



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, October 12, 2004**

**Council Session**

## **Item E2**

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3604 S. Blaine Street - Meadowlark Estates, Inc.**

**Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

**Meeting:** October 12, 2004

**Subject:** Acquisition of Utility Easement – 3604 S. Blaine Street – Meadowlark Estates, Inc.

**Item #'s:** E-2 & G-12

**Presenter(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 an easement relative to the property of Meadowlark Estates, Inc., located along the south line of Meadowlark Estates Subdivision (3604 S. Blaine Street) between Lot Two (2) and U.P.R.R. spur line, Hall County, in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers.

## **Discussion**

This easement will be used to place underground cable and a junction box along the south side of Meadowlark Estates. The cable will create a two-way feed for most of the transformers in Meadowlark Estates. The existing electrical cable in this area is nearing the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced prior to total failure. By creating a two-way feed, individual sections of cable can be replaced without causing long outages to all of the customers in the subdivision.

## **Alternatives**

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

1. Approve the acquisition of the easement
2. Disapprove or /Deny the easement
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 easement for one dollar (\$1.00).

## **Sample Motion**

Approve the acquisition of the Utility Easement.

