



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Council Session

Item G16

**#2007-24 - Approve Household Hazardous Waste Construction
Grant Application to DEQ**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Paul M. Briseno, Assistant to the City Administrator

Meeting: January 23, 2007

Subject: Household Hazardous Waste Facility Construction Grant
from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

Item #'s: G-16

Presenter(s): Paul M. Briseno, Assistant to the City Administrator
Betty Curtis, Executive Director GIACCS
Joni Kuzma, Development Specialist

Background

In February 2004, the Grand Island City Council identified development of a permanent, regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility as a community goal. The planning team consists of city staff, city council representation, Clean Community System staff and board members, and Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska. Goodwill had received a previous grant for construction of an aluminum recycling center. DEQ encouraged a collaborative effort so the recycling center will be a part of the HHW facility.

In January 2005, the planning committee created a business plan and completed a grant application for architectural services to move the facility forward. The Department of Environmental Quality supported the project by awarding a \$75,000 grant for architectural/engineering services to design the facility. The Household Hazardous Waste planning team met with the architect multiple times during the past six months to finalize the building and site plan.

In September 2006, a construction grant application was submitted to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for 65% of construction costs (\$652,000). No award information has been received to date, but follow-up information has been provided to the Environmental Trust to further clarify the grant application.

Discussion

The next step in the process is submission of a construction grant application to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for the remaining 35% of funds needed for construction. The proposed 9,700 square foot facility is a pre-engineered metal building which includes 5,520 square foot high bay processing area with a 200 square foot vented deflagration room (blast room) and a 3,480 square foot storage mezzanine, a 3,450 square foot Administration/Education area and a 600 square foot aluminum Recycling area. Construction costs were originally estimated at \$850,000. The addition of a fire suppression system and well in January 2007 increased the total cost to about \$1,200,000.

The proposed grant application requests the balance of construction funds, plus funds for installation of a fire suppression system, drilling of a well to support the suppression and drilling of a domestic water well. A City match of \$80,000 was included in the September 2006 Environmental Trust grant and was allocated in the 2007-2008 budget. Construction will not begin until late summer or early fall.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents
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 Council approve a grant application for construction funds from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve a grant application for construction funds from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

RESOLUTION 2007-24

WHEREAS, in February 2004, the Grand Island City Council identified development of a permanent, regional Household Hazardous Waste facility as a community goal; and

WHEREAS, in January 2005, a business plan was prepared for the facility; and

WHEREAS, in February 2006, as a result of a \$75,000 grant received from the Department of Environmental Quality, the City hired MILCO Environmental Services, Inc. to perform architectural/engineering services to design the facility; and

WHEREAS, the building plan and site plan have been prepared by Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., with an estimated construction cost of \$900,000; and

WHEREAS, an addition of a fire suppression system and well has increased the total cost to approximately \$1,200,000; and

WHEREAS, in September, 2006, a grant application was submitted to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for 65% of the construction costs of the facility; and

WHEREAS, a grant application has been prepared for the remainder of the construction funds to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality prior to February 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the grant, a city match of \$40,000 may be allocated in the 2007-2008 budget and \$40,000 in the 2008-2009 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the construction of a Household Hazardous Waste facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary for the submission of the grant application.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 23, 2007.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
January 18, 2007	☐ City Attorney

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk