



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Council Session

Item G7

#2006-159 - Approving Renewal of Farm Leases for 2006

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Steve Riehle; Steve Paustian; Jim Rowe

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director
Jim Rowell, Fire Chief
Steve Riehle, Public Works Director
Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director

Meeting: May 23, 2006

Subject: Approving Renewal of Farm Leases

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Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director
Jim Rowell, Fire Chief
Steve Riehle, Public Works Director
Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director

Background

The Utilities, Fire, 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: the area for the future Fire Training Center at Hwy. 30 and Stuhr Road off of Talc Drive, Platte Generating Station, Burdick Station, the Wellfield, 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 2006 is listed below:

Farm #	Property	Tenant	Acres Rented	Rent Share
5	Fire Dept. Training Center	Jeff Johnson	31 +/-	\$140/acre Cash Rent; All deficiency payments
6	CAAP Site	Robert Nunnenkamp	48 +/-	\$3,000 Cash Rent

Farm #	Property	Tenant	Acres Rented	Rent Share
6A	CAAP Site	Matt Tureck	51 +/-	33% Prairie Hay
7	Platte Generating Station	Mike Lilienthal	255 +/-	33% Alfalfa or rotation crops
8	Northwest Wellfield	Ken Clausen	114 +/-	50% Prairie Hay
9	Central and Southwest Wellfield	Larry Knuth	520 +/-	50% Prairie Hay
10	East part of the Wellfield	Jack Webb	650 +/-	50% Prairie Hay
11	City Industrial Subdivision	Mike Peters	116 +/-	\$12,500 Cash Rent
11A	Cherry Street Substation	Gerald Bremer	16.5 +/-	\$50 Cash Rent
12	City Landfill Site	Philip Quaring	170 +/-	\$3,500 Cash Rent 40% Prairie Hay

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 annual farm leases.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the farm leases for 2006.

R E S O L U T I O N 2006-159

WHEREAS, the Utilities, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Departments have negotiated and submitted proposed leases for the 2006 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
Fire Dept. Training Center	Jeff Johnson	31 +/-	\$140/acre Cash Rent; All deficiency payments
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	116.4 +/-	\$12,500 Cash Rent
Cherry Street Substation	Gerald Bremer	16.5	\$50 Cash Rent
City Landfill	Phillip Quaring	174 +/-	\$3,500 Cash Rent 50% Prairie Hay
CAAP	Robert Nunnenkamp	48 +/-	\$3,000 Cash Rent
CAAP	Matt Tureck	51 +/-	33% Prairie Hay

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 23, 2006.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> _____ May 17, 2006 <input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney
