



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Council Session

Item E9

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Two Utility Easements - 3303 and
3311 Firestone Street - Indianhead Golf Club**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: July 13, 2010

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easements 3303 (Lot 5) & 3311 (Lot 4) Firestone Street - Indianhead Golf Club

Item #'s: E-9, G-7, & G-8

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 two 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 new pad-mounted three phase transformer has been placed to provide power to the Golf Club. To ensure the transformer is part of a loop and can be fed from two directions, two easements were required across two lots of the new development. Those easements, ten feet in width across Lots Four (4) and Five (5) of Block One (1), Fairways Crossings at Indianhead Golf Course First Subdivision, were previously approved by City Council at the May 25, 2010 Council Meeting.

Discussion

Prior to filing the easements with the County, Utility staff was notified by the property owner that the easement on Lot Five (5) would impact the buildable area and would like to decrease the width of the easement on Lot Five (5) to 7.5' and increase the width on Lot Four (4) to 12.5', thus continuing the 20' wide easement, but shifted slightly.

Because the change is different then the original approved by City Council, the new easements are being brought back for approval. Since the original easements were not yet filed with the County, there will not be a need to vacate those easements.

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 two easements for one dollar (\$1.00) each (for a total of \$2.00).

Sample Motion

Move to approve acquisition of the Utility Easements.



