



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Council Session

Item E-1

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - Part of Lot 1,
Block 2 Ponderosa Lake Estates 4th Subdivision - Hehnke**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: July 23, 2013

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – Lot One (1), Block Two (2) Ponderosa Lake Estates Fourth Subdivision - Hehnke

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 K.C. and Deborah Hehnke, located through a part of Lot One (1), Block Two (2), Ponderosa Lake Estates Fourth Subdivision, an addition to the City of Grand Island, Hall County, in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair water lines.

Discussion

When Ponderosa Lake Estates Fourth Subdivision was developed, the owner installed a water line across the property and turned over ownership to the City per standard procedures. The transfer of ownership normally includes an easement, but this easement was not included on the plat. While performing an audit of the GIS system, it was discovered that the easement did not exist. This property has since been sold to the Hehnkes.

As the City needs the easement to access the water lines, and to compensate the current owner for the loss of use of this portion of their property, an appraisal was commissioned to obtain a fair value of the easement. The appraised price is \$1,700.00, which the owner has agreed to accept in exchange for the easement.

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 Council approve the resolution for acquisition of a public utility easement from K.C. and Deborah Hehnke, on the above-described tract of land, for one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1,700.00).

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution for acquisition of a public utility easement from K.C. and Deborah Hehnke, on the above-described tract of land, for one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1,700.00).

