



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Council Session

## Item G3

**#2007- 67- Approving Renewal of Farm Leases**

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# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Dale M. Shotkoski, City Attorney  
**Meeting:** March 27, 2007  
**Subject:** Renewal of Farm Leases  
**Item #'s:** G-3  
**Presenter(s):** Dale M. Shotkoski, City Attorney

## **Background**

The Utilities, Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments lease lands owned, but not currently required for actual equipment or building 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: unsold property at Platte Valley Industrial Park, Platte Generating Station, Burdick Station, the Well Field, land north of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, land at the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant and the City Landfill.

## **Discussion**

A summary of the leases for 2007 is listed below:

Farm #5 – Fire Department Training Center	Jeff Johnson	31 +/- acres	\$140/Acre Cash Rent; All Def. Payments
Farm #7 – Platte Generating Station	Mike Lilienthal	255 +/- acres	33% Alfalfa or rotation crops
Farm #8 – City Well Field	Kenneth Clausen	114 +/- acres	50% Prairie Hay
Farm #9 – City Well Field	Larry Knuth	520 +/- acres	50% Prairie Hay
Farm #10 – City Well Field	Jack Webb	650 +/- acres	50% Prairie Hay
Farm #11 – GI Industrial Subdivision	Mike Peters	116.4 +/- acres	\$12,500 Cash Rent
Farm #11A – Burdick-Rough Hay Meadow	Gerald Bremer	16.5 +/- acres	\$50 Cash Rent
Farm #12 – City Landfill	Quaring Farms	170 +/- acres	\$3,500 Cash Rent
Farm #16 – CAAP	Robert Nunnenkamp	48 +/- acres	50% Prairie Hay
Farm #16 – CAAP	Matt Turek	51 +/- acres	\$3,000 Cash Rent
			33% Prairie Hay

Receipt of revenue by the department from the crop share leases depends on success of the farming year.

### **Alternatives**

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

1. Move to approve the annual farm leases.
2. Disapprove the leases.
3. Modify the leases to meet the wishes of the Council.
4. Take no action on the issue.

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the farm leases.

### **Sample Motion**

Approve the farm leases.