

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 Council Session

Item E-1

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3820 Warbler Road - Oseka

Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-1.

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

Meeting: December 13, 2016

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – 3820 Warbler Road -

Oseka

Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

Nebraska State Law requires that acquisition of property must be approved by City Council. The Utilities Department needs to acquire an easement relative to the property of JoAnn Oseka, located through a part of Lot Six (6), Block One (1), Summerfield Estates Fifth Subdivision, in the City of Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska (3820 Warbler Road), in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers.

Discussion

In 2013, the southeast corner of Lot Six (6) was dedicated for additional future road right-of-way for the Warbler Road – Meadow Way Trail intersection. At that time, the Utilities Department installed the high voltage power equipment to serve the abutting properties, along with street lighting, at the edge of the new right-of-way as is common practice.

A new owner of the adjacent property requested vacation of such previously dedicated right-of-way as their development plans for the area have changed and there is no longer a need of the additional right-of-way. As such, at the October 11, 2016 Council meeting, Ordinance 9607 was approved vacating the right-of-way across the southeast corner of 3820 Warbler Road. The proposed easement will allow the Utilities Department to continue to have the right to operate and maintain the electrical infrastructure as it presently exists.

Alternatives

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

1. Make a motion 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 resolution for the acquisition of the easement for one dollar (\$1.00).

Sample Motion

Move to approve acquisition of the Utility Easement.

