



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Council Session

## Item G17

**#2005-145 - Approving Renewal of Farm Leases**

Staff Contact: Doug Walker

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney  
Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director  
Steve Riehle, Public Works Director  
Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director

**Meeting:** May 10, 2005

**Subject:** Renewal of Farm Leases

**Item #'s:** G-17

**Presenter(s):** Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

## **Background**

The Utilities, Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments lease lands owned, but not required for actual equipment installations, for agricultural use. This process reduces department maintenance expense and provides revenue from the farming operations. The leases are for one year terms with access for utility purposes guaranteed at any time. Areas included are: unsold property at Platte Valley Industrial Park, Platte Generating Station, Burdick Station, the Well Field, land north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, land at the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant and the City Landfill.

## **Discussion**

A summary of the leases for 2005 is listed below:

Farm #6 – Platte Valley Industrial Park	Larry Knuth	7.5 +/- acres	40% of Alfalfa
Farm #7 – Platte Generating Station	Mike Lilienthal	255 +/- acres	33% Alfalfa or rotation crops
Farm #8 – City Well Field	Kenneth Clausen	114 +/- acres	50% Prairie Hay
Farm #9 – City Well Field	Larry Knuth	520 +/- acres	50% Prairie Hay
Farm #10 – City Well Field	Jack Webb	650 +/- acres	50% Prairie Hay
Farm #11 – GI Industrial Subdivision	Mike Peters	116.4 +/- acres	\$10,500 Cash Rent
Farm #11A – Burdick-Rough Hay Meadow	Gerald Bremer	16.5 +/- acres	\$50 Cash Rent
Farm #12 – City Landfill	Quaring Farms	170 +/- acres	\$3,500 Cash Rent
Farm #16 – CAAP	Robert Nunnenkamp	48 +/- acres	\$3,000 Cash Rent
Farm #16 – CAAP	Matt Turek	51 +/- acres	33% Prairie Hay

Receipt of revenue by the department from the crop share leases depends on success of the farming year.

### **Alternatives**

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

1. Move to approve the annual farm leases.
2. Disapprove the leases.
3. Modify the leases to meet the wishes of the Council.
4. Take no action on the issue.

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the farm leases.

### **Sample Motion**

Approve the farm leases.

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WHEREAS, the Utilities, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Departments have negotiated and submitted proposed leases for the 2005 crop year for its crop and hayland; and

WHEREAS, approval of these leases is recommended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the following leases be, and hereby are, approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign the leases on behalf of the City of Grand Island:

Property	Tenant	Acres Rented	Rent Share
Platte Valley Industrial Park	Larry Knuth	7.5 +/-	40% of Alfalfa
Platte Generating Station	Mike Lilienthal	225 +/-	33% Alfalfa or rotation crops
Northwest City Well Field	Ken Clausen	114 +/-	50% Prairie Hay
Central and Southwest City Well Field	Larry Knuth	520 +/-	50% Prairie Hay
East City Well Field	Jack Webb	650 +/-	50% Prairie Hay
City Industrial Subdivision	Mike Peters	116 +/-	\$10,500 Cash Rent
Cherry Street Substation	Gerald Bremer	16.5	\$50 Cash Rent
City Landfill	Quaring Farms	170 +/-	\$3,500 Cash Rent
CAAP	Robert Nunnenkamp	48 +/-	\$3,000 Cash Rent
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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 10, 2005.

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> _____ May 4, 2005 <input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney
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