



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Council Session

Item G-18

#2020-16 - Approving Request from Building Department to Procure Legal Services to Obtain Court Order for Abatement of Identified Public Nuisance at 582 East 19th Street

Staff Contact: Craig Lewis

Council Agenda Memo

From: Craig A. Lewis, Building Department Director

Meeting: January 14, 2020

Subject: Approve Request from Building Department to Procure Legal Services to Obtain Court Order for Abatement of Identified Public Nuisance at 582 East 19th Street

Presenter(s): Craig Lewis, Building Department Director

Background

The Grand Island City Building Department is seeking approval to procure legal services to obtain a court order to abate public nuisances at the specified private property within the City jurisdictional area.

The City Problem Resolution Team has identified the referenced property to be 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 this property and 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 Building Department published a Request for Proposal for legal services on May 22, 2019 and received two bids on June 27, 2019.

The lowest responsive bid was from Mayer, Burns & Koenig in the amount of \$150.00 per hour for attorney time, incidental cost of \$87.00 filing fees, \$150.00 title report, \$150.00 publication service, \$100.00 service fees, for a total not to exceed \$2,000.00.

The Firm was contacted on December 18, 2019 and agreed to extend services from the June bid to the current request for 582 East 19th Street.

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 for legal services to abate identified public nuisances at 582 East 19th Street, Grand Island, NE.

RESOLUTION 2020-16

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island published on May 22, 2019 a request for proposal for legal services to obtain a court order to allow the City of Grand Island to abate a public nuisance on specified private property within the jurisdictional area, and

WHEREAS, no proposals were received, and

WHEREAS, the City Building Department on June 27, 2019 contacted two firms who had expressed an interest in the past and those firms, Mayer, Burns & Koenig and Neuhaus Law Offices have submitted a proposal for legal services. The lowest responsive bid was received from Mayer, Burns & Koenig; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2019 Mayer, Burns, & Koenig were contacted and expressed a willingness to extend the bid to include the property at 582 East 19th Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the proposal with Mayer, Burns & Koenig in the amount of \$150.00 per hour for Attorney time, incidental cost of \$87.00 filing fees, \$150.00 title report, \$150.00 publication service, and \$100.00 service fees, and a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 for legal service to obtain a court order allowing the City to enter onto private property at 582 East 19th Street, legal description of Lot 8, Blain Addition and abate the identified public nuisance and charge the cost thereof against the real estate and owner of record.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 14, 2020.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ✕ _____
January 10, 2020 ✕ City Attorney