



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Council Session

Item E4

**Public Hearing Concerning Acquisition of Utility Easement - 522
North Beal Street - Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: September 14, 2010

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – 522 North Beal Street
– Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity

Item #'s: E-4 & 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 an easement relative to the property of Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity, located at 522 North Beal 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. Evans Second Subdivision previously had two lots that faced 6th Street and were both adjacent to the alley. That would have allowed electric service wires to feed the new homes directly from public right-of-way. The lots are now reconfigured to face Beal Street.

Discussion

The Electric Department needs to have access to the rear of both lots. This easement will be used to allow the Electric Department to legally cross Lot Two (2) with overhead power lines (secondary) to serve Lot One (1) at the rear of the new house.

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.

