



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item E-1

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 2391 S. North Road - Chief Industries

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: May 14, 2013

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – 2391 S. North Road – Chief Industries, Inc.

Item #'s: E- 1 & G-6

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 Chief Industries, Inc., located at 2391 S. North Road (Stolley Park and North Roads), 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

Chief Industries (at this location) is served overhead to transformers mounted on a platform, and then through open wire secondaries to their distribution panels. The transformers are very large and there are no replacements available should any of them fail.

To improve the long-term reliability of the service to Chief, the Department is installing new underground cable, conduit, and a pad-mounted transformer. Chief is investing in new switchgear for the main service to accommodate the new construction. They are also providing the secondary conduit in accordance Department standard plans. The easement is for the new location of the underground primary and transformer.

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.

