

# **City of Grand Island**

Tuesday, May 24, 2005 Council Session

### Item E2

**Public Hearing Concerning Acquisition of Utility Easement - North Side of Platte River, Northeast of Hwy. 281 - Kuehner** 

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City of Grand Island City Council

## **Council Agenda Memo**

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

**Meeting:** May 24, 2005

**Subject:** Acquisition of Utility Easement – North side of Platte

River – Northeast of Hwy. 281 - Kuehner

**Item #'s:** E-2 & G-6

**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 an easement relative to the property of Carolyn E. Kuehner, located on the north side of the Platte River, northeast of U.S. Hwy. 281, located in Hall County, Nebraska, in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. An existing single phase line now occupies the area of the easement. Researching City and County records did not uncover a filed document concerning the property.

#### **Discussion**

This easement will be used to upgrade the single phase line to a three phase line and to complete the legal documents for the line to remain in place. The three phase line will serve a new irrigation well on Kuehner Farm property.

#### **Alternatives**

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

- 1. Make a motion 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 for the acquisition of the easement for one dollar (\$1.00).

#### Sample Motion

Motion to approve acquisition of the Utility Easement.

