



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Council Session

## Item E-3

**Public Hearing on Request from Island Landhandlers, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit for a Sand and Gravel Operation located at 3812 South Blaine Street**

*Council action will take place under Request and Referrals item H-2.*

Staff Contact: Craig Lewis

## **Council Agenda Memo**

**From :** Craig A. Lewis, Building Department Director

**Meeting:** December 8, 2020

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Request of Gordon & Cara Glade & Gerald Williams of Island Landhandlers, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit to allow continued Operation of a Sand and Gravel Pumping Facility at 3812 S. Blaine Street

**Presenter** Craig A. Lewis, Building Department Director

### **Background**

This request is for Council approval to allow for an additional ten years of operation of a sand and gravel facility at the above referenced address. Approval of the City Council was granted on December 21, 2010 for a ten year period. A conditional use permit is required as the current zoning classification TA (transitional agricultural) does not allow for this type of use as a permitted principal use. The zoning classification does list as a permitted conditional use, commercial mines, quarries, sand and gravel pits and accessory uses. Conditional uses as listed in the zoning code must be approved or denied by the City Council in the form of a conditional use after a finding that the proposed use will or will not comply with the purposes as identified in the Code.

Section 36-2 of the Grand Island Zoning Code, Purposes: This chapter has been made in accordance with a comprehensive plan and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community; to lessen congestion in streets; to secure safety from fire and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to promote the distribution of population, land classifications and land development to support provisions for adequate transportation, water flows, water supply, drainage, sanitation, recreation, and other public requirements; to protect property against blight and depreciation; and to secure economy in government expenditures.

### **Discussion:**

Sand and gravel operations have been a part of the Grand Island and surrounding areas for a long time, as residential development continues to expand and the uses become closer neighbors, more conditions need to be implemented to assure compatible and harmonious existence for both uses.

City administration has developed the following restrictions, or conditions which appear appropriate to impose upon sand and gravel operations.

**1). USE:** The proposed uses are limited to those listed in the application, sand and gravel pumping processing, storage, stocking piling, distribution, and sales, both wholesale and retail. Retail sale may also include the sale of black dirt, river rock, and similar landscaping materials. The storage, recycling, or processing of other aggregate materials, such as asphalt or concrete is not allowable unless specifically listed, nor are the operation of concrete or asphalt batch plants. Neither of these operations have been requested in this application.

**2). CLOSURE:** A statement on the application identifies the proposed use of the property after the closing of the sand and gravel operation as a single family dwelling.

**3). PRIMARY CONDITIONS: (a).** The permit shall be granted for a period not to exceed 10 years with the possibility of renewal for an additional time at the end of the 10 year period.

**(b).** Pumping of product shall not be allowed within 150 feet of any public road right of way and protected by a 6 foot earthen berm during pumping. The finished width of developable property adjacent to the public right of way shall be a minimum 300 feet at the time of termination of the operation. A setback of 100 feet from any adjacent property line, and a setback of 250 feet from the Central Platte Natural Resources District Wood River Diversion Channel Levee property shall be maintained between the pumping operations.

**(c).** Pumping and other activities (including lighting) at the site shall be limited to daylight hours (15) minutes before sunrise and (15) minutes after sunset Mondays through Saturdays. No pumping or other processing activities shall be permitted on Sundays or from fifteen minutes after sunset to fifteen minutes before sunrise. One exception to this condition shall be in the months of March, April, October, and November activities may operate from 6:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. to allow for winter condition.

**(d).** Any internal combustion pump motors utilized shall be equipped with a functioning "hospital grade muffler" designed to reduce exhaust noise by 32 to 40 decibels.

**(e).** Materials and equipment shall not be stored on the property within any easements or the regulated floodway as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or its successor and the entity with jurisdiction and authority to enforce floodplain regulations. There is currently along the east edge of the property a 45' electrical easement and an existing transmission line, no product, material or equipment shall be stored within that easement or in such a manor that it would violate any safety provisions of the National Electric Safety Code, nor shall the existing grade elevations be altered.

**(f).** All dead trees, rubbish, and debris, if any must be cleared from the real estate as soon as practical and such real estate must, at all times, be kept in a clean and neat condition.

**(g).** No trash, rubbish, debris, dead trees, lumber, bricks, refuse or junk material of any nature whatsoever shall be dumped, placed or located upon such real estate.

**(h).** Applicant shall not use the real estate in any way so as to create or result in an unreasonable hazard or nuisance to adjacent land owners or to the general public.

**(i).** Applicant shall maintain any and all drainage ditches that may be located upon the real property.

**(j).** Applicant shall not permit the hauling of sand and gravel from the premises and over and across any public highway or road unless said sand and gravel is complete dry and

free from water or is hauled in trucks which are designed and equipped so as to prevent water from leaking onto the traveled portion of the roadbed.

**(k).** All water accumulated upon the premises by virtue of such mining and pumping operations shall be retained upon the premises and shall not flow upon or encroach upon any adjacent land. Only surface waters that have historically flowed from the premises shall be permitted to leave the same through historical natural drainage ways.

**(l).** Applicant shall begin the mining operation within a period of 18 months from the issuance of this permit or if the applicant fail to begin operations within the 18 months the permit shall be considered null and void and subject to reapplication and rehearing. Additionally if at anytime during the life of the permit issued the operation shall cease for a period of a continuous 18 months the permit shall become void and a renewal shall be obtained before becoming once again operational.

It appears that this application and proposal will meet or exceed the established conditions as the proposed setbacks exceed those minimum required and provides for earthen berms and plantings to buffer adjacent properties.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

It appears the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue:

1. Approve the request with the proposed conditions, finding that the proposed application is and will continue to be in conformance with the purpose of the zoning regulations.
2. Deny the request, finding that the proposed application does not conform to the purpose of the zoning regulations.
3. Approve the request with additional or revised conditions and findings of fact.
4. Refer the matter to a special committee for a determination of a finding of fact.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the request with the identified setbacks, screening berms, and plantings and conditions presented by City Administration, finding that the proposed use and application promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, protects property against blight and depreciation, and is generally harmonious with the surrounding neighborhood.

### **SAMPLE MOTION:**

Move to approve the conditional use as proposed in the application and including the conditions identified by the City Administration, published in the Council packet and presented at the Council meeting and finding that the applications conforms with the purpose of the zoning regulations.

**Conditional Use Permit Application**

pc: Building, Legal, Utilities  
Planning, Public Works

1. The specific use/construction requested is: Sand & Gravel Deposition
2. The owner(s) of the described property is/are: Gordon Glade
3. The legal description of the property is: SE 1/4 Sec 33 T11N-R9W
4. The address of the property is: 3812 South Blaine
5. The zoning classification of the property is: Transitional Ag
6. Existing improvements on the property is: None
7. The duration of the proposed use is: 10 yrs
8. Plans for construction of permanent facility is: Temporary residence in a few years!
9. The character of the immediate neighborhood is: Res/Ag/Industrial
10. There is hereby **attached** a list of the names and addresses of all property owners within 200' of the property upon which the Conditional Use Permit is requested.
11. Explanation of request: See attached explanation

I/We do hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct and this application is signed as an acknowledgement of that fact.

11/13/20  
Date

Gordon Glade  
Owners(s)

308-382-0957  
Phone Number  
(Work)

PO Box 423  
Address

Grand Island Ne 68802  
City State Zip

**Please Note: Delays May Occur if Application is Incomplete or Inaccurate.**

Island Landhandlers, Inc.

Conditional Use Permit Application

#11      Approximately 70 acres of this property is owned by Gordon and Cara Glade.  
The southeast 13 acres along Blaine is owned by Island Landhandlers, Inc.

Hours of operation typically are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday, but as work load dictates, it may be 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday - Saturday. No activity on Sundays.

Traffic routed to Schimmer for access to Highway 281 or South Locust. Blaine Street to be used only for deliveries on Blaine Street.

Any questions - call Gerald Williams at 308-380-0111.

