



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

Council Session

Item E1

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3604 South
Blaine Street, South of Hwy. 34 - H & J Investments**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader

Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: March 22, 2005

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – H & J Investments –
South Blaine Street, South of Hwy. 34

Item #'s: E-1 & G-5

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 H & J Investments, LLC, located along the south line of Meadowlark Estates Subdivision (3604 S. Blaine Street) 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

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:

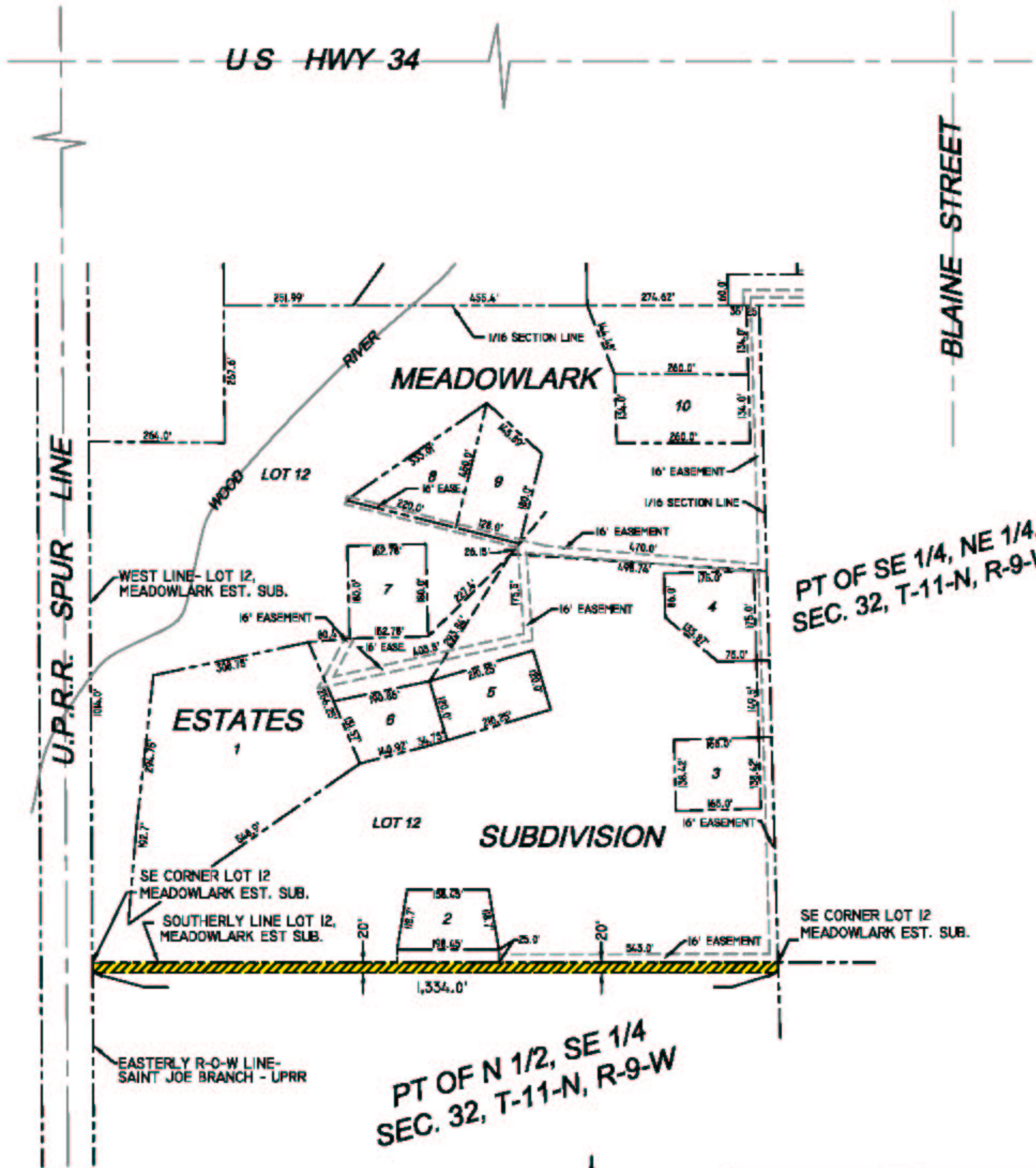
1. Approve the acquisition of the easement
2. Disapprove or /Deny the easement
3. Modify the request to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

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.



LEGEND

 INDICATES 20' WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT



CITY OF GRAND ISLAND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT	
EXHIBIT "A"	
DRN BY: K.J.M.	SCALE: 1"= 300'
DATE: 3/2/2005	FILE: 32-11-9