



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 27, 2002

Council Session

## Item G19

### **#2002-263 - Approving Agreement with the Cottonwood Lake Association Relative to Funding for Cottonwood Lake Dredging**

*During the last study session, the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments presented a proposal from the Cottonwood Lake Association to dredge three feet of sediment from the lake and share equally in the cost, with the association's obligation capped at \$50,000. The lake provides storm water storage for a substantial area around the lake and silt has accumulated over the past several decades in the lake, causing it to become shallow in various areas. The Public Works Department intends to modify the inlet structures to reduce the amount of sediment entering the lake in the future. The material dredged will be used as fill for the Suck's Lake Park. The agreement as drafted allows the City to cancel the project if the dredging costs are too high and the association's share is unfairly restricted by the cap.*

*There was discussion concerning attempting to divide the cost based on benefits to the City from extending the usefulness of the lake as a water storage facility vs. aesthetic benefits to the home owners from deepening the lake, but after consideration, it was decided that there was no practical means to objectively establish these relative values. If the Mayor and City Council believe otherwise, the proposed agreement may be amended and renegotiated.*

Staff Contact: Charlie Cuypers

RESOLUTION 2002-263

WHEREAS, the Cottonwood Lake Association, a corporation, (hereinafter "Association") has offered to share in the costs to have the City dredge silt carried into Cottonwood Lake by city storm water sewers; and

WHEREAS, it is suggested that the City and the Association share equally the cost of such work, with the amount paid by the members of the Association not to exceed \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been prepared by the City Attorney setting out the terms and conditions of such work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Agreement by and between the City of Grand Island and Cottonwood Lake Association under which the parties will dredge approximately three (3) feet of sediment from Cottonwood Lake and share equally in the costs of said work up to \$50,000 payable by members of the Association is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on August 27, 2002.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____ August 23, 2002 ? City Attorney
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