

City of Grand Island

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Item E2

Public Hearing on Acquisition of a Public Utilities Easement Located Along 1149 South Stuhr Rd (Amy Anderson)

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Council Agenda Memo

From:	Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director
Meeting:	August 8, 2006
Subject:	Public Hearing and Approval for Acquisition of a Public Utilities Easement Located Along 1149 South Stuhr Rd (Amy Anderson)
Item #'s:	E-2 & G-7
Presenter(s):	Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director

Background

Council action is necessary for the City of Grand Island to acquire public easements. The Public Works Department needs to acquire an easement along the property of 1149 South Stuhr Road (Amy Anderson); behind 819 South Stuhr Road (Thomas and Faye Conlon).

Thomas and Faye Conlon own the property at 819 South Stuhr Road. They have a private septic tank and leach field for treatment of their sewage waste. The Conlon's would like to connect to city sewer as their septic system has not been fully functionable since they bought the property in 2003. They have been using a Laundromat to do laundry and have had the septic tank pumped several times in the last year.

A sanitary sewer interceptor line is located in a 20' wide easement that is separated from the Conlon's property by a 7' strip of property owned by Amy Anderson. An easement is needed across Ms. Anderson's property to allow the Conlon's to connect to a manhole on the sanitary sewer interceptor. The property where the easement is needed is mostly weeds and contains no buildings.

Discussion

The Conlon's have made numerous attempts over the last ten months to seek approval from Ms. Anderson for the easement. Ms. Anderson has stated that she would sign the easement documents but never has. The Conlon's are requesting council approval of the easement. They are hopeful that Ms. Anderson will sign the easement document if she understands that the city supports connecting the Conlon's to city sewer.

Alternatives

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

- 1. Move to approve the acquisition of the Public Utility Easement.
- 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 conduct a Public Hearing and approve the Resolution for the acquisition of the Public Utility Easement.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the acquisition of the Public Utility Easement.

