



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Council Session

## Item G9

**#2004-26 - Approving Request from Grand Generation Center for  
Funding of Sprinkler System**

Staff Contact: Gary Greer

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Gary D. Greer, City Administrator

**Meeting:** February 10, 2004

**Subject:** Request of Grand Generation Center for Sprinkler System

**Item #'s:** G-9

**Presenter(s):** Gary D. Greer, City Administrator  
David Springer, Finance Director

## Background

For the last few months the Board of the Grand Generation Center has been preparing and raising money to renovate their facility to enhance their programs and support of senior citizens. The facility is owned by the City of Grand Island and leased to the group for their use. In the course of their plans, it was determined by their architect that a sprinkler system would be needed to assure fire safety for the activities that will take place. Attached is a price for the installation of the sprinkler system which was provided by Nebraska Fire Sprinkler in the amount of \$49, 825. This appears to be a very good bid as the initial estimate was for \$100,000. The addition of the sprinkler system will bring the facility up to compliance with the fire codes.

## Discussion

A request was made by the Board of Directors for the City to pay for the sprinkler system, being it was a City building. When the request was made city Administration asked if it would be appropriate for the costs to be paid by sales tax in the event the measure was passed in May. Attached is a letter from the Board of the Grand Generation Center indicating they would be accepting of the notion of sales tax paying for the costs to install a sprinkler system.

The improvements may have to begin prior to sales tax being approved and collected. Therefore, the Board is asking that the City find a way to pay for the important project regardless of the sales tax passing. If the up coming sales tax election is successful, the city can reimburse the paying account form the new receipts. Therefore, the question at hand is to approve the project and pay for it regardless of the outcome of a sales tax election. David Springer, Finance Director has indicated that up to \$60,000 can be used

from Account 40015025-90002 as it will be available due to sales tax collections being far above budget for this fiscal year.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the request
2. Disapprove or /Deny the request
3. Modify the request to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the request of the Grand Generation Center to pay for the installation of a sprinkler system to facilitate the upgrade of their city owned facility.

### **Sample Motion**

Approve the request of the Grand Generation Center to pay for the installation of a sprinkler system to facilitate the upgrade of their City owned facility and approve Resolution #2004-26.

**SENIOR CITIZENS INDUSTRIES, INC.  
GRAND GENERATION CENTER  
304 E. 3RD. STREET  
GRAND ISLAND, NE. 68801  
(308) 385-5308**

January 21, 2004

Gary Greer  
City Administrator  
100 E. 1st St.  
Grand Island, NE 68801

Dear Mr. Greer;

The Senior Citizens Board of Directors called an emergency meeting at 10:00am.  
January 19, 2004.

Those present were, Paul Schleiger, Bob Sorenson, Bob Loewenstein, Jeri Garroutte,  
Pam Lancaster, Joann Kisner, Jackie Pielstick and Karl Hughes.

The motion was made by Jackie Pielstick, second by Bob Loewenstein that the  
Governing Board would accept the notion that the City of Grand Island would provide  
funds to install a sprinkler system at the Grand Generation Center. The City will provide  
\$100,000.00 for installation of sprinkler system, with the upcoming 1/2 cent sales tax  
issue if approved. If the sales tax is not approved by the voters of Grand Island, the  
City will provide the necessary funds to complete the sprinkler system, motion carried.

The motion made by Karl Hughes and Joann Kisner to adjourn the meeting, motion  
carried.



Bob Sorenson  
President of the Board

# Nebraska Fire Sprinkler

NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER CORPORATION

P.O. Box 186 • Alda, NE 68810 • (308) 381-2033 • Fax (308) 381-2605

## PROPOSAL

January 30, 2004

Mr. Roger Christensen  
Richard E. Willis & Associates  
P.O. Box 1705  
Grand Island, NE 68801

RE: Grand Generation Center  
Addition and Alterations

Date of Plans: Preliminary 1-15-2004

We propose to furnish and install a complete wet pipe fire sprinkler system in the entire building noted above, per the plans, and the following notes for the budget sum of \$49,825.00.  
Breakdown as follows.

Fire sprinkler system:	\$39,000.00
F.P. water service:	\$10,825.00
Total	\$49,825.00

- 1) Fire sprinkler system layout and installation shall be subject to approval and inspection by the Nebraska State Fire Marshal.
- 2) The fire protection water service up to and including a 6" standard flange inside the building, will be furnished and installed, blocked, flushed and tested. A post indicator valve with a tamper switch will be required, and will be furnished and installed. Documentation of conformance with NFPA standards of installation and testing of the water service will be provided.
- 3) Layout shall be per NFPA 13, for Light Hazard, and shall be based on a design density of 0.10 GPM per SQ FT over the most remote 1500 SQ FT.
- 4) No painting of the sprinkler piping is included. Piping will be run concealed in all areas having accessible ceiling spaces. In areas which have no accessible ceiling spaces, we will install the piping exposed.

DESIGN • FABRICATION • INSTALLATION • INSPECTION • REPAIR

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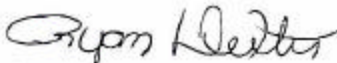
- 5) Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corporation will supply a flow switch, tamper switches and electric alarm bell. A remote alarm signaling system may be required, however, any alarm system and electrical wiring shall be by others.
- 6) Others will insure or guarantee the complete absence of combustible material in all blind spaces.
- 7) It shall be the responsibility of others to insure that all areas of the building (including the ceiling spaces) will be heated as required to prevent freezing of the sprinkler piping.
- 8) A double check backflow preventer is included as required by the authority having jurisdiction on this project.
- 9) Sales tax is not included in this proposal.

PER THE ATTACHED "PROPOSAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS".

NOTE: PLEASE ALLOW 12 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY AFTER ACCEPTANCE

Respectfully Submitted,

Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corporation



Ryan Dexter  
General Manager

RD/WC<sub>01/01/04</sub>

ACCEPTED BY

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Purchaser)

RESOLUTION 2004-26

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Senior Citizens Industries, Inc. has requested financial assistance from the City of Grand Island for the costs associated with the installation of a fire sprinkler system at the Grand Generation Center; and

WHEREAS, preliminary estimates for such fire sprinkler system are \$49,825; and

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. §16-255 states that the City may plan, initiate, operate, maintain, administer funding for, and evaluate facilities, programs, and services designed to meet the needs of elderly persons; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended the City provide financial assistance for the installation of a fire sprinkler system at Grand Generation System at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that approval is hereby granted to provide financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to have a fire sprinkler system installed at the Grand Generation Center.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, February 10, 2004.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
February 5, 2004	☐ City Attorney