



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

Council Session

## Item G-12

**#2015-211 - Approving Declaration of Emergency Repair for  
Water Main at S. Eddy Street & Fonner Park Road**

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# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Timothy G. Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

**Meeting Date:** August 11, 2015

**Subject:** Fonner Road & Eddy Street Water Main Emergency Repair

**Presenter(s):** Timothy G. Luchsinger, Utilities Director

## Background

On Sunday July 25, 2015, a water main break was reported at the intersection of Fonner Road and Eddy Street. The Water Department isolated the break, removed the concrete covering the line and excavated down to the line. The 6-inch main which was installed in 1923 is two feet below ground water and the line extends under a double 8 ft. by 4 ft. storm sewer.

To repair this main, a dewatering well will need to be installed, and the line will need to be bored under the double culverts. The Water Division does not have the equipment to complete the repair and the service of a commercial contractor is required to replace the broken main.

## Discussion

To restore the use of the water main and provide a safe drinking water source, the Utilities Department requests to use *Section 27-13 - Emergency Procurements* of the City Procurement Code. The cost will be based on a time and materials basis using published standard contract rates. There are a number of unknowns in this repair due to the age of the main and limited records of other infrastructure in this area. It is estimated that the cost will be \$25,000 - \$50,000.

## 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 Council approve the use of *Section 27-13 Emergency Procurement* to repair the water main at the intersection of Fonner Road and Eddy Street.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the use of *Section 27-13 - Emergency Procurement* to repair the water main at the intersection of Fonner Road and Eddy Street.

RESOLUTION 2015-211

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 25, 2015, a water main break was reported at the intersection of Fonner Road and Eddy Street; and

WHEREAS, the Water Department isolated the break, removed the concrete covering the line and excavated down to the line; and

WHEREAS, the 6" main that was installed in about 1923 is two feet below groundwater and the line extends under a double 8 ft. by 4 ft. storm sewer; and

WHEREAS, to repair this main, a dewatering well will need to be installed, and the line will need to be bored under the double culverts, and the Water Division does not have the equipment to complete the repair and must hire a commercial contractor to replace the broken main; and

WHEREAS, to restore the use of the water main and provide a safe drinking water source, the Utilities Department requested to use *Section 27-13 – Emergency Procurements* of the City Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be a time and materials using published standard contract rates, and there are a number of unknowns in this repair due to the age of the main; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the repair will be \$25,000 to \$50,000, and it is recommended that the repair be made as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the use of *Section 27-13 – Emergency Procurement* to repair the water main at the intersection of Fonner Road and Eddy Street is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 11, 2015.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
August 7, 2015	☐ City Attorney