



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 08, 2008

Council Session

## Item G9

**#2008-4 - Approving Request for Contract Extension with Hooker Brothers for Earthwork for Wells #1, #5, and #8 - Platte River Wellfield**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Wesley Nespor

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director  
Wesley Nespor, Asst. City Attorney/Purchasing

**Meeting:** January 8, 2008

**Subject:** Contract 2008-WF-1 - Request for Time Extension

**Item #'s:** G-9

**Presenter(s):** Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

## **Background**

The City's primary drinking water source is located at the Platte River Wellfield. Forty years ago, the original wells were installed without building enclosures. In order to improve maintenance, reliability, environmental safety, and secure operations, the Utilities Department has been systematically working to place protective buildings over each well. This has been an on-going process for the past four years. Protective buildings for an additional three wells are budgeted again in the Water Department '07 – '08 budget.

Contract 2008-WF-1 consists of furnishing all equipment and labor for grading, constructing embankments, and related earthwork around wells #1, #4, and #8 at the City's Platte River Wellfield. The work is required before the new buildings can be constructed. Hooker Brothers Construction Company, of Grand Island, was awarded the contract for the required earthwork, at the Council Meeting of October 23, 2007.

## **Discussion**

Hooker Brothers has completed the contract earth work and the areas around the three wells are now graded for installation of the protective buildings. However, the contract also included seeding of the area of construction. Hooker Brothers has requested a time extension to the contract to postpone the specified seeding until next spring. A copy of the contractor's request for extension is attached.

## **Alternatives**

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

1. Move to approve
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 requested contract extension be granted. Postponing the seeding portion of the contract work will improve the chances of getting a good stand of vegetation to hold the newly placed materials. The banks will be re-dressed prior to seeding.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to grant a contract extension to Hooker Brothers Construction Company to April 1, 2008, for the seeding portion of Contract 2008-WF-1, Platte River Wellfield Earthwork, Wells #1, #4, and #8.

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Construction Company

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Re: Platte River Well Field Contract 2008-WF-1, Wells 1, 4, & 8 Earthwork

Subject: Request for Time Extension.

Dear Tom:

Hooker Brothers Construction Company is requesting an extension in time for the above referenced project. Do to earlier adverse weather conditions, a late notice to proceed, and a backlog of work; we are requesting additional time to complete this project. We have scheduled this project to start today and should weather conditions permit the grading of the well pads will be complete by the end of this week. We do not anticipate performing the seeding work until next spring, thus giving the planting's the optimum chance for survival.

As discussed at the pre-construction meeting the construction of well house buildings is not scheduled to start until next March. We anticipate having all construction except the seeding completed by that time.

I wish to thank you for your patience and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at our Grand Island office.

Respectfully;



Rod Hooker

Hooker Brothers Construction Company

Cc:

Project file

RESOLUTION 2008-4

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2007, by Resolution 2007-266, Hooker Brothers Construction of Grand Island, Nebraska, was awarded the bid for Contract 2008-WF-1 for earthwork for Platte River Well Field Wells, 1, 4 and 8; and

WHEREAS, completion of Contract 2008-WF-1 has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed to complete Contract 2008-WF-1 and Council approval is required to amend the contract completion date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the request for extension of the contract of Contract 2008-WF-1 is approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any related documents on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 8, 2008.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk