



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 08, 2011

Council Session

## Item F1

**#9339 - Consideration of Annexation for Property Located South of Airport Road/US Highway 281 and the West Side of Broadwell Avenue North of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Tracks Including Eagle Scout Park and the Veterans Field (Annexation Area 3a) (Se**

Staff Contact: Chad Nabity

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Hall County Regional Planning Department

**Meeting:** November 8, 2011

**Subject:** Annexation Areas Identified as 3a, 6, 7, 12, and 13  
(Second Reading)

**Item #'s:** F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, and F-5

**Presenter(s):** Chad Nabity, AICP Hall County Regional Planning  
Director

## **Background**

At the March 22, 2011 meeting of the Grand Island City Council a resolution was passed that directed the planning department and other city staff as follows:

- to proceed with preparing annexation plans (as required and defined by statute),
- to notify property owners and school districts as required by law, and
- to forward the annexation plans to the Regional Planning Commission for review

The annexation plans for 6 of the 8 eight identified areas are complete and were considered by the Regional Planning Commission after a public hearing at their meeting held July 6, 2011. At the October 25, 2011 City Council meeting, the Council did not approve annexation area 14. The attached map identifies those areas under consideration at this meeting. Annexation plans for areas identified as 3a, 6, 7, 12, and 13 are available from the City Clerk. On October 11, 2011 the Grand Island City Council passed a resolution of intent to annex these areas, approving the annexation plans as presented and setting public hearings regarding annexation of these areas for October 25, 2011. The public hearings were held on October 25, 2011.

## **Discussion**

Nebraska Revised Statute §16-117 provides for the process of annexation. In following the process approved by Council on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 annexation plans have been prepared by staff and referred to the Regional Planning Commission for recommendation. The Planning Commission has made their recommendation and Council has passed a

resolution of intent to annex these areas. Council held the public hearings. These areas were approved on first reading at the October 25, 2011 City Council meeting. Annexation ordinances must be read on three separate occasions. Tonight the ordinances will be considered on second reading.

### **Alternatives**

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

1. Approve the Ordinances on Second Reading
2. Choose not to approve the Ordinances.
3. Modify the ordinance to change the areas under consideration for annexation.
4. Postpone the issue

### **Recommendation**

That Council approve the ordinances for annexation of Areas 3a, 6, 7, 12, and 13 as presented.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the ordinances on second reading for annexation of Areas 3a, 6, 7, 12, and 13.

From the July 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 Planning Commission Minutes

4. **Public Hearing – Concerning annexation of properties identified as:**  
**Annexation Area 3a** south of Airport Road/U.S. Highway 281 and on the west side of Broadwell Avenue north of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks. Eagle Scout Park and the Veterans Field Complex are in this area. **Annexation Area 6** located north of Bismark Road to the east side of Stuhr Road. **Annexation Area 7** located north of U.S. Highway 34 on the east side of South Locust Street. **Annexation Area 12** located north of Husker Highway to the west side of U.S. Highway 281 and Prairieview Street. **Annexation Area 13** located south of Old Potash Highway on the west side of North Road. **Annexation Area 14** located south of 13<sup>th</sup> Street on the east and west sides of North Road and north of Faidley Avenue (C-05-2011GI).

O'Neill opened the Public Hearing.

Nabity briefly talked about the process of annexation; he explained City Council had charged Regional Planning to look at eligible areas for Annexation. City Council had selected eight areas and six of those plans were brought forward to Regional Planning. The remaining two may be brought forward for the August meeting.

#### **Annexation Area 3a - U.S. Highway 281 and Broadwell Ave**

This property is located in the north central part of the community. It is south of Airport Road/U.S. Highway 281 the west side of Broadwell Avenue north of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks. The City of Grand Island provides electric services to the area. Sewer and water are both available to this property. There is about 210 acres of property included in the area that is currently used for agricultural purposes. There are no houses and no businesses included in this area. Eagle Scout Park and the Veterans Field Complex are in this area and maintained by the City Parks Department.

#### **Annexation Area 6 - Bismark Road and Stuhr Road**

This property is located in the southeast part of the community. It is mostly north of Bismark Road the east side of Stuhr Road. The City of Grand Island provides electric services to the area. Sewer and water are both available to this property. There is about 50 acres of property included in the area that is currently used for agricultural purposes. There are no houses and no businesses included in this area.

Nabity stated he had received a call from Tom Pirnie who owns the majority of the land in this area and he was in support of the annexation.

### **Annexation Area 7 - U.S. Highway 34 and South Locust Street (Vanosdal Fields)**

This property is located in the southeast part of the community. It is north of U.S. Highway 34 on the east side of Locust Street. The City of Grand Island provides electric services to the area. Sewer and water are both available to this property. There are about 65 acres of property included in the area. The property is currently used for agricultural and residential purposes. There are 3 houses included in this area.

Nabity stated one homeowner Heidi Aken and she was in favor of this annexation.

Janel Laub, 380 E. Highway 34, said she and her husband bought land there in 1996 to farm next to his parents. If the land were annexed into city limits, their children would no longer be eligible for school driving permits, could not have more numerous flocks of ducklings and they would be subject to higher taxes on farm equipment they purchase.

Their land would also eventually cease to be part of the Northwest School District, which has a more rural focus. Two of their children want to be farmers, and a third wants to be a veterinarian, Laub said.

If their land were to be annexed, "our whole way of life changes," she told the commission.

Evie Laub, 450 E Hwy 34, said the annexation would also separate the farm homestead from the farm ground, which runs to the east to Stuhr Road.

Commissioner John Amick of Doniphan concurred. He moved to annex just the western half of the proposed area, which includes the former ball fields and the Heidi Aken house that fronts onto Highway 34. Aken had previously spoken in favor of annexation.

Amick said water and sewer is available to the western portion of Area 7, (Aken property) but not to the Laub farmsteads on the east. The entire 65 acres is also not surrounded completely by city limits and the annexation, as originally proposed by the city, would substantially change the rural lifestyle the Laubs have, he said.

### **Annexation Area 12 - U.S. Highway 281 and Husker Highway**

This property is located in the southwest part of the community. It is north of Husker Highway the west side of U.S. Highway 281 and Prairieview Street. The City of Grand Island provides electric services to the area. Sewer and water are both available to this property. There is about 200 acres of property included in the area that is currently used for agricultural purposes. There is one house and

no businesses included in this area.

### **Annexation Area 13 - Old Potash Highway and North Road**

This property is located in the northwest part of the community. It is south of Old Potash Highway on the west side of North Road. The City of Grand Island provides electric services to the area. Sewer and water are both available to this property. There is about 120 acres of property included in the area that is currently used for agricultural purposes. There are no houses and no businesses included in this area.

Eric Pollock owns this property and was questioning what exactly this meant. Naby explained his property was surrounded by the city limits and Council is looking to get rid of the “islands” that have been formed. Sewer and water are available. Pollock questioned if there was a utility plan for the drainage because in the northwest quarter there is a drainage issue.

### **Area 3a: U.S. Highway 281 and Broadwell Ave**

This has 210 acres located south of Airport Road/U.S. Highway 281 and on the west side of Broadwell Avenue north of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks. City sewer and water is available. It includes the Veterans Athletic Field Complex and Eagle Scout Park and is mostly city-owned so there is no property valuation and no property tax revenue. City annexation would clarify that city police have jurisdiction at the Athletic Complex, which is on ground leased by the city from the state.

A motion was made by Hayes to approve the Area 3a Annexation plan as submitted and seconded by Amick.

The motion carried with 9 members present and 9 voting in favor (Amick, O’Neill, Ruge, Hayes, Reynolds, Haskins, Bredthauer, Connelly and Snodgrass) and no member present abstaining.

### **Area 6: Bismark Road and Stuhr Road**

This has 50 acres located north of Bismark Road to the east side of Stuhr Road. City sewer and water is available. Estimated tax base is \$100,053. Estimated annual property tax for all political subdivisions is \$2,181.

A motion was made by Reynolds to approve the Area 6 Annexation plan as submitted and seconded by Brethauer.

The motion carried with 9 members present and 9 voting in favor (Amick, O’Neill, Ruge, Hayes, Reynolds, Haskins, Bredthauer, Connelly and Snodgrass)

and no member present abstaining.

#### **Area 7: U.S. Highway 34 and South Locust Street (Vanosdal Fields)**

This property is located in the southeast part of the community. It is north of U.S. Highway 34 the east side of Locust Street. The City of Grand Island provides electric services to the area. Sewer and water are both available to this property. There are about 65 acres of property included in the area. The property is currently used for agricultural and residential purposes. There are 3 houses included in this area.

A motion was made by Amick to approve the Area 7 Annexation plan with the changes made to the annexation area to remove the Laub properties and to just include the Vanosdal property and the Aken property. This was seconded by Haskins.

Finding of Facts noted by Amick were this proposed annexation did not have sewer and water services available. This homestead was used as an ag use home property. Annexation of this property would adversely affect the families. Haskins agreed with Amick's findings.

The motion carried with 9 members present and 9 voting in favor (Amick, O'Neill, Ruge, Hayes, Reynolds, Haskins, Bredthauer, Connelly and Snodgrass) and no member present abstaining.

#### **Area 12: U.S. Highway 281 and Husker Highway**

This is about 200 acres of farmland located north of Husker Highway and to the west side of U.S. Highway 281 and Prairieview Street. City sewer and water is available. Estimated tax base is \$481,334 and estimated property tax revenue is \$10,495 a year.

A motion was made by Bredthauer to approve the Area 12 Annexation plan as presented and was seconded by Reynolds.

Findings of fact noted by Bredthauer were water and sewer service is available and annexing of this property would have little or no impact to the owners.

The motion carried with 9 members present and 8 voting in favor (Amick, O'Neill, Hayes, Reynolds, Haskins, Bredthauer, Connelly and Snodgrass) and 1 member present voting against (Ruge) and no members abstaining.

#### **Area 13: Old Potash Highway and North Road**

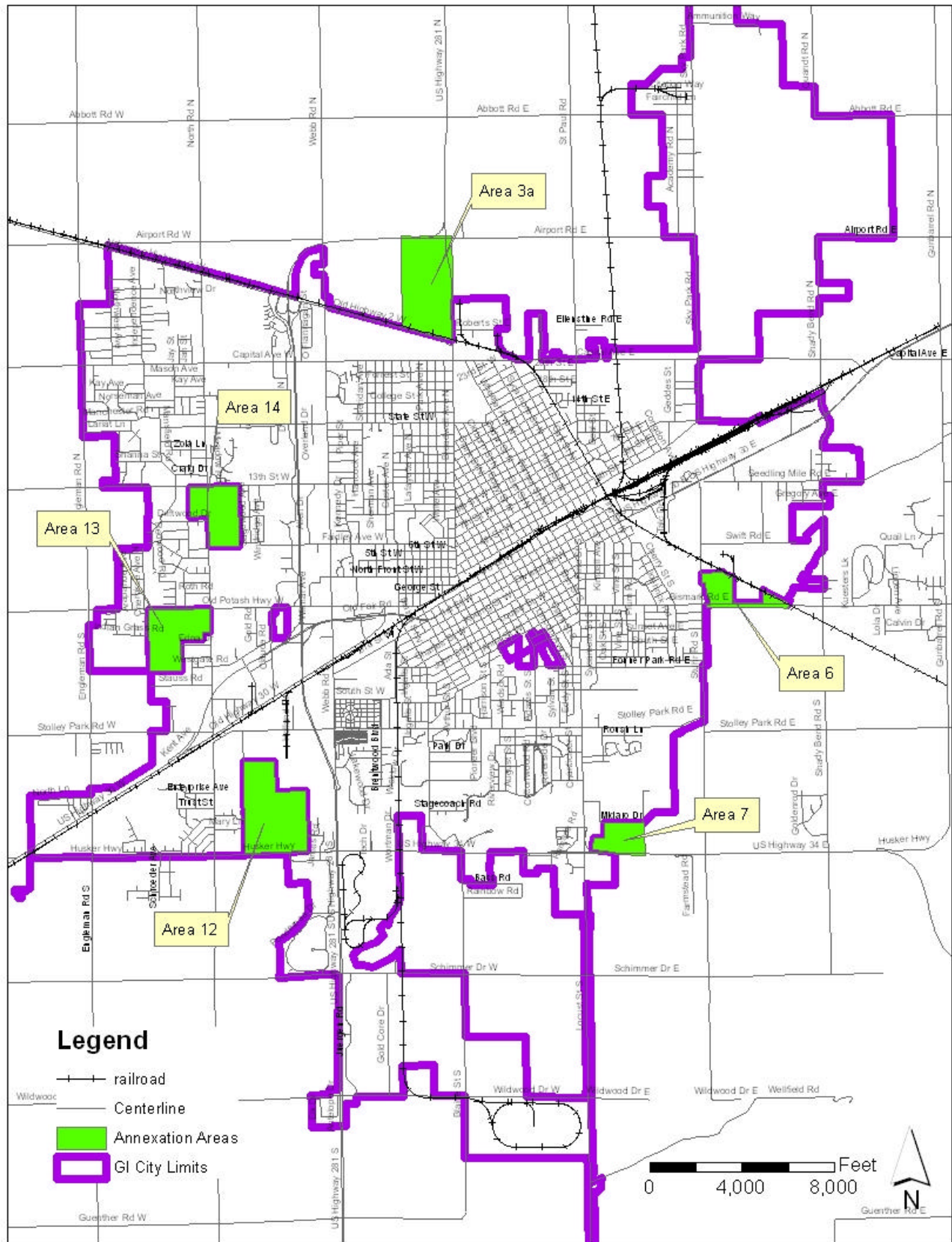
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provides electric services to the area. Sewer and water are both available to this property. There is about 120 acres of property included in the area that is currently used for agricultural purposes. There are no houses and no businesses included in this area.

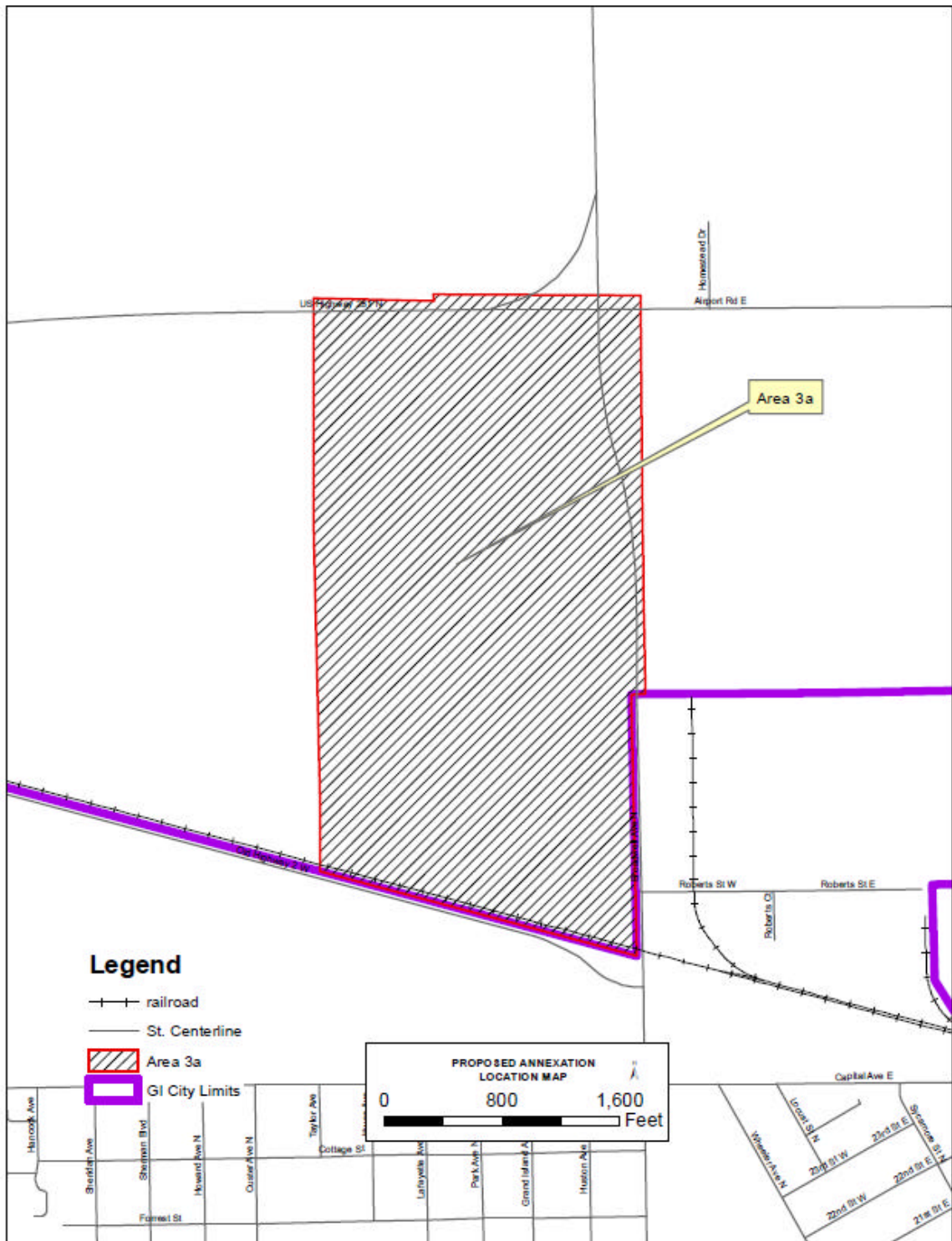
A motion was made by Bredthauer to approve the Area 13 Annexation plan as presented and was seconded by Amick.

