



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Council Session

Item F-3

#9624 - Consideration of Vacation of West 7th Street; Broadwell Avenue to Jefferson Street & Madison Street; Broadwell Avenue South to the Alley (Grand Island Public Schools)

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Terry Brown PE, Assistant Public Works Director

Meeting: February 14, 2017

Subject: Consideration of Vacation of West 7th Street; Broadwell Avenue to Jefferson Street & Madison Street; Broadwell Avenue South to the Alley

Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

Wallich's Addition Subdivision was platted in April 1887, with 7th Street and Madison Street as public streets within such subdivision.

Grand Island Public Schools has submitted a written request to vacate a portion of 7th Street, from Broadwell Avenue to Jefferson Street to accommodate the rebuilding of Jefferson Elementary.

Discussion

A new Jefferson Elementary is scheduled to be built beginning Spring 2017, with expected completion August 2019. With this rebuild the student enrollment is projected to grow from just under 300 students to nearly 400. The closure of 7th Street, from Broadwell Avenue to Jefferson Street will permit additional parking and green space, as well as provide a safe route for students to walk to school by stopping through traffic on the south side of the school.

In addition, Engineering staff within the Public Works Department are requesting the closure of Madison Street, from Broadwell Avenue south to the alley be granted with the 7th Street closure. This piece of Madison Street has proven to be a safety issue with the close proximity of this intersection to the 6th Street intersection of Broadwell Avenue.

Faidley Avenue is a stop protected corridor that becomes 6th Street as it crosses Broadwell Avenue. To improve safety, Public Works intends to install stop signs at each intersection along 6th Street from Broadwell Avenue to Eddy Street so that 6th Street will be a stop protected corridor.

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 vacating 7th Street from Broadwell Avenue to Jefferson Street and Madison Street from Broadwell Avenue south to the alley as requested.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the ordinance.

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Dr. Grover, Superintendent



February 14, 2017

Grand Island City Council
City Hall
100 East First Street
Box 1968
Grand Island, NE 68802-1968

Re: Vacating W. 7th Street between Broadwell Avenue and Jefferson Street for new Jefferson Elementary School.

Dear Members of the City Council:

We are excited to announce that the construction of the new Jefferson Elementary School will commence in the spring of this year. We are writing on behalf of Grand Island Public Schools concerning its request that the City Council vacate a portion of W. 7th Street between Broadwell Avenue and Jefferson Street. This request is being made in order to enhance the safety of our students, and to better utilize the land owned by the school district on both sides of W. 7th Street where the new Jefferson Elementary School will be built. Our reasons for making this request are stated below:

1. The new Jefferson Elementary School will be a \$14,000,000 investment that will revitalize the surrounding neighborhood. It is a longstanding principle in city planning that strong neighborhoods need walk-to elementary schools to give them a sense of cohesion and identity. In many instances, the neighborhood elementary school is a young child's only access to safe recreation and green spaces.
2. Grand Island Public Schools own all of the property on both sides of W. 7th Street between Broadwell Avenue and Jefferson Street. After the spring of 2017, no homes will remain along this portion of the street. Vacating this portion of the street will not hurt traffic flow in Grand Island because it will no longer be bordered by homes.

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3. Vacating W. 7th Street will allow the new Jefferson Elementary School to have much needed additional parking and green space. This is important because the new Jefferson Elementary School will have capacity for 396 students which is more than the current enrollment of just under 300 students. With completion of the new school expected by August of 2019, it is important for the school district to utilize its property to the fullest during planning and construction.
4. Vacating W. 7th Street will enhance student safety because it will stop through traffic from encountering students going to and from school and it will greatly increase the area for staff parking and parent pick up and drop off.
5. Vacating W. 7th Street will unify the property owned by Grand Island Public Schools on both sides of the street, which will give the school district more planning and development options as it constructs the new Jefferson Elementary School.
6. Vacating W. 7th Street will allow Grand Island Public Schools to develop safe pedestrian walkways and parking limited to school purposes.

We are excited about starting construction of the new Jefferson Elementary School. We ask that you give serious consideration to this request because we believe public safety and the operation of the new Jefferson Elementary School will benefit from vacating the street. The City of Grand Island will benefit from Grand Island Public Schools commitment to excellence in education.

Sincerely,

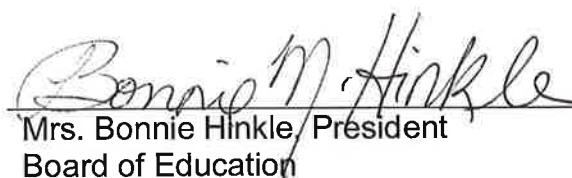
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Dr. Tawana Grover,
Superintendent

