City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 25, 2011
Council Session

Item E1

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 805 Allen Drive - GI Hospitality, Inc.

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Meeting: January 25, 2011

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – 805 Allen Drive
                     GI Hospitality, Inc.

Item #'s: E-1 & G-3

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 GI Hospitality, Inc., located at the northwest corner of Fairfield Inn located at 805 Allen Drive, in the City Of Grand Island, Hall County, in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair public water lines and fire hydrants.

Discussion

A public water line crosses the property of Buffalo Wild Wings in a public utility easement. That line ends at a fire hydrant on Fairfield Inn property. The hydrant was planned to be within the utility easement, but due to a change in elevation because of landscaping, the installing contractor relocated the fire hydrant, placing it outside of the existing easement.

The Water Department owns and will maintain the fire hydrant if it is within a public easement. A new 10 ft. x 10 ft. easement is needed to retain public ownership and public maintenance of the fire hydrant.

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.

EXISTING 20' UTILITY EASEMENT

NORTHERLY LINE-
LOT 1, MEADOWLARK
WEST 8TH SUB.

268.37'

228.62'

10'

57.0'

147.96'

MEADOWLARK

WEST

10'

WESTERLY LINE-
LOT 1, MEADOWLARK
WEST 8TH SUB.

100.0'

51.91'

LOT 2

LOT 1

ALLEN DRIVE

EIGHTH

172.09'

EXISTING
20' UTILITY EASEMENT

182.13'

SUB.

43.0'

440.69'

MEADOWLARK   WEST   FIFTH   SUB.

LOT 2

FAIDLEY AVENUE

LEGEND

INDICATES 10' X 10'
UTILITY EASEMENT

City of
GRAND ISLAND
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

EXHIBIT "A"

DRN BY: K.J.M.   SCALE: 1"= 60'

DATE: 12/30/2010   FILE: M W 8TH