



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Council Session

Item G11

**#2000-20 - Approving Household Hazardous Waste Grant with
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Paul M. Briseno, Assistant to the City Administrator

Meeting: January 27, 2009

Subject: Household Hazardous Waste Grant with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

Item #'s: G - 11

Presenter(s): Paul M. Briseno, Assistant to the City Administrator

Background

In February 2004, the Grand Island City Council identified the development of a permanent regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility as a community goal. In 2007 a construction grant was submitted to the Nebraska Environmental Trust. This grant was denied as the project had no established working relationship with Keep Nebraska Beautiful, no interlocals identifying the service area, and the proposed facility was designed with unnecessary elements.

The original design was paid by a Department of Environmental Quality grant.

Discussion

In February 2008 an interlocal was created. The Legal Department, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Nebraska Department of Environmental Trust and municipalities with established collection facilities assisted in the creation of the interlocal. The interlocal includes fourteen communities and three counties. Council approved the interlocal agreement August 26, 2008.

In July 2008, Council approved an amendment to the original contract with Milco and Associates for \$12,500. This cost was expensed out of the Solid Waste Division. The redesign incorporate requests of the Nebraska Environmental Trust, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and added cost savings efficiencies that reduced the size of the facility. An increase of recycling/educational elements was also realized. These modifications will offer citizens greater opportunities to conserve resources and provide a single location for many environmental needs.

The proposed facility size is 7,650 sq ft which provides space for household hazardous waste processing, computer decommissioning, aluminum recycling, swap shop for reuse of materials, and administrative areas. Construction costs have been estimated at \$784,000. Staff has added a 7% contingency for a total cost of \$836,360.

Cost effective green elements are incorporated into the design of this facility and include materials of high content of recycled materials that include liner panels for interior walls, skylights or translucent wall panels in the processing area for day lighting to reduce energy consumption, ceiling fans in processing areas and offices to reduce cooling loads, ground source heat pump HVAC system for offices and low maintenance landscaping. Building materials that have the capability of being recycled will be utilized when ever possible.

Local retailers that sell many of the products accepted at the complex have been contacted to establish a working relationship. Once the Central Nebraska Environmental Complex is constructed, local retailers will provide educational materials to customers. This information will include the site, hours of operation and materials accepted. Grand Island has a large retail pull from central Nebraska.

The City of Grand Island will submit a five year operational grant to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. The submitted grant covers operation expenses and additional capital. The household hazardous waste portion of the facility will require two full time equivalents. Good Will Industries of Greater Nebraska will cover operating expenses for the aluminum and computer recycling elements of the facility. This project is dependent upon approval of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Trust construction dollars and Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality operational funds. The operational grant is due February 1, 2009 and will be available in the administration.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.
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 Council approve a grant application for five year operational funds from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Move to approve a grant application for construction funds from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

RESOLUTION 2009-20

WHEREAS, in February 2004, the Grand Island City Council identified development of a permanent, regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility as a community goal; and

WHEREAS, the current City Council have selected the following 2008-09 City Council Goals:

- Secure funding and begin construction of the Household Hazardous Waste facility.
- Continue to aggressively address environmental issues and advocate for citizens.

; and

WHEREAS, in July 2008, Grand Island City Council approved \$12,500 redesign with MILCO and Associates from the Solid Waste Fund; and

WHEREAS, the building and site plan was prepared by MILCO Environmental services; and

WHEREAS, City Council approved an interlocal agreement with fourteen communities and three counties August 26, 2008; and

WHEREAS, City Council authorized a Nebraska Environmental Trust construction Grant August 26, 2008; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for the operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Facility for five years at an estimated cost of \$200,000 per year..

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, January 27, 2009.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
January 22, 2009	☐ City Attorney

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk