



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Council Session

Item E-3

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of the Former Armory Property
located at 2900 W. Old Potash Highway**

Council action will take place under Resolution item I-2.

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Marlan Ferguson, City Administrator
Jerry Janulewicz, City Attorney

Meeting: March 27, 2018

Subject: Purchase of Former Nebraska Guard Armory

Presenter(s): Jerry Janulewicz, City Attorney

Background

The State of Nebraska issued a public notice soliciting offers for the sale and purchase of the former Nebraska Guard Armory Building at 2900 West Old Potash Highway, Grand Island. Because this property is surrounded on three sides by city park ground and provides much needed public parking for participating in softball activities in the abutting ball fields, the acquisition of the property was deemed to be in the best interests of the City. Additionally, the size and configuration of the building would afford a multitude of potential uses.

In response to the public notice, City Administration and the City's Mayor submitted a purchase agreement for consideration by the State of Nebraska. The purchase agreement, if accepted by the State, requires ratification and approval by council no later than March 28, 2018. If not so ratified, the agreement becomes null, void, and of no effect and the parties released for any obligations or liabilities thereon.

Discussion

As of the preparation of this memo, the City has not received word whether its offer has been accepted by the State, rejected by the State, or whether the State intends to make a counter-offer. Thus, due to the uncertain state of negotiations for the purchase of this property, the proposed purchase agreement and the price offered by the City is not included within this memo or the proposed resolution. Further status information is expected by the end of business day of Friday. Council packet information, which is publicly disseminated, will be updated or supplemented when and if it can be done without damage to the city's best interests in negotiating the purchase terms.

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 Resolution ratifying and approving the purchase agreement between the City and the State of Nebraska for the purchase of the former Nebraska Guard Armory Building at 2900 West Old Potash Highway, Grand Island.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Resolution.