



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Council Session

Item H1

Request for Vacation of Platted Right of Way for Coventry Lane East of Newcastle Road

The Right of Way for Coventry Lane east of Newcastle Road has been platted but has never been constructed. The street is not currently needed, but may be needed in the future depending on the development of property to the east. The adjacent property owner, Toni Meyer, has requested the vacation of the Right of Way. The owner owns property on both sides of the Right of Way, maintains the area and has planted trees and other improvements. She would like to install a sprinkler system and benches to further improve the area. In the event the Right of Way is vacated, the owner is willing to grant an easement for utility use.

The Building, Planning and Public Works Departments have reviewed the request and do not recommend the vacation of Right of Way at this time. The Right of Way may need to be utilized in the future as a connection between Harrison and Adams Streets. If the Right of Way is vacated, it may have to be purchased in the future. An aerial photo is attached that highlights: area residential streets that help provide connectivity, collector streets, arterial streets, a future connection of Church Street, and how this piece of Coventry Lane may be used for street connectivity.

Staff would recommend the granting of a License Agreement, which would allow the adjacent property owner to put in the sprinkler system and park benches and still protect the City's interests in the event the street is extended.

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