



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Council Session

Item E-5

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - Lots 1 through
26 - Westwood Park 12th Subdivision - Ratliff**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: August 27, 2013

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – Lot 1 through Lot 26, Westwood Park Twelfth Subdivision - Ratliff

Item #'s: E-5 & 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 Curt L. Ratliff, located through Lot 1 – Lot 26 along Redwood Road and Westwood Circle, 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

The plans for Westwood Park Subdivision were started over 20 years ago. The plans did not include the easements used today to locate the electric utilities. Each new subdivision added the easements prior to filing. The Twelfth Subdivision failed to locate electric transformers, cable, and other appurtenances to serve the 26 lots of Westwood Park Twelfth Subdivision. To make room for these, separate easements now need to be acquired.

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.

