



City of Grand Island
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Council Session/Budget Work Session

Item H-1

**Consideration of Request from Building Department to Advertise a
Request for Proposal for Legal Services to Abate Identified Public
Nuisances**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Craig Lewis, Building Department Director

Meeting: May 14, 2019

Subject: Approve Request from Building Department to Advertise for Legal Services to Obtain Court Order for Abatement of Identified Public Nuisances

Presenter(s): Craig Lewis, Building Department Director

Background

The Grand Island City Building Department is seeking approval to advertise a request for proposal for legal services to obtain a court order to abate public nuisances at specified private properties within the City jurisdictional area.

The City Problem Resolution Team has identified three properties in need of abatement proceedings.

Section 27-10 of the City Code states in part "No contract for the services of legal council may be awarded without the approval of the City Council".

Discussion

The Building Department along with the City Problem Resolution Team have been working on several properties in the past that have progressed to a point that abatement is desirable and the next step in the process is to acquire a court order allowing the City to enter onto the private property and abate the defined public nuisance.

The City in the past has advertised for a request for proposal for legal services, obtained a qualified proposal, and returned to the City Council for approval of a resolution to enter into a proposal for legal services.

This is the first step in the process of obtaining outside legal services and we are requesting Council approval to proceed in advertising a request for proposal.

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 proposed request.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the request to advertise a request for proposal for legal services to abate identified public nuisances.