



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Council Session

Item I4

**#2011-321 - Consideration of Advancement of the US Highway 281
Sanitary Sewer Extension to Interstate 80 Project**

Staff Contact: John Collins, Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Terry Brown, Manager of Engineering Services

Meeting: October 25, 2011

Subject: Approving Advancement of the US Highway 281
Sanitary Sewer Extension to Interstate 80 Project

Item #'s: I-4

Presenter(s): John Collins, Public Works Director

Background

On September 27, 2011 City Council approved a sanitary sewer district in the Wildwood Subdivision. This district will give support to the sanitary sewer extension south along US Highway 281 past Interstate 80.

City Staff presented an update to City Council on October 18, 2011 regarding this sanitary sewer extension.

The City is being granted \$350,000 from a settlement between JBS and NDEQ and this settlement may be applied to the Highway 281 project.

Discussion

City Administration is seeking approval to proceed with: (1) the sanitary sewer extension south of Wildwood Road along US Highway 281 and (2) direction on where to apply the \$350,000 settlement from JBS. It is recommended that \$245,000 of the settlement be applied to the assessment district, and the remaining \$105,000 be applied to the loan for the tap district. The application of these funds to the project will reduce the cash identified in the Study Session held on October 18, 2011. The \$245,000 application to the assessment district will free up dollars that will become available for other projects. The application of the \$105,000 to the tap district loan will reduce the annual loan payment from \$76,838 to approximately \$69,500. The reduced loan payment will free up dollars that can also become available for other projects.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move 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 a resolution authorizing advancement of the US Highway 281 sanitary sewer extension to Interstate 80 project, as well as the allocation of the \$350,000 settlement from JBS towards this project.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2011-321

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island and its elected officials are always seeking to increase economic development because of the employment and benefits it brings to the people of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island recognizes economic development often requires good public infrastructure be in place before it can occur; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is aware of the economic success of other cities in Nebraska resulting from extending public infrastructure to Interstate Highway 80,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,

That the City Administration take the following action:

1. Draft an ordinance for future Council consideration creating a Sanitary Sewer Connection or Tap District extending South along Highway 281 from south of Wildwood Subdivision to the north channel of the Platte River; and
2. Finalize discussions with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to utilize the Nebraska Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund for financing of the proposed sewer extension; and
3. Finalize discussions with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to enter into an Interlocal Agreement regarding the proposed sewer extension; and
4. Finalize discussions to enter into Interlocal Agreements with any Sanitary Improvement Districts that may be created along the Highway 281 corridor in conjunction with the proposed sewer extension; and
5. Accept the \$350,000.00 awarded the City pursuant to the Consent Decree in *U.S.A., et. al. v. Swift Beef Company*; and
6. Apply the \$350,000.00 awarded the City to the Highway 281 sewer extension project in the following manner:
 - a. \$245,000.00 to fund Sanitary Sewer District No. 528, Wildwood Subdivision; and
 - b. \$105,00.00 to be applied to the proposed Tap District loan from the Nebraska Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund.
7. Send a copy of this Resolution to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality as evidence of the City's intent regarding the proposed Tap District.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 25, 2011.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk