



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Council Session

## Item E-1

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 1011 Claude Road - Morrison Enterprises, LLC**

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# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
**Meeting:** February 25, 2014  
**Subject:** Acquisition of Utility Easement – 1011 Claude Road – Morrison Enterprises, LLC  
**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 Morrison Enterprises, LLC, located along the east side of Claude Road between Arch Avenue and Old Highway 30, and running in a southeasterly direction to the northwest corner of Morrison Enterprises building located at 1011 Claude Road, 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 owner of the property is upgrading and replacing the electrical service to the building. To re-use the existing cable and transformer pad would require a very long outage and the disruption of business.

The Utilities Department policy is to provide loop or two-way feed to all transformers if possible. That can be accomplished by placing a second conduit and cable to a second transformer, wiring the second transformer to the new switchgear, and taking a very short outage to remove the old transformer and tie the existing cable into the new one.

The second conduit was laid so as to not tear up the existing parking lot. The easement is extra wide to cover both feeds.

## 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.

