 26, 2016.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
July 22, 2016	☒ City Attorney