



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Council Session

Item E6

**Public Hearing Concerning Acquisition of Utility Easement -
Between North & Webb Roads and between Abbott & Airport
Roads - Max & Lizbeth Mader and Lloyd & Patricia Mader**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director
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Meeting: September 14, 2010

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – Between North and Webb Roads and between Abbott and Airport Roads – Max and Lizbeth Mader and Lloyd and Patricia Mader

Item #'s: E-6 & G-8

Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Background

The Electric Department has electric distribution substations connected at various distances along a 115 kV transmission loop. The loop generally runs along the outer edge of the urban area, providing power to the substations and providing power supply redundancy by use of the looped configuration. A map of the transmission system is attached for reference. Substations reduce voltage from the 115,000 volt level to 13,800 volts for distribution to individual customers across the City. Substations “E,” located north of Swift on the east side of the loop, and “F,” located north of Menards on the west side of the loop, are the newest substations. They were placed in initial service in 2001, and completed in 2007.

Recognizing that the City is continuing to grow, that future transmission line construction will occur and that reliability improvement is always important, Substations “E” and “F” were constructed with provisions to accept additional 115 kV transmission regional interconnections. In the long range plan of the Electric Department, these substations were designed for new transmission interconnections to meet future growth. The Utilities Department is currently in the process of acquiring easements to provide for the construction of an additional 115 kV transmission interconnection to the north of the City.

Discussion

Easement negotiations are completed for a tract of property owned by Max and Lizbeth Mader and Lloyd and Patricia Mader, located between North Road and Webb Road and between Abbott and Airport Roads, in Hall County. A map of the proposed easement is

attached. The negotiated price of the easement is \$30,034.01 for each couple of record of ownership, for a total of \$60,068.02. The use of the easement for transmission line placement requires alterations of an existing irrigation system including relocation of an existing irrigation well including power supply and discharge piping, addition of a corner irrigation system, and installation of a culvert pipe to maintain field access.

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 Sixty Thousand Sixty Eight and 02/100 Dollars (\$60,068.02).

Sample Motion

Move to approve acquisition of the Utility Easement.