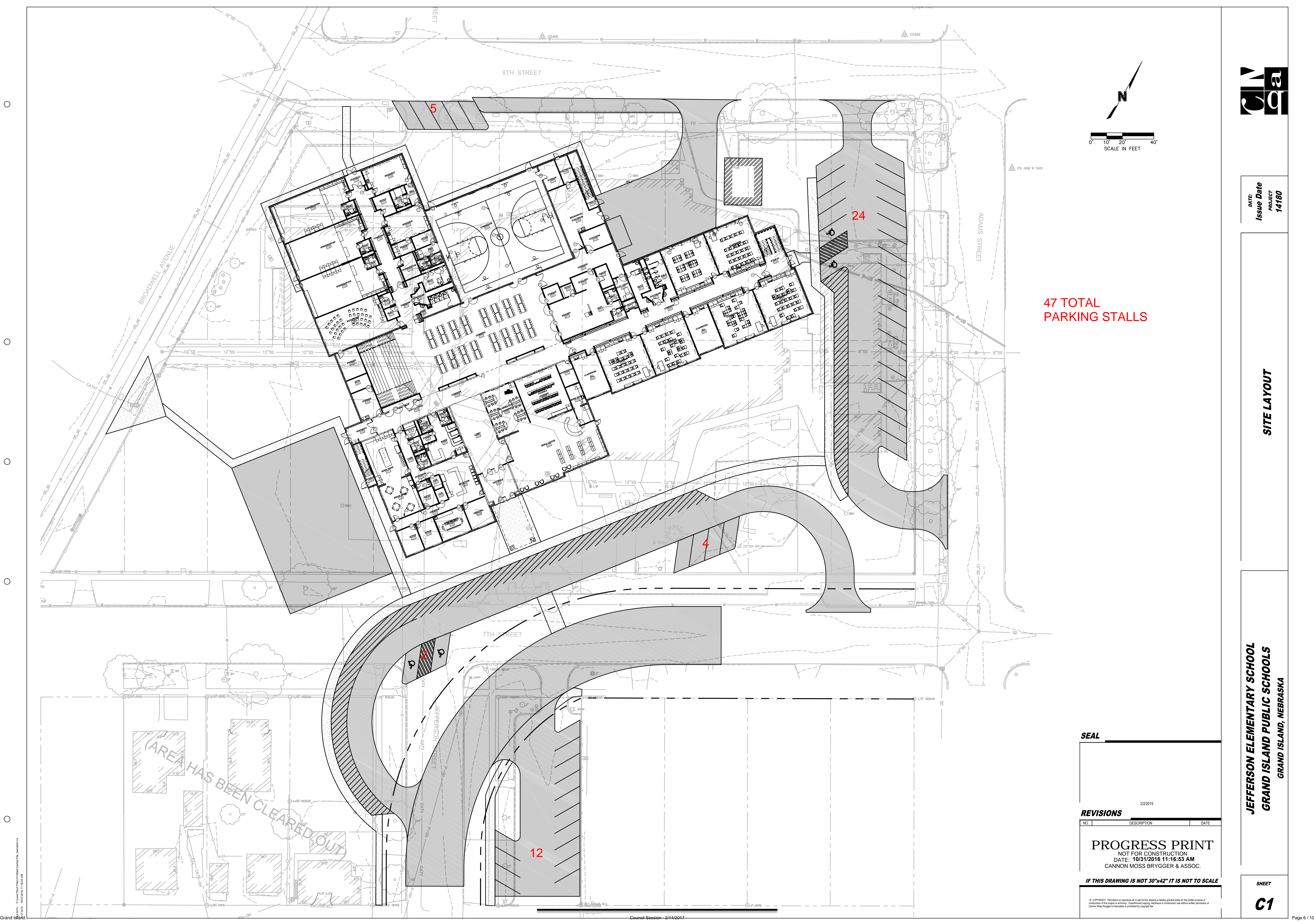
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Mrs. Bonnie Hinkle, President
Board of Education

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• THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS •

ORDINANCE NO. 9624

An ordinance to vacate existing right of way and to provide for filing this ordinance in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hall County; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. That existing right-of-way within Wallich's Addition Subdivision, more particularly described as follows:

7TH STREET / JEFFERSON STREET VACATE

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN PART OF WALLICHS ADDITION IN PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (SW1/4, NE1/4) OF SECTION SIXTEEN (16), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) NORTH, RANGE NINE (9) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., HALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 5, BLOCK 14, WALLICHS ADDITION, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ON AN ASSUMED BEARING OF S60°41'43"W A DISTANCE OF 79.80 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 13, SAID WALLICHS ADDITION; THENCE N29°18'34"W, ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1, BLOCK 13, WALLICHS ADDITION, A DISTANCE OF 132.26 FEET TO A POINT BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE S60°38'09"W, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 13, WALLICHS ADDITION, A DISTANCE OF 247.56 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BROADWELL AVENUE; THENCE N00°49'09"W, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BROADWELL AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 90.58 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AND SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 7, BLOCK 11, WALLICHS ADDITION; THENCE N60°36'33"E, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 11, VACATED RIGHT-OF-WAY ORD. NO. 4872, BOOK 21, PAGE 73, AND BLOCK 10 WALLICHS ADDITION, A DISTANCE OF 548.13 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ADAMS STREET AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 10, SAID BLOCK 10, WALLICHS ADDITION; THENCE S29°29'45"E, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF

Approved as to Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
February 10, 2017	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Attorney

