



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 09, 2010

Council Session

Item E2

**Public Hearing Concerning Acquisition of Utility Easement -
Riverside Lodge, 404 Woodland Drive - Jan Thayer**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: November 9, 2010

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – Riverside Lodge
404 Woodland Drive –Janice Thayer

Item #'s: E-2 & G-5

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

Background

Riverside Country Club is making a major expansion to their Clubhouse. The existing 6" water service line that is providing fire protection and potable water for the existing building does not provide sufficient flow capability for fire protection to the new building addition.

The relatively remote location of the country club made access for additional connections to the municipal water system difficult. Access to the north was restricted by the Wood River and private ownership of most properties adjacent to that stream and access to the south, to the public main in Highway 34, would have required a long, expensive run of pipe. Riverside Country Club initiated contact with Riverside Lodge, located just south of the new country club building, to investigate the possibility of obtaining the necessary additional water system connection from that location. However, the Riverside Lodge water system is privately owned and national standards require that fire protection supplies be connected directly to municipal water systems.

Discussion

After discussions with the parties, it is proposed that the Riverside Lodge water system be added to public ownership and control. The lodge water system was required to be designed and built to municipal standards at the time of construction and connection to the municipal water system. The owner of Riverside Lodge, Jan Thayer, is agreeable to turn that system over to the City. With municipal ownership, Riverside Country Club would have access to the public water system for the construction of an additional line to provide fire protection and water service to their new construction.

In order to have legal access for maintenance and operation of the lodge water system, acquisition of easements is necessary. The easements required for municipal ownership of the water lines on the Riverside Lodge property at 404 Woodland Drive are shown on the attached plat.

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.

