



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 27, 2002

Council Session

Item I1

#2002-268 - Consideration of Intent to Enter into a Stuhr Museum Train Operating Agreement Contingent on a Successful Bond Election in November

The Stuhr Museum Foundation made a presentation at the August 20th City Council study session and Councilman Whitesides asked that it be brought to the next regular meeting. The Foundation also asked that their request for funding be on this agenda to facilitate operation revenue analysis. The resolution is for the intent to enter into an agreement if the citizens at the November 5th general election pass the ballot issue.

Considering the short time frame for council to consider this issue the Foundation and Stuhr Museum staff will be in attendance to answer any questions on the overall operational costs of the train and the proposed commitment from the City.

Staff Contact: Marlan Ferguson

RESOLUTION 2002-268

WHEREAS, Stuhr Museum and the Stuhr Museum Foundation are exploring the possibility of constructing and operating a new railroad at the museum; and

WHEREAS, the museum and Hall County are considering placing the project on the statewide general election of November 5, 2002 for determination by Hall County electors; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to express its intent to the museum and the Hall County Board to provide financial commitments to pay necessary operating expenses prior to said election; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have been asked by Stuhr Museum and the Stuhr Museum Foundation to make a commitment in the amount of \$100,000 per year for a period of 10 years as part of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Hall County; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council in furtherance of the project, wish to express their intent to proceed with an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Hall County to assist in paying operating expenses of the railroad if the project is approved by Hall County electors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that provided the railroad project is approved by Hall County electors at the statewide general election of November 5, 2002, that the City of Grand Island will endeavor to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Hall County to share in payment of the operating expenses of the railroad.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Grand Island will commit \$100,000 a year for a period of 10 years as its contribution toward said operating expenses.

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

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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