



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 09, 2006

Council Session

## Item I1

**#2006-155 - Approving Construction of Memorial at New Fire Station #1**

Staff Contact: Jim Rowell

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Jim Rowell, Fire Chief  
**Meeting:** May 9, 2006  
**Subject:** Memorial Site  
**Item #'s:** I-1  
**Presenter(s):** Jim Rowell, Fire Chief

## Background

The Grand Island Firefighters resolved to create a memorial for firefighters and emergency medical technicians. They formed a committee and began to develop the plans for the site, garner support for the project and do fundraising for the idea development phase of the project.

The Grand Island firefighters started by sponsoring events at the annual Fire School and each year the event has provided food and a fun evening for visiting firefighters. These first fundraising efforts served multiple purposes. In addition to providing fun and fellowship, these events promoted the establishment of the memorial here in Grand Island and raised money to get the project started.

## Discussion

The firefighters are asking for permission to use a portion of the property that is the site for the new fire station for the memorial. Having a definite location will establish the project as a reality by providing the first tangible piece of the project.

The memorial will be 200 feet by 300 feet on the southeast end of the fire station site. Attached is a rendering that shows how the memorial is planned to be constructed. The size and placement of the memorial will not hamper operations at that station. The memorial will enhance the appearance of the property and provide a convenient location where the public can take the opportunity to visit.

Initial estimate for the project cost is \$300,000 which will be raised from various non-city sources to construct the memorial. The firefighters will continue fundraising efforts to construct the memorial and provide some equipment for its operation. The property will become the property of the city upon completion and the city will then bare the cost of

the utilities and maintenance of the site. The maintenance would be the cost of electricity for lighting the flags and the water fountain feature along with the pump for the fountain. The portion of the property covered by the memorial would reduce the total area to be mowed and therefore will not create significant cost in the maintenance of the grounds. The cost of the electricity and water would be similar to that of Pioneer Park and depending on the lighting and pump should be under \$2,000 per year. The firefighters are intending to provide a funding source for the ongoing costs of the memorial through the donations received for the site.

## **Alternatives**

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

1. Move to approve the use of the land for the memorial
2. Deny the use of the property
3. Modify the request to meet the needs of the City Council
4. Table the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council to approve the use of the property for the memorial site.

## **Sample Motion**

Motion to approve the use of the property for the memorial site.



Hall St

Sycamore St S

Oak St S

Vine St S

Hall St

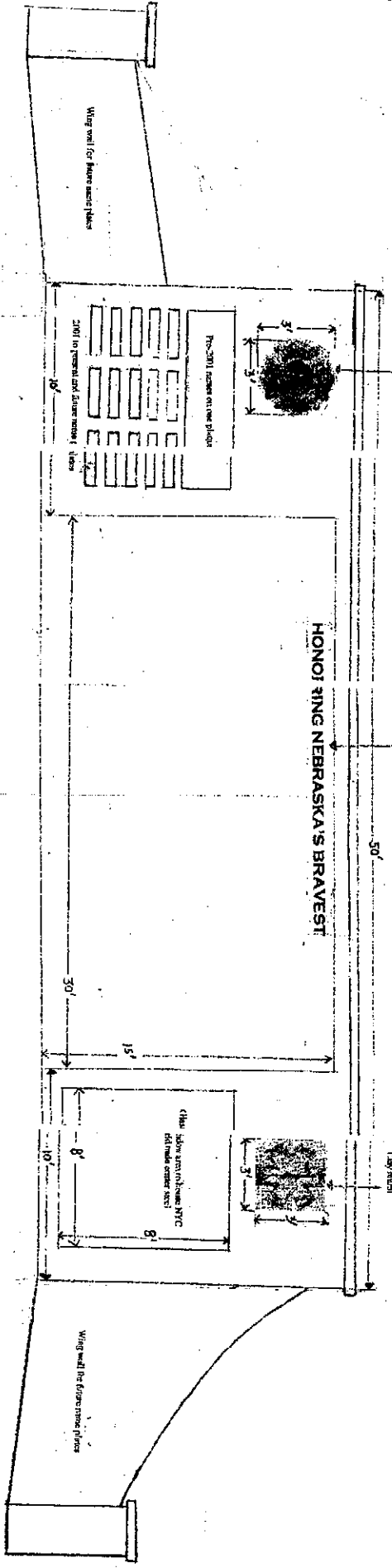
Nebraska Ave

Fonner Park Rd E

Fire Station

Proposed Memorial Site





Wing wall for future basic plates

The 2001 plates on one plate

2001 to present and future wall plates

HONOJ TING NEERASKA'S BRAVEST

Entrance to be walled into top of March

Size of table

This table is made of wood and PVC and made under 1970

Wing wall for future basic plates

RESOLUTION 2006-155

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2006, the City Council of the City of Grand Island approved the construction of a replacement Fire Station No. 1 to be located on near Fonner Park; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has been approached by members of the memorial committee requesting to use an area approximately 200 feet by 300 feet in size to construct a memorial at the site of the new fire station; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the memorial would be paid using private funds; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the construction and full payment of such memorial, the memorial shall be donated to the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that such project be authorized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Fire Department is hereby authorized to designate an area approximately 200 feet by 300 feet in size for the construction of a memorial to be located at the new fire station being built at 409 E. Fonner Park Road.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 9, 2006.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form    ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
May 4, 2006            ☐ City Attorney