



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 02, 2006

Council Session

Item G7

**#2006-127 - Approving Application of Power Review Board for
Adjusting Service Area - Utilities Department**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Meeting: May 2, 2006

Subject: Approving Application to the Nebraska Power Review Board for Adjusting Service Area – Utilities Department

Item #'s: G-7

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

Background

The City of Grand Island Electric Department operates its electric system in an area both inside and outside of the City limits. The boundaries of the service area are specified by the authority of the Nebraska Power Review Board. A service area map is attached for reference.

The areas north and east of Grand Island provide a buffer between the City limits and the neighboring electric service area of Southern Nebraska Rural Public Power District. The areas south and west of the City limits in many cases do not provide that buffer. So when the City expands its limits, the Electric Department must apply to the Nebraska Power Review Board to add to its electric service area to include newly added areas.

Discussion

The new Ewoldt Subdivision is located west of U.S. 281 and south of Husker Highway, just north of the Ponderosa Subdivision. Part of that subdivision is outside of the Grand Island Electric Service area, in Southern Power's service area. Since the subdivision was recently annexed, the City Utilities Department must apply to the Power Review Board to adjust the service boundaries. In this addition, the Department anticipates that there will be no cost to adjust this boundary.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the Application for Adjusting the Service Area

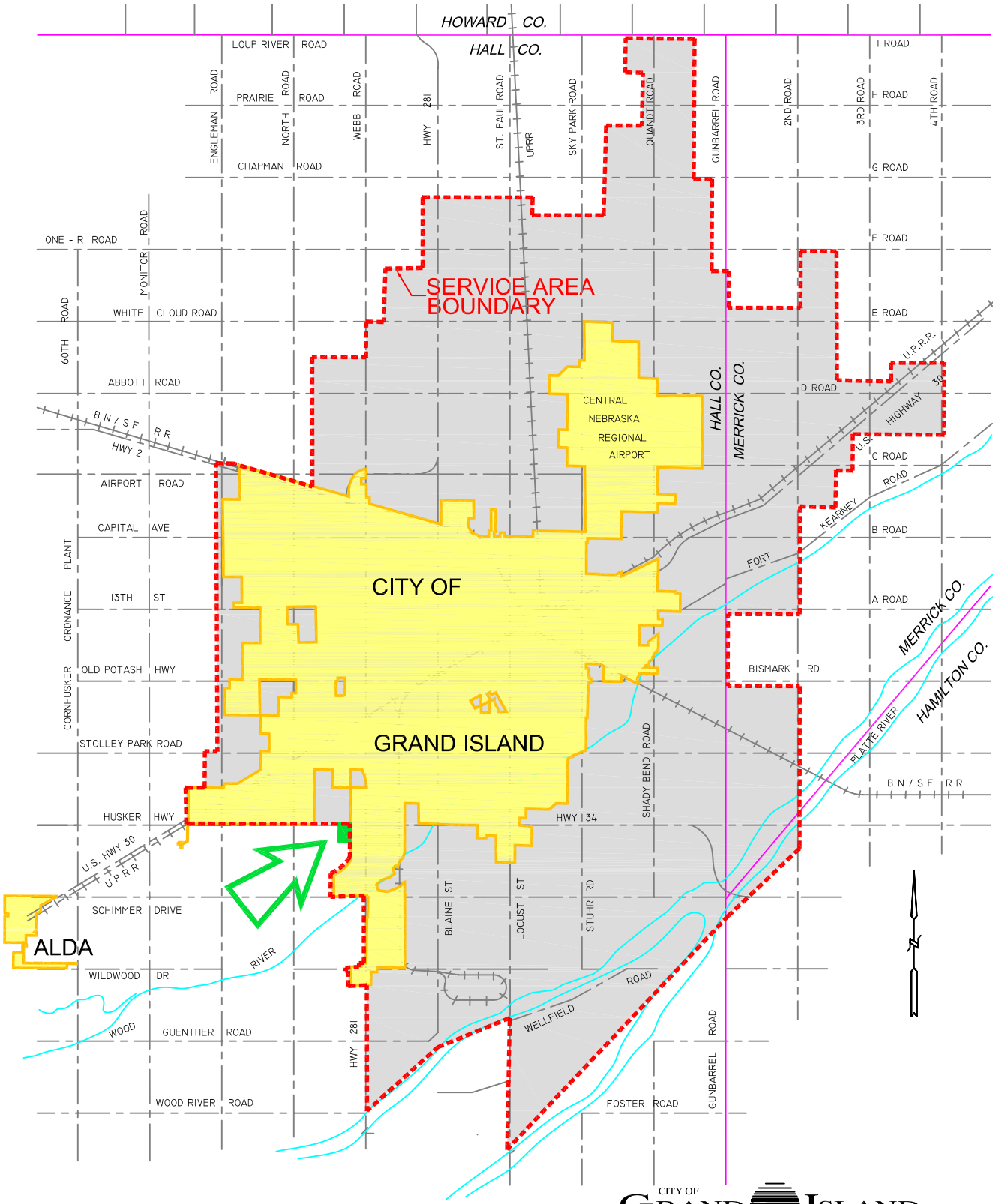
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the application be filed at the State to establish a revised service area.

Sample Motion

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Application to the Power Review Board for Adjusting the Electric Service Area.



SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

CITY OF

GRAND ISLAND

ALDA

LEGEND

 INDICATES SERVICE AREA TO BE ACQUIRED

CITY OF
GRAND ISLAND
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

GRAND ISLAND ELECTRIC SERVICE AREA

SCALE: 1" = 2 MILES 4/14/2006

RESOLUTION 2006-127

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island Electric Department operates its electric system in areas both inside and outside of the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the service area are specified by the authority of the Nebraska Power Review Board; and

WHEREAS, with the recent annexation of Ewoldt Subdivision west of U.S. Highway 281 and south of Husker Highway, part of the subdivision is outside the Grand Island Electric Service area; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Utilities Department to apply to the Power Review Board to adjust and expand the service boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that an application is hereby authorized to request the Nebraska Power Review Board to allow the City of Grand Island's electric service area to be adjusted to reflect the recent annexation of Ewoldt Subdivision.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 2, 2006.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk