



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Council Session

Item E3

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - Northwest
Corner of Skagway North Parking Lot - Wilmar Realty, LLC**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director
Meeting: July 26, 2011
Subject: Acquisition of Utility Easement – Northwest Corner of Skagway North Parking Lot – Wilmar Realty, LLC
Item #'s: E-3 & G-8
Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, 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 Wilmar Realty, LLC, located at the northwest corner of Skagway North's parking lot at Broadwell Avenue and Waugh 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.

Discussion

Skagway's purchase and removal of buildings along Broadwell, north of State Street, has resulted in overhead serving only the Bellows building north of the new parking lot. To remove the pole line, Skagway will give an easement to locate new underground conduit, cable and a pad-mounted transformer to continue electrical service to the old Bellows building on Lot 3, and across Lot 3 to Five Points Bank.

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.

