



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Council Session

## Item G17

**#2004-108 - Approving Renewal of Farm Leases**

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# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director  
Steve Riehle, Public Works Director  
Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director

**Meeting:** May 11, 2004

**Subject:** Renewal of Farm Leases

**Item #'s:** G-17

**Presenter(s):** Doug Walker, City Attorney

## **Background**

The Utilities, Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments lease lands owned, but not required for actual equipment installations, for agricultural use. This process reduces department maintenance expense and provides revenue from the farming operations. The leases are for one-year terms with access for utility purposes guaranteed at any time. Areas included are; unsold property at Platte Valley Industrial Park, Platte Generating Station, Burdick Station, the Well Field, land north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, land at the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant, and the City Landfill.

## **Discussion**

A summary of the leases is listed below:

Property	Tenant	Acres Rented	Rent Share
Farm #6 - Platte Valley Industrial Park	Larry Knuth	7.5 acres +/-	40% of Alfalfa
Farm #7 - Platte Generating Station	Mike Lilienthal	255+/- Acres	33% Alfalfa 33% Prairie Hay 33% Grain
Farm #8 - City Well Field	Kenneth Clausen	115+/- Acres	50% Prairie Hay
Farm #9 - City Well Field	Larry Knuth	520+/- Acres	50% Prairie Hay
Farm #10 - City Well Field	Jack Webb	650+/- Acres	50% Prairie Hay
Farm #11 - GI Industrial Subdivision	Mike Peters	116.4+/- Acres	\$10,500.00 Cash Rent
Farm #11A – Burdick – Rough Hay Meadow	Gerald Bremer	16.5+/- Acres	\$50.00 Cash Rent
Farm #12 – City Landfill	Mark Pearson	170+/- Acres	\$3,500 Cash Rent
Farm #16 – CAAP	Robert Nunnenkamp	48 +/- Acres	\$3,000 Cash Rent
Farm #16 – CAAP	Matt Turek	51 +/- Acres	30% Prairie Hay

Receipt of revenue by the department depends on success of the farming year

### **Alternatives**

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

1. Approve the annual farm leases.
2. Disapprove the leases.
3. Modify the leases to meet the wishes of the Council.
4. Table the issue.

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that Council approve the farm leases.

### **Sample Motion**

Approve the farm leases.

RESOLUTION 2004-108

WHEREAS, the Utilities, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Departments have negotiated and submitted proposed leases for the 2004 crop year for its crop and hayland; and

WHEREAS, approval of these leases is recommended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the following leases be, and hereby are, approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign the leases on behalf of the City of Grand Island:

Property	Tenant	Acres Rented	Rent Share
Platte Valley Industrial Park	Larry Knuth	7.5 +/-	40% of Alfalfa
Northwest Portion City Well Field	Kenneth Clausen	115 +/-	50% Prairie Hay
Southwest and Central Portion City Well Field	Larry Knuth	520 +/-	50% Prairie Hay
East Portion City Well Field	Jack Webb	650 +/-	50% Prairie Hay
Wastewater Treatment Plant	Mike Peters	116.4 +/-	\$10,500 Cash Rent
Southeast of Burdick Station	Gerald Bremer	16.5 +/-	\$50.00 Cash Rent
Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant	Robert Nunnenkamp	48 +/-	\$3,000 Cash Rent
Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant	Matt Turck	51 +/-	30% Prairie Hay
City Landfill	Mark Pearson	170 +/-	\$3,500 Cash Rent
Platte Generating Station	Michael Lilienthal	255 +/-	33% Alfalfa 33% Prairie Hay 33% Grain

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 11, 2004.

RaNaac Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form May 6, 2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>DRW</i> City Attorney
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