



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, December 04, 2007**

**Council Session**

## **Item E1**

**Public Hearing on Request from Alltel Communications of  
Nebraska, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit for a Wireless  
Communication Tower Facility Located at 3429 Airport Road**

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# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Craig A. Lewis, Building Department Director

**Meeting:** December 4, 2007

**Subject:** Request of Faulk & Foster, Representing, Alltel Communication of Nebraska, Inc. for Approval of a Condition Use Permit to Construct a Telecommunication Tower at 3429 Airport Road

**Item #'s:** E-1 & H-1

**Presenter(s):** Craig Lewis

## **Background**

This is a request to allow for the construction of a 180 foot monopole telecommunication tower at 3429 Airport Road to facilitate their cellular service area. The Grand Island Zoning Code requires that all telecommunication towers receive the approval of City Council in the form of a conditional use permit prior to construction.

The intent of the tower and telecommunication facilities and antenna regulations are to protect residential areas and land uses from the potential adverse impact of the installation of towers and antennas through careful design, sighting, and camouflaging, to promote and encourage shared use/collocation of towers, and to ensure that towers and antennas are compatible with the surrounding land uses.

## **Discussion**

The City code specifies eight items to be submitted with the application for a tower development permit, all of those items have been submitted, with the exception of; 1). the engineering of the tower and foundation design, and, 2). a building permit application for the proposed tower. It appears reasonable to delay the submittal of these two items until after the City Council has approved the location. At the time of a request for a building permit the engineering for the construction needs to be submitted before a building permit would be issued.

Information attesting to a diligent effort to collocate has been submitted from the applicant but no supporting documentation from the other tower owners has been submitted stating the reasons for a denial of collocation.

There are several towers in the area along and adjacent to the Highway 281 corridor and the location of this proposal does not appear to create any negative impact on the neighboring properties.

### **Alternatives**

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

1. Approve the conditional use permit.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the conditional use permit.
3. Modify the conditional use to meet the wishes of the Council
4. Table the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the request for a conditional use permit to construct this telecommunication tower.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the request for a conditional use permit to construct a telecommunication tower at 3429 Airport Road. Possible findings to support this position might include; that the application was submitted as prescribed in the City code and that the proposal would not adversely impact neighboring properties and land uses.





