



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Council Session

## Item C3

**Project Progress Update on the Veterans Athletic Field Complex**

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# Council Agenda Memo

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

**Meeting:** December 15, 2009

**Subject:** Project Progress Update on the Veterans Athletic Field Complex

**Item #'s:** C-3

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

## Background

With the State Fair coming to the City of Grand Island it became necessary to move the existing softball/soccer fields from the new State Fair site. The area where the fields are currently located will be used for parking during the run of the State Fair. Funding for the relocation of the athletic fields has been provided for by a \$1.6 million commitment by the City and State Fair.

## Discussion

To date many of the items associated with the relocation effort has been completed. Because of the favorable bids we have received, several options have become available to enhance the new facility. Those items include increased parking, new lighting for the softball fields and the opportunity to relocate the existing lights at Fonner to the phase two portion of the development of new ball fields. Several other items have also come to light during the construction of the project including the need to lower a Fiber Optic cable and to increase the acreage of the original irrigation system design. I will detail these changes at the study session Tuesday night.

## Conclusion

This item is presented to the City Council in a Study Session to allow for any questions to be answered and to create a greater understanding of the issue at hand.

It is the intent of City Administration to bring this issue to a future council meeting for the actions necessary to complete the project.