



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, June 08, 2010**

**Council Session**

## **Item E7**

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement Located Along  
the South Side of Pioneer Blvd., West of Blaine Street (Kenmare  
Owners Association)**

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# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

**Meeting:** June 8, 2010

**Subject:** Acquisition of Utility Easement – South Side of Pioneer Blvd, West of Blaine Street – Kenmare Owners Association

**Item #'s:** E-7 & G-5

**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 Kenmare Owners Association located on the south side of Pioneer Blvd., west of Blaine Street, 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.

The Kenmare Subdivision is located adjacent to the location of the equipment building for the Parkview Well Superfund Remediation Project. The Kenmare Owners Association designed additional landscaping features to screen the subdivision from that equipment building. The planned landscaping improvements included the crossing of existing public utility easements. In accordance with City standard policy and practice, the Homeowners Association made application to the City for a License Agreement. That application was reviewed by the appropriate City Departments and the application was approved. Work on the additional landscaping is underway.

## **Discussion**

As a part of the review of the License Agreement application, the existing public infrastructure in the area was located to ensure that the proposed added landscaping would not adversely affect those facilities. It was discovered that some of the electric underground lines serving the area were not located within the platted easements. It appears that, at some locations, the trenching for the original installations went around obstacles in the platted easements instead of removing them. The existing infrastructure has been accurately located as a part of this review, and easements laid out to properly document actual field conditions. It is recommended that the easements be authorized for acquisition in order to properly and accurately document actual conditions of the public utility installations in the area.

## **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.

