

# **City of Grand Island**

## Tuesday, September 14, 2004 Council Session

## Item E7

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Four (4) Utility Easements Located Along the North and South Side of East Hwy. 30, West of Shady Bend Road (Woodward Family Trust and Woodward Marital Trust)

**Staff Contact: Gary Mader** 

City of Grand Island City Council

# Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: September 14, 2004

**Subject:** Acquisition of Utility Easements – North and South of

East Hwy. 30, West of Shady Bend Road – Woodwood

Family Trust and Woodward Marital Trust

**Item #'s:** E-7 & G-17

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

#### **Background**

Nebraska State Law requires that acquisition of property must be approved by City Council. The Utilities Department needs to acquire four easements relative to the property of Margaret G. Woodward and Robert M. Wagner, Trustee of the Woodward Family Trust and Woodward Marital Trust, located along East Hwy. 30, in the area of Shady Bend Road, in the City Of Grand Island, Hall County, in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers.

#### **Discussion**

These easements will be used to relocate overhead power lines and the required anchors to back-up those lines. The expansion and widening of East Hwy. 30 has caused the need to relocate overhead power lines. In most cases, the relocated lines are in right-of-way acquired by Nebraska Dept. of Roads. As a line crosses a road, it must be backed up by anchors that are not in the right-of-way. These anchor easements must be acquired from adjacent property owners.

In the case of easement #1 and #2 an existing line was upgraded from single phase to three phase and is now used as a feeder. Documentation did not exist for the single phase line so it will be included in this acquisition.

The amount proposed to be paid for the easements is the same as that paid by Nebraska Department of Roads to the landowners for adjacent property. This was established by a court decision. The amount for each is: #1 \$1,760.00

#2 \$ 720.00 #3 \$ 73.46 #4 <u>\$ 36.73</u> TOTAL \$2,590.19

### **Alternatives**

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

- 1. Approve the payment and acquisition of the easements.
- 2. Deny the acquisition of the easements.
- 3. Modify the request to meet the wishes of the Council.
- 4. Table the issue.

#### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the resolution for the acquisition of the easements for a total of \$2,590.19.

### **Sample Motion**

Approve the acquisition of the Utility Easements.







