

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 Council Session

Item E-8

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Drainage Easement in Section 12, Township 11 North, Range 10 (Blender, LLC – 3812 W 13th St)

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Terry Brown PE, Assistant Public Works Director

Meeting: September 9, 2014

Subject: Public Hearing on Acquisition of Drainage Easement in

Section 12, Township 11 North, Range 10 (Blender, LLC

 $-3812 \text{ W } 13^{\text{th}} \text{ St}$

Item #'s: E-8 & G-15

Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

A request was made to grade the ditch along the north side of 13th Street, abutting Summerfield Estates, for improved drainage. The existing drainway has very steep, unmaintainable slopes to permit grading of this area.

A drainage easement needs to be dedicated along the north side of 13th Street, along 3812 West 13th Street, to allow for proper drainage.

Nebraska State Statutes stipulate that the acquisition of property requires a public hearing to be conducted with the acquisition approved by the City Council.

Discussion

This easement will allow for drainage maintenance along the 13th Road north ditch, by providing a wider grass roadway shoulder and establishing safer side slopes after the ditch is graded. The new easement will be a total of ten (10) feet wide, as shown on the attached drawing. The property owner has signed & returned the necessary easement document. There will be no compensation to the property owner for such easement.

Alternatives

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

- 1. Move to approve
- 2. Refer the issue to a Committee

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- 3. Postpone the issue to future date
- 4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve acquisition of the drainage easement from Blender, LLC in Section 12, Township 11 North, Range 10.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the acquisition of the drainage easements.

