



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Council Session

Item E5

**Public Hearing Concerning Acquisition of Utility Easement - 1812
Mansfield Road - Engleman Elementary School - School Dist. of
Grand Island**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: September 23, 2008

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – 1812 Mansfield Road
– Engleman Elementary School – School District of
Grand Island

Item #'s: E-5 & G-11

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

Background

Nebraska State Law requires that acquisition of property must be approved by City Council. The Utilities Department needs to acquire an easement relative to the property of the School District of Grand Island, located at the new Engleman Elementary School, 1812 Mansfield Road (previously the Westridge Middle School), in the City of Grand Island, Hall County, in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair public utilities and appurtenances, including water mains and fire hydrants.

Discussion

This easement will be used to place water main and a fire hydrant on school property by the Grand Island School District. After completion of all required testing, the School District will turn the system over to the City of Grand Island to maintain as part of the total water system. The easement allows legal access by the Utilities Department.

Alternatives

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

1. Make a motion 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 approve the resolution for the acquisition of the easement for one dollar (\$1.00).

Sample Motion

Move to approve acquisition of the Utility Easement.

