



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Council Session

## Item G-9

**#2018-142 - Approving Request from Grand Island Area Sports Council for Permission to Use City Streets and State Highway for the 2018 Tri-City Triathlon**

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

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Keith Kurz PE, Assistant Public Works Director

**Meeting:** May 22, 2018

**Subject:** Consideration of Approving Request from Grand Island Area Sports Council for Permission to Use City Streets and State Highway for the 2018 Tri-City Triathlon

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

## **Background**

On February 13, 2018, via Resolution No. 2018-42, City Council approved the use of City streets and accepted responsibility for the use of State highways for the purpose of the 2018 Tri-City Triathlon to be held on June 9, 2018 from approximately 7:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Due to conflicts with other activities in the area the City has received a request from the Grand Island Area Sports Council to reschedule the Tri-City Triathlon to September 22, 2018, with the same event layout.

Grand Island Area Sports Council is seeking Council approval and notice to the Nebraska Department of Roads for the route of such event on the rescheduled date of September 22, 2018.

## **Discussion**

The Tri-City Triathlon will require the use of City streets, as well as crossing US Highway 34. Please see the attached map for the route.

State Statute 39-1359 requires the City Council to approve the route and for the City to then inform the Nebraska Department of Roads that the route has approval if it closes or blocks any part of a State highway. This is a requirement for any race, parade or march that would create some closure of the highway. This action then makes the City responsible for the liability of using a State highway for the event.

Grand Island Area Sports Council did submit the City's Public Event Application, which has been reviewed by the appropriate departments with no comments or issues noted for denial of such request.

## **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 Grand Island Area Sports Council's route for the 2018 Tri-City Triathlon and direct that the Nebraska Department of Roads be notified of this action.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2018-142

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2018, via Resolution No. 2018-42, City Council approved the use of City streets and accepted responsibility for the use of State highways for the purpose of the 2018 Tri-City Triathlon to be held on June 9, 2018 from approximately 7:00 am to 12:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island Area Sports Council has made application with the City of Grand Island to reschedule the Tri-City Triathlon to September 22, 2018, with the same event layout; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island Area Sports Council has worked with the City in planning the event route; and

WHEREAS, specific wording is required by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat §39-1359, and

WHEREAS, the City accepts the duties set out in neb. Rev. Stat. §39-1359, and that if a claim is made against the State, the City shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State from all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, that may arise as a result of the special event, more specifically defined as the 2018 Tri-City Triathlon to be held on September 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the route for the special event necessitates the usage of US Highway 34; crossing at Blaine Street, Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the special event will be held on September 22, 2018, with the control of US Highway 34 at the intersection of Blaine Street being assumed by the City at 7:00am on June 9, 2018 and ending at 12:00pm on September 22, 2018, at which time control of US Highway 34 at the intersection of Blaine Street, shall revert to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Notice of Use of City Streets and State Highways to accommodate the 2018 Tri-City Triathlon to be held on September 22, 2018 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nebraska Department of Roads shall be notified of the approved route and this Notice.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 22, 2018.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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Norma Hernandez, City Clerk Pro Tem

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
May 22, 2018	☐ City Attorney



