



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 12, 2003

Council Session

Item H1

Re-consideration of motion from July 29th Council Meeting Regarding Extension of Independence from Manchester Road to 13th Street

Costs for the portion of Independence Avenue from Mansfield Road to Shanna Street were discussed during the July 29, 2003 budget study session. The total project cost discussed at the meeting was \$1.6 million based on a report dated March 2002. Staff quoted an estimated cost of \$600,000 for the city's portion of Independence from Mansfield Road south to Shanna Street, yet the eventual cost of the project to the taxpayers of approaches \$1 million. The following streets are part of the overall project.

- 1. Extending Independence from Manchester Road south to 13th Street*
- 2. Extending Shanna Street east from the existing asphalt in Western Heights Third Subdivision to Mansfield Road.*
- 3. Extending Lariat Lane south from the existing asphalt in Western Heights Third Subdivision south to Shanna Street.*

Council Member Hornady asked if staff could re-examine the project costs to ensure that the budget numbers were correct. Engineers at Olsson Associates have updated the project costs with the estimated city breakdown for the portion of Independence from Mansfield Road south to Shanna Street as follows:

*\$ 660,000 Independence from Mansfield Road south to Shanna Street
\$ 25,000 Fence
\$ 42,000 Right Of Way Costs
\$ 727,000 Total City cost
\$ 240,000 Grand Island Public Schools Cost
\$ 967,000 Total Taxpayer's Cost*

If the motion to re-consider fails, staff will proceed with the project as planned and construct all of the streets in 2004. A map is enclosed that shows all of the streets that would be built as part of this project. If the motion to re-consider is approved, a motion and a second will allow further discussion on the project. Some discussion has occurred on phasing this project with the section of Independence from Manchester Road to Shanna Street being constructed in a future budget year and all of the other streets of this project constructed in 2004. A map is enclosed showing the portion of Independence that could be constructed in a future budget year.

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