



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Council Session

Item I2

#2003-191 - Approving Operational Agreement for Stolley Park Lines with Chippewa Northwestern Railway Company

A proposal to operate the Stolley Park train has been received from Jim Culver, President of Chippewa Northwestern Railroad Company of Lincoln, NE. Mr. Culver was awarded the contract to rebuild the existing railroad line at the former zoo site. That project has been completed and the train track has been inspected and is ready for operation. MR. Culver proposes to operate the line for the next seven months, to maintain and repair the train and passenger cars, to market and promote the attraction and to hire and train all staff. A complete copy of the proposed operating agreement is available for inspection in the City Clerks Office.

Staff Contact: Steve Paustian

RESOLUTION 2003-191

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2002, by Resolution 2002-38, the City of Grand Island approved the committee recommendations for the future use of zoo property; and

WHEREAS, one recommendation within the reuse plan was to continue the operation of the railroad line which was a part of the zoo; and

WHEREAS, James A. Culver, doing business as The Chippewa Northwestern Railway Company has been retained to restore the tracks and condition of the equipment, and has approached the City to operate the railroad on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into a contract to best serve the interests of both the City and Mr. Culver to restore the railway and make it operable; and

WHEREAS, a proposed contract has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the agreement between the City and James A. Culver, doing business as Chippewa Northwestern Railway Company, is hereby approved for the provision of trained staff to operate, repair and maintain the railroad and train in Stolley Park.

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

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, June 24, 2003.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk