

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 Council Session

Item E3

Public Hearing Concerning Acquisition of Utility Easements - 4100 West Husker Hwy., 3303 and 3311 Firestone Street - Indianhead Golf Club

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City of Grand Island City Council

Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: May 25, 2010

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easements – 4100 West Husker

Hwy., 3303 & 3311 Firestone Street, – Indianhead Golf

Club

Item #'s: E-3, G-4, G-5, & G-6

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 three easements relative to the property of Indianhead Golf Club, Inc.

A new housing development is planned for the area adjacent to Indianhead Golf Course, north of Husker Highway, and east of Engleman Road. The development is known as Fairway Crossings at Indianhead Golf Club First Subdivision. A three phase overhead power line currently crosses that property from Engleman Road to the Golf Clubhouse providing electrical service to the Clubhouse. That line must be removed prior to developing the property.

Discussion

To facilitate the removal of the overhead line, a new three phase underground conduit and cable will be placed from the entrance of the Golf Club parking lot to a new padmounted transformer located on the west side of the parking lot (easement described as 4100 West Husker Hwy). To ensure the transformer is part of a loop and can be fed from two directions, two additional new 10 foot easements are required across two lots of the new development to give one total 20 foot wide easement from the new transformer, then west into the new development. The electrical feed can then follow public streets to complete the loop. Those easements are described as 3311 Firestone Street, and 3303 Firestone Street. All three properties are owned by Indianhead Golf Club, Inc., and the owner is in agreement with the easement acquisitions.

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 resolutions for the acquisition of the three easements for one dollar (\$1.00) each (for a total of \$3.00).

Sample Motion

Move to approve acquisition of the Utility Easements.





