



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Council Session

Item E7

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - West of Stuhr
Road and South of Fonner Park - Hall County Livestock
Improvement Association**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: July 13, 2010

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – West of Stuhr Road
and South of Fonner Park – Hall County Livestock
Improvement 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 the Hall County Livestock Improvement Association, located west of Stuhr Road, and South of Fonner Park, in the City Of Grand Island, Hall County, in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including electric lines and a new well house.

Discussion

The current City well on Fonner Park property has a 12' wide easement which contains the water line, an overhead electrical service, and the well itself. The Nebraska State Fair is constructing an RV Park immediately adjacent to the well. To provide increased security to the well, the Utilities Department is proposing to add a well house and place the overhead service underground. The easement needs to be increased from the existing 12' wide to the standard 20' wide so the department is not constructing infrastructure outside of the public easement.

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.

