



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Council Session

## Item G-15

**#2022-291 - Approving Tri-City Drug Enforcement Team  
(TRIDENT) Civil Forfeiture Signature Authorization**

Staff Contact: Robert Falldorf, Police Chief

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Robert Falldorf, Police Chief

**Meeting:** October 11, 2022

**Subject:** Tri-City Drug Enforcement Team (TRIDENT) civil forfeiture signature authorization

**Presenter(s):** Robert Falldorf, Police Chief

## Background

The Police Department serves as the fiduciary for the Tri-City Drug Enforcement Team (TRIDENT) Task Force. As a part of this responsibility, the “Governing Body Official” is required to sign all submitted requests for asset forfeiture.

## Discussion

The Police Department, as the fiduciary for the TRIDENT Task Force, holds oversight responsibility for financial aspects of TRIDENT Task Force Operations. The responsibilities include submitting requests for Asset Forfeiture’s on Federal Task Force cases. As a part of this submission, the signature of the “Governing Body Official”, in this case the Mayor, is required on forms associated with each submission and Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification.

In order to avoid unnecessary delay and the publication of sensitive and confidential investigative information, authorization by resolution for the mayor as the “Governing Body Official” is believed to be prudent and is being requested.

## 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 that the Mayor of the City of Grand Island is hereby authorized to sign civil forfeiture documents for the Tri-City Drug Enforcement Team Task Force as the Governing Body Official.

## **Sample Motion**

Move that the Mayor of the City of Grand Island be hereby authorized to sign civil forfeiture documents for the Tri-City Drug Enforcement Team Task Force as the Governing Body Official.



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I, Mayor Roger Steele, as the Governing Body Official for the City of Grand Island, who is acting as the fiduciary for the Tri-City Drug Enforcement Team (TRIDENT) Task Force, do hereby approve of the following submission as a claim for asset forfeiture.

**2020 Ram 1500 Bighorn Edition Pickup, VIN: 1C6SRFBTOLN208015**  
**Reference Case Number: 245C-OM-2204246**  
**Asset ID Reference Number: 22-FBI-003619**

The asset has been seized with the expectation of being auctioned by the US Marshall's service, with the qualifying percent of the sale to go back to the Nebraska TRIDENT Task Force.

Signed,

Mayor Roger Steele  
City of Grand Island, Nebraska

*Law Enforcement Center ● 111 Public Safety Dr ● Grand Island, Nebraska 68801  
(308) 385-5400 ● FAX: 385-5398 ● Emergency: 911*

RESOLUTION 2022-291

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is the fiduciary for the Tri-City Drug Enforcement Team (TRIDENT) Task Force; and

WHEREAS, as the fiduciary the City of Grand Island is required to sign documents on behalf of TRIDENT when property is seized and forfeited to the arresting agency in TRIDENT cases; and

WHEREAS, the documents now require that the “Governing Body Official” signs the civil forfeiture forms; and

WHEREAS, to avoid unnecessary delay and the publication of sensitive and confidential investigative information, it is prudent to formally designate the Mayor as the Governing Body Official authorized to execute all documents necessary to finalize the civil forfeiture of property in TRIDENT investigations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor of the City of Grand Island is hereby authorized to sign civil forfeiture documents for the Tri-City Drug Enforcement Team Task Force as the Governing Body Official.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 11, 2022.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
October 6, 2022	☒ City Attorney