



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

Council Session

Item G8

**#2004-297 - Approving Wireline Crossing Agreement with UP
Railroad - Utilities Department**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director
Dale Shotkoski, Asst. City Attorney/Purchasing

Meeting: November 23, 2004

Subject: Wireline Crossing Agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad and the City Of Grand Island, Utilities Dept.

Item #'s: G-8

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

Background

Portions of the underground electric system in the Meadowlark Estates Subdivision are over thirty years old and the power cables are nearing the end of their normal life. Transformers and power cables are regularly checked for proper operation and condition when electric crews are in the field, and some of the power cables in this subdivision are now showing signs of tracking, which is an indicator of potential failure.

Discussion

The area is currently fed by a single line from Blaine Street on the east edge of the subdivision. To replace a section of cable takes anywhere from four to forty-eight hours depending upon how well the project to remove and replace the old cable goes. With a single feed into the area all customers beyond the section of cable being replaced would be without power during that period of time, and there are numerous cables within the subdivision. To prevent frequent and possibly long outages in the subdivision, utility staff is proposing to build a second feed into the area; from the west side of the subdivision. The west side feed requires crossing the St. Joe branch of the Union Pacific.

Utility Department staff has met with the railroad to obtain an agreement to install the electric cable through the railroad property. UP proposes the use of their standard Wireline Crossing Agreement. The cost to the Department for railroad authorization to cross is \$1,500.00. The proposed agreement has been reviewed by the Legal Department.

Alternatives

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

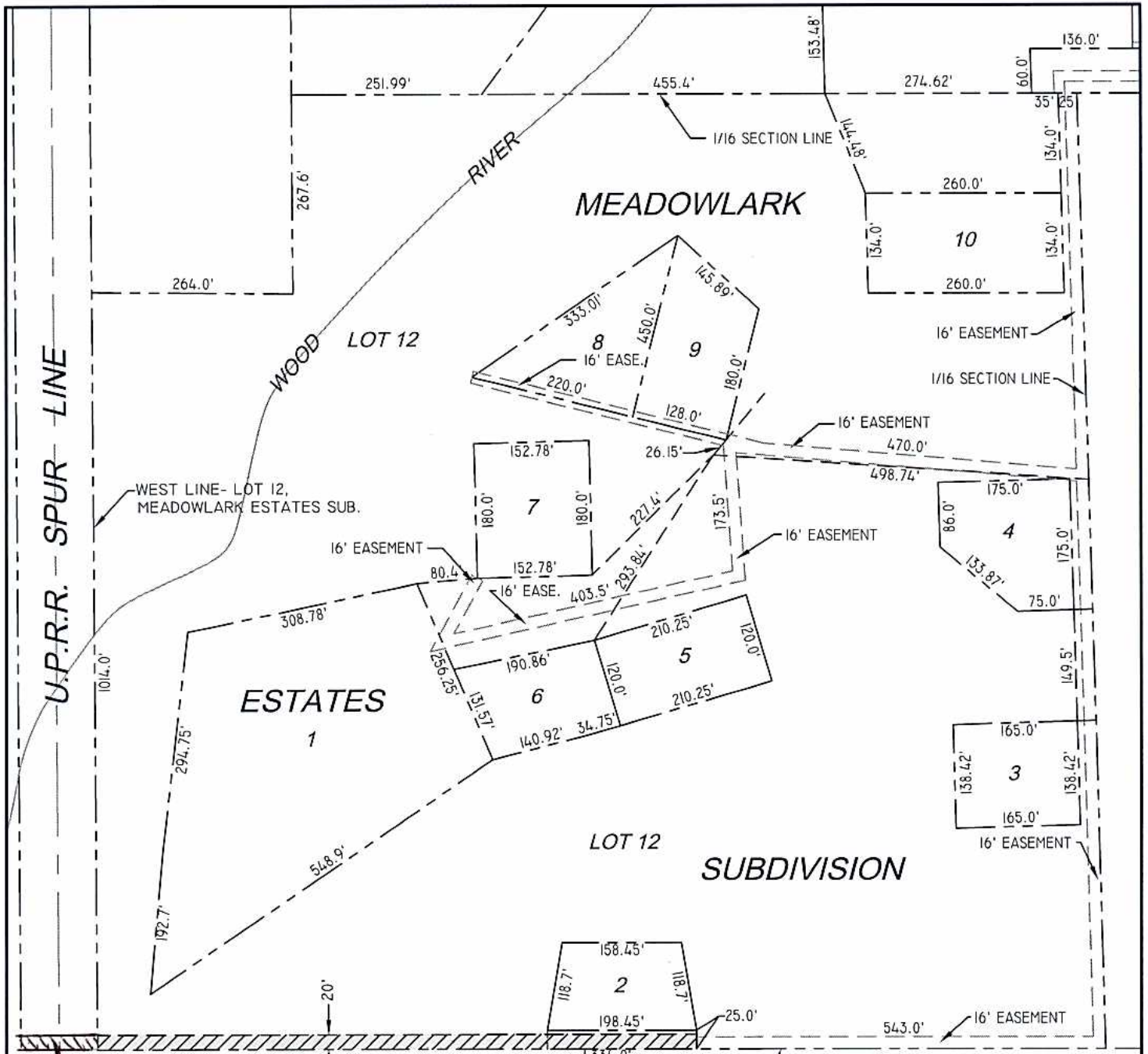
1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with Union Pacific Railroad and authorize payment of \$1,500.00 for the right to cross under the tracks.

Sample Motion


Motion to pass the resolution as presented approving the Wireline Crossing Agreement.



Railroad R-o-W Crossing

PT OF SE 1/4
SEC. 32, T-11-N, R-9-W

LEGEND

 INDICATES 20' WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT



CITY OF
GRAND ISLAND
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

EXHIBIT "A"

DRN BY: K.J.M.	SCALE: 1" = 200'
DATE: 9/9/2004	MEADOWLARK

RESOLUTION 2004-297

WHEREAS, portions of the underground electric system in Meadowlark Estates Subdivision are over thirty years old and the power cables are nearing the end of their normal life; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that a second feed into the area be made to prevent frequent and possibly long outages in the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the second feed would be made from the west side of the subdivision, and would require crossing the St. Joe branch of the Union Pacific railroad; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad Company requires the use of their standard Wireline Crossing Agreement for such situations, and an authorization fee of \$1,500; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the proposed agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that a Wireline Crossing Agreement is hereby approved at a cost of \$1,500 to allow a second feed for underground electric utilities to cross the St. Joe branch of the Union Pacific railroad to provide power to Meadowlark Estates Subdivision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 23, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 18, 2004	☐ City Attorney