



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Council Session

Item E3

**Public Hearing Concerning Acquisition of Utility Easement -
North of Swift's Wastewater Treatment Facility, east of the Plant -
Conagra Beef Company JBS USA, LLC**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader

Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

Meeting: March 22, 2011

Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – North of Swift’s Wastewater Treatment Facility, East of the Plant – Conagra Beef Company JBS USA, LLC

Item #'s: E-3 & G-5

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 Conagra Beef Company JBS USA, LLC, located to the north of Swift’s new wastewater treatment facility, east of the Plant, 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.

Discussion

JBS is constructing a new waste treatment facility on the far east side of their property. That facility will require a new power line and transformer to provide electricity. The easement will provide for the installation of a new underground electric cable and pad-mounted transformer to serve the treatment facility.

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.