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ADAMS STREET, A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET; THENCE S60°36'33"W, PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF BLOCK 10 WALLICHS ADDITION, A DISTANCE OF 211.41 FEET; THENCE S29°23'27"E A DISTANCE OF 69.65 FEET TO A POINT BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 5, BLOCK 14, WALLICHS ADDITION; THENCE S60°54'11"W, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, BLOCK 14, A DISTANCE OF 52.87 FEET TO A POINT BEING THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 5, BLOCK 14; THENCE S29°22'57"E, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, BLOCK 14, A DISTANCE OF 132.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINS A CALCULATED AREA OF 41,195.63 SQUARE FEET OR 0.946 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

AND,

MADISON STREET VACATE

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN PART OF WALLICHS ADDITION IN PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (SW1/4, NE1/4) OF SECTION SIXTEEN (16), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) NORTH, RANGE NINE (9) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., HALL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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SAID TRACT CONTAINS A CALCULATED AREA OF 2,788.52 SQUARE FEET OR 0.064 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

SECTION 2. The title to the property vacated by Section 1 of this Ordinance shall revert to the abutting properties.

SECTION 3. This ordinance is directed to be filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hall County, Nebraska.

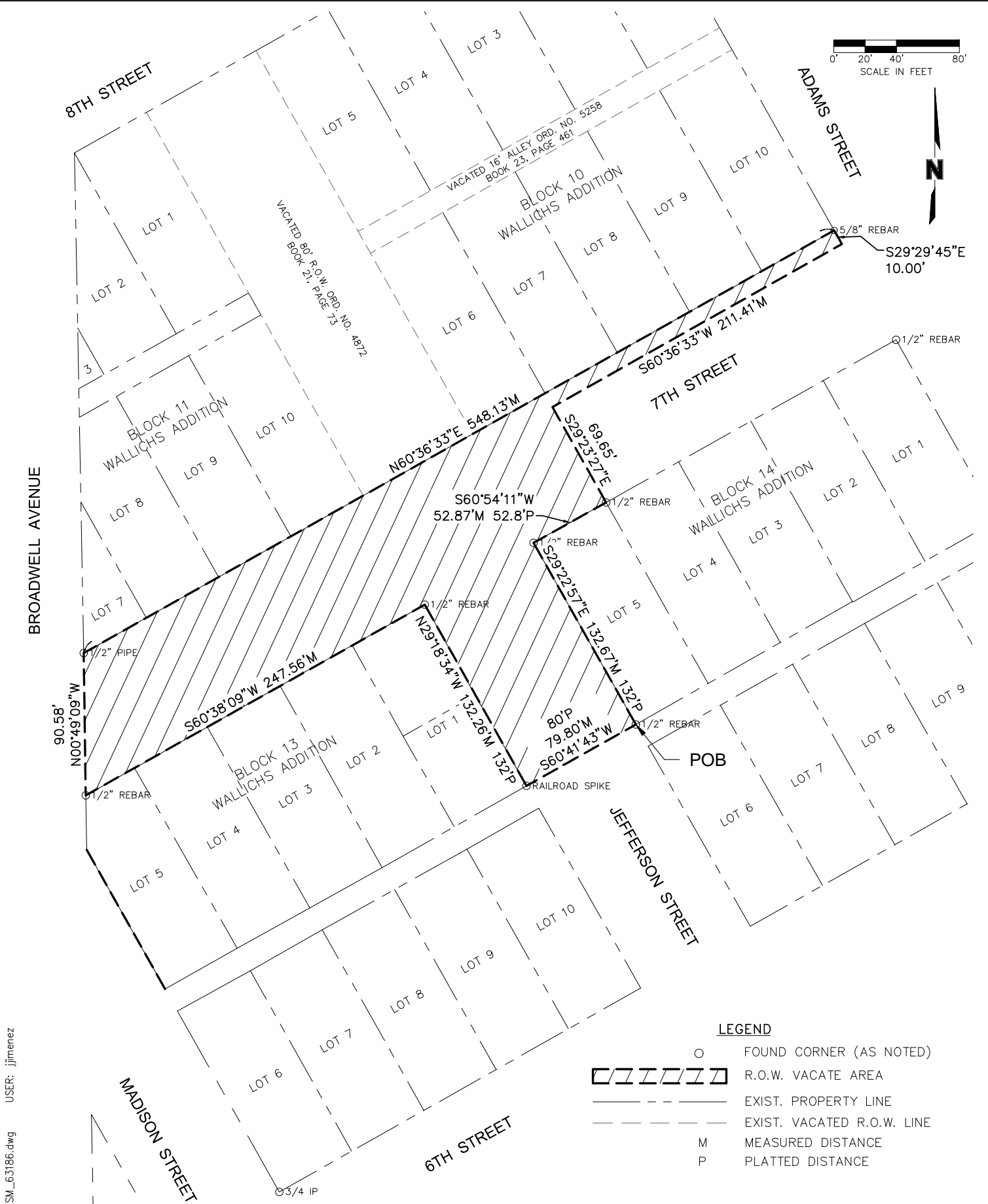
SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, without the plate, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Enacted: February 14, 2017.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk



RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION DESCRIPTION

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