



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Council Session

Item E-2

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - South of Hwy. 30 and West of 4th Road (Merrick County) - Greving & Smith

Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-4.

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

Meeting: January 23, 2018

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – South of Hwy 30 and
West of 4th Road – Greving and Smith

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 utility easement relative to the property of Gregory J. Greving and Elizabeth J. Smith, located through a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) Section Twenty Eight (28), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Eight (8) West of the 6th P.M., Merrick County, Nebraska (just south of Highway 30 and west of 4th Road), in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers.

Discussion

Grand Island Utilities Department's electrical service area extends several miles into Merrick County. The power lines along the easterly edge are over 50 years old and need to be rebuilt to current standards for capacity and configuration. At the time of the original construction, easements were not acquired. This easement will provide access, installation, operation and maintenance of the power lines in the area.

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.

