



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 02, 2008

Council Session

## Item G16

**#2008-344 - Approving Agreement with NE Game and Parks  
Commission for Use of Heartland Public Shooting Facility for  
Hunter Education Program**

Staff Contact: Steve Paustian

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Department

**Meeting:** December 2, 2008

**Subject:** Approving Agreement with NE Game and Parks Commission

**Item #'s:** G-16

**Presenter(s):** Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Department

## **Background**

The Heartland Public Shooting Park is offering hunter education classes at the facility. Several hours of instruction is included in this training. The training is designed to educate new hunters regarding safe firearm handling, sportsmanship, rules and regulations and other important items related to hunting and shooting in Nebraska.

## **Discussion**

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has developed a program where the Commission will provide two boxes of ammunition to each successful participant in the hunter education program. This ammunition is provided with the understanding that it will be used to provide training while actually firing a shotgun. Instructors will be with these trainees and will use the live fire training to further the understanding of gun use and gun safety by the participants. In order to receive this ammunition from the Game and Parks Commission a hold harmless agreement must be signed by the City protecting the Game and Parks Commission.

## **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 allow the signing of the agreement to allow the Heartland Public Shooting Park to incorporate the live fire unit into its training program.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to sign the agreement as presented by the NE Game and Parks Commission.

## Contract

The above listed facility understands that shooting activities carry inherent risks that could include damage to property, persons, injury or even death and they agree that in the event of damage to property, personal injury or even death as the result of any action, they will hold harmless the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, its agents, staff, volunteers, Commissioners and contract employees.

The listed facility shall not prevent attendance in violation of any federal or state law dealing with discrimination based on age, sex, national origin or disabilities.

It is understood that the facility listed will recruit, offer, entice, promote and encourage the graduate student to join, subscribe and/or use the facilities at individual cost for additional practice of shooting skills, application of knowledge of shooting techniques and continued usage of the facility for legal purposes, but this shall not be a condition on using the facility by the graduated student for this program.

The facility agrees to use, encourage, instruct and promote the specific skills and knowledge from the Nebraska Hunter Education programs. The facility may, for safety reasons, promote, enhance or modify safety rules for use of the facility.

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I have read and understand the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Hunter Education Programs, "Enhancement of live-firing opportunities Program manual," and \_\_\_\_\_ agree to provide the use of

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal - Name of the facility  
in accordance with the guidelines found in this manual.

For the Facility:

Signed X \_\_\_\_\_, Title \_\_\_\_\_,

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For the Commission:

Signed X \_\_\_\_\_, Title: Hunter Education Coordinator,

Date \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION 2008-344

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island desires to provide live-firing opportunities for hunter education participants at the Heartland Public Shooting Park; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that funding for ammunition will be provided by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, an agreement with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is required to proceed with this project, known as For Enhancement of Live-firing opportunities of Hunter Education Program Students; and

WHEREAS, state funds will provide two boxes of shotgun shells for each participant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the agreement with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is hereby approved for the enhancement of hunter education at the Heartland Public Shooting Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 2, 2008.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk