



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Council Session

Item E2

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Public Utility/Drainage Easement
Located at 731 Allen Drive in Meadowlark West Third and West
Fourth Subdivision (Allen Phase III, LLC)**

Staff Contact: Steven P. Riehle, City Engineer/Public Works Direc

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director

Meeting: January 22, 2008

Subject: Public Hearing on Acquisition of Public Utility and Drainage Easement in Lot 10 of Meadowlark West Third Subdivision and Lot 15 of Meadowlark West Fourth Subdivision

Item #'s: E-2 & G-13

Presenter(s): Steven P. Riehle, Public Works Director

Background

Nebraska State Statutes stipulate that the acquisition of property requires a public hearing to be conducted with the acquisition approved by the City Council. A public utility and drainage easement is needed on Lot 10 of Meadowlark West Third Subdivision and Lot 15 of Meadowlark West Fourth Subdivision to accommodate public utilities and drainage. The easement will allow for the construction, operation, maintenance, extension, repair, replacement, and removal of public utilities and drainage within the easement. The public utility and drainage easement will replace a drainage easement being vacated at tonight's council meeting.

Discussion

The developer will build storm sewer in the new easement to replace the storm sewer that will be removed in the easement being vacated. The new easement and storm sewer will be along the south side of Lot 10 and the east side of Lot 10 & 15. The sixty foot that was originally dedicated for the drainage easement is more width than what is now needed. The new and relocated easement will be twenty five foot (25') wide and will serve as both a drainage and a utility easement.

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 Council conduct a Public Hearing and approve acquisition of the Easement.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the acquisition of the Easement.

