



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 25, 2004

Council Session

## Item G13

**#2004-123 - Approving Parkview Well for Superfund Site**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

**Meeting:** May 25, 2004

**Subject:** Parkview Well – Superfund Listing

**Item #'s:** G-13

**Presenter(s):** Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

## **Background**

During the past several months, extensive measures have been taken to alleviate the public health concern resulting from the discovery of serious groundwater contamination by Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in south and southwest Grand Island. In tracking the VOC contamination, private wells sampling and EPA testing with geoprobes were used. This effort was focused on public health. And while the data gathered was also very useful in determining the extent of contamination, additional work will be required to fully define the extent of the contamination plume and develop remediation design. The EPA Superfund program is specifically set up to accomplish that.

## **Discussion**

City officials have met with EPA and NDEQ staff to determine the course of action required to include this area in the EPA National Priorities Listing for further work by the Superfund. The first step is for the Governor to place a formal written request to EPA for inclusion of the site in the Superfund program. To that end, a resolution from the City of Grand Island has been prepared requesting the Governor to initiate the process of Superfund listing.

## **Alternatives**

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

1. Petition the Governor to list the site for Superfund consideration.
2. Do not petition for Superfund listing.
3. Table the issue.

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council proceed to include the contamination area in the Superfund Program.

## **Sample Motion**

I move to approve the resolution requesting the Governor to initiate Superfund Listing for the contamination area in south and southwest Grand Island.

pc:     Bob Smith, Asst. Utilities Director  
         Tim Luchsinger, Asst. Utilities Director  
         Larry Keown, Superintendent, Burdick  
         Dave Goosic, Water Superintendent  
         Julie Frandsen, Utility Technician  
         Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

RESOLUTION 2004-123

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island has experienced a serious groundwater contamination problem, resulting in the abandonment of over 80 private domestic wells and a large capacity municipal well; and

WHEREAS, four additional municipal wells are in jeopardy of being lost for city supply as the contamination plume continues to move in the area aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the source of the contamination remains undetermined despite continued work with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and an area business; and

WHEREAS, continued efforts must be pursued to determine the source of the contamination and develop remediation programs for the chemical plume; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is requesting that this area be designated as a Superfund Site under the federal Superfund program administered by the Environmental Protection Agency in order to make it eligible for continued investigation and remediation; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that a petition be submitted to the Governor for the State of Nebraska requesting the Governor to list this area as the "Parkview Well Superfund Site."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that due to the ongoing water contamination issue in the Parkview well area in Grand Island, which affects private and municipal water wells, the City of Grand Island supports the designation that such area be listed as the "Parkview Well Superfund Site", making it eligible for continued investigation and remediation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit a petition on behalf of the City of Grand Island, to the Governor for the State of Nebraska requesting such site be designated as a Superfund site.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 25, 2004.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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May 19, 2004	☐ City Attorney