



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Council Session

Item E-3

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - Between
Phoenix & Oklahoma Avenues, and Locust & Eddy Streets along
the Hike & Bike Trail - Fuller**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: April 23, 2013

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – Between Oklahoma and Phoenix Avenues, and Eddy & Locust Streets along the Hike and Bike Trail - Fuller

Item #'s: E-3 & G-8

Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

Nebraska State Law requires that acquisition of property must be approved by City Council. The Utilities Department needs to acquire an easement relative to the property of Steve and Barbara Fuller, located between Oklahoma and Phoenix Avenues, and Eddy and Locust Streets along the Hike and Bike Trail, in the City of Grand Island, Hall County, in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers.

Discussion

Due to voltage drop problems and the long distance from the transformer to the customers' service, the Electric Department needs to add additional primary and secondary lines. This easement will be used to locate the new overhead primary and secondary lines and a transformer to help solve the low voltage issue. The existing secondary line crossing the Fuller's property will be removed.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Make a motion 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 resolution for the acquisition of the easement for one dollar (\$1.00).

Sample Motion

Move to approve acquisition of the Utility Easement.