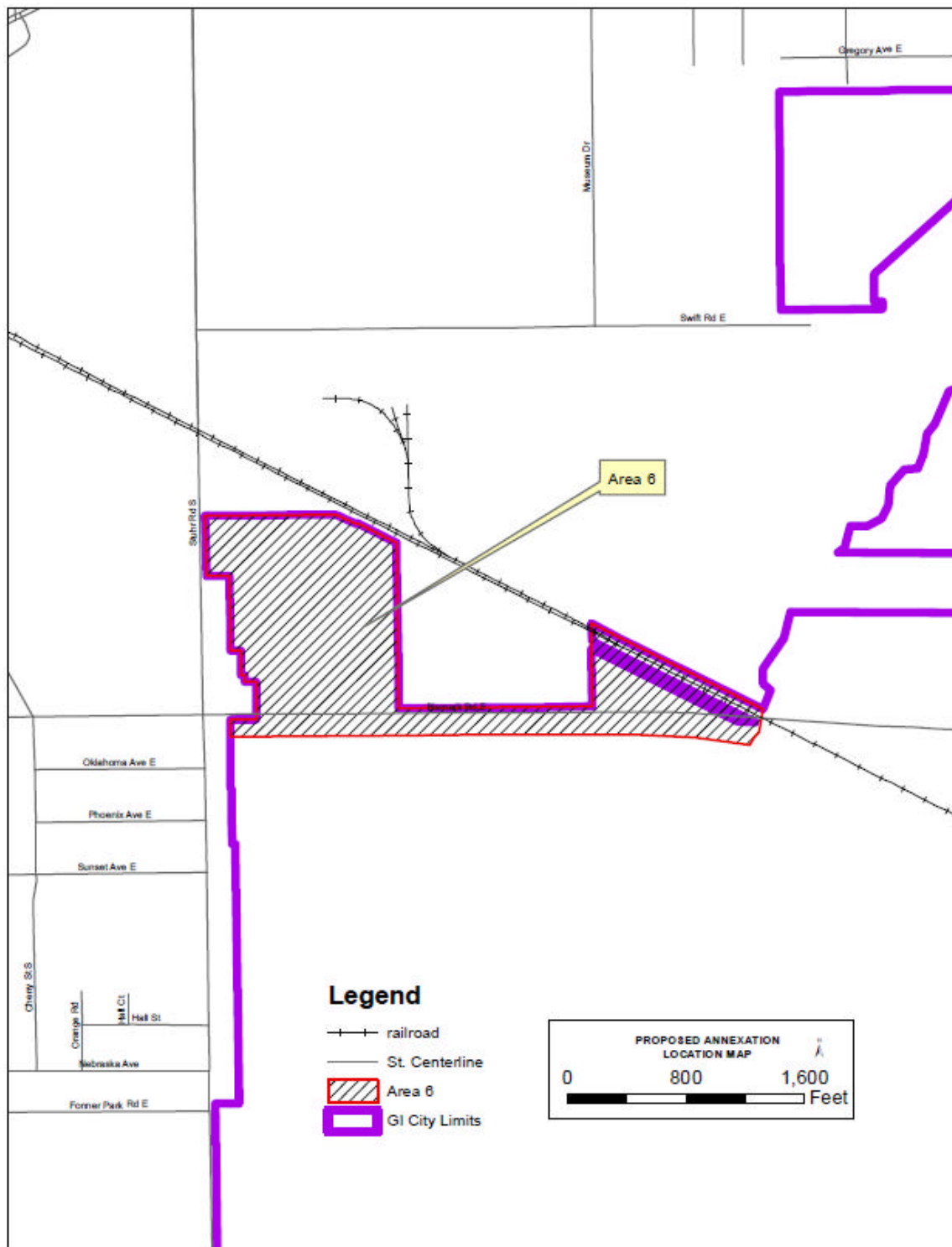
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