

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Council Session

Item E5

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement Located at 4160 Old Potash Highway (Hall County School District #2)

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City of Grand Island City Council

Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: January 12, 2010

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – 4160 Old Potash Highway

- Hall County School District No. 2

Item #'s: E-5 & G-4

Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, 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 Hall County School District No. 2, located at 4160 Old Potash Highway (Shoemaker School), in the City Of Grand Island, Hall County, in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers. This easement also includes access to install, upgrade, maintain and repair public water lines and fire hydrants.

Discussion

This easement will be used for two items. Tract #1 will be used for a new 10" water main to provide fire protection and water service for the expanded school. Tract #2 will bed used for the primary electrical lines and transformer to provide electrical service to the school. Service has previously been provided, but the City did not have an easement for the high voltage lines. This will correct that oversight.

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.



