



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Council Session

## Item E-3

### **Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 168 E. Capital Avenue - Leetch & Stryker**

*Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-8.*

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# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

**Meeting:** July 28, 2015

**Subject:** Acquisition of Utility Easement – 168 East Capital Avenue – Leetch and Stryker

**Presenter(s):** Timothy Luchsinger, 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 Joel A. Leetch and Janet Stryker, located through a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW ¼, NE ¼) Section Seven (7), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Eight (8), West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Merrick County, Nebraska (168 East Capital Avenue), in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers.

## **Discussion**

The Grand Island Electric Service Area extends into Merrick County. The owners of the above referenced property are in the process of constructing a new residence and out-building for their commercial business. In order to serve their property, the Utilities Department needs to acquire an easement for operation, maintenance, and access of primary underground power lines, a pad-mount transformer, and related electrical appurtenances.

## **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.

