



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Council Session

## Item G17

**#2007-166 - Approving Authority to Sign Documents for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Regarding Farm Leases**

Staff Contact: Dale Shotkoski

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Wesley D. Nespor, Attorney

**Meeting:** July 24, 2007

**Subject:** Authority to Sign Farm Service Agency (FSA) Documents

**Item #'s:** G-17

**Presenter(s):** Wesley D. Nespor, Attorney

## **Background**

The city has various parcels of real estate subject to oversight by several city departments. Much of this land is farmed, hayed or pastured under annual leases. The land was previously managed by a professional manager who has now retired. The new management company will begin management services after harvest in 2007. In the interim, the Legal Department prepared leases and is working with NRD and FSA for reporting purposes.

## **Discussion**

Someone must meet with personnel at the Farm Service Agency on July 25, 2007, to sign federal forms certifying acres for production. Dale Shotkoski and Wesley Nespor can do it this year and Farmers National Company (Randy Hartmann) can do it for 2008 and subsequent years. A resolution is required to authorize these individuals to sign federal forms for the city.

## **Alternatives**

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

1. Move to approve a resolution authorizing Dale Shotkoski, Wesley Nespor and Farmers National Company to sign federal forms certifying city production and irrigation acres.
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 approve a resolution authorizing Dale Shotkoski, Wesley D. Nespor and Farmers National Company (Randy Hartmann) to sign all forms and reporting documents for NRD and FSA for agricultural land owned by the City of Grand Island.

## **Sample Motion**

Motion to approve a resolution authorizing Dale Shotkoski, Wesley D. Nespor and Farmers National Company (Randy Hartmann) to sign all forms and reporting documents for NRD and FSA for agricultural land owned by the City of Grand Island.

RESOLUTION 2007-166

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2007, by Resolution No. 2007-67 the City Council awarded various leases on parcels of real estate owned by the city and subject to oversight by several city departments; and

WHEREAS, the real estate was previously managed by a professional land manager who has now retired; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2007, by Resolution No. 2007-152, Farmers National Company of Grand Island, Nebraska was awarded a contract for managing the city's real estate; and

WHEREAS, in the interim, the Legal Department has prepared leases and is working with the Natural Resource District (NRD) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices for reporting purposes; and

WHEREAS, a representative of the city must meet with personnel at FSA to sign federal forms certifying acres for production and it is therefore necessary for council to grant authority to Dale M. Shotkoski, City Attorney and Wesley D. Nespor, Attorney, to sign the federal forms necessary to certify the acres and to grant Farmers National Company of Grand Island, Nebraska, to sign the forms necessary to certify acres for future crop seasons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Dale M. Shotkoski, City Attorney, and Wesley D. Nespor, Attorney, are hereby authorized to sign the federal forms necessary to certify acres with FSA and NRD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Farmers National Company of Grand Island, Nebraska, is hereby authorized to sign the federal forms necessary to certify acres for FSA and NRD for future crop years.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 24, 2007.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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July 19, 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Attorney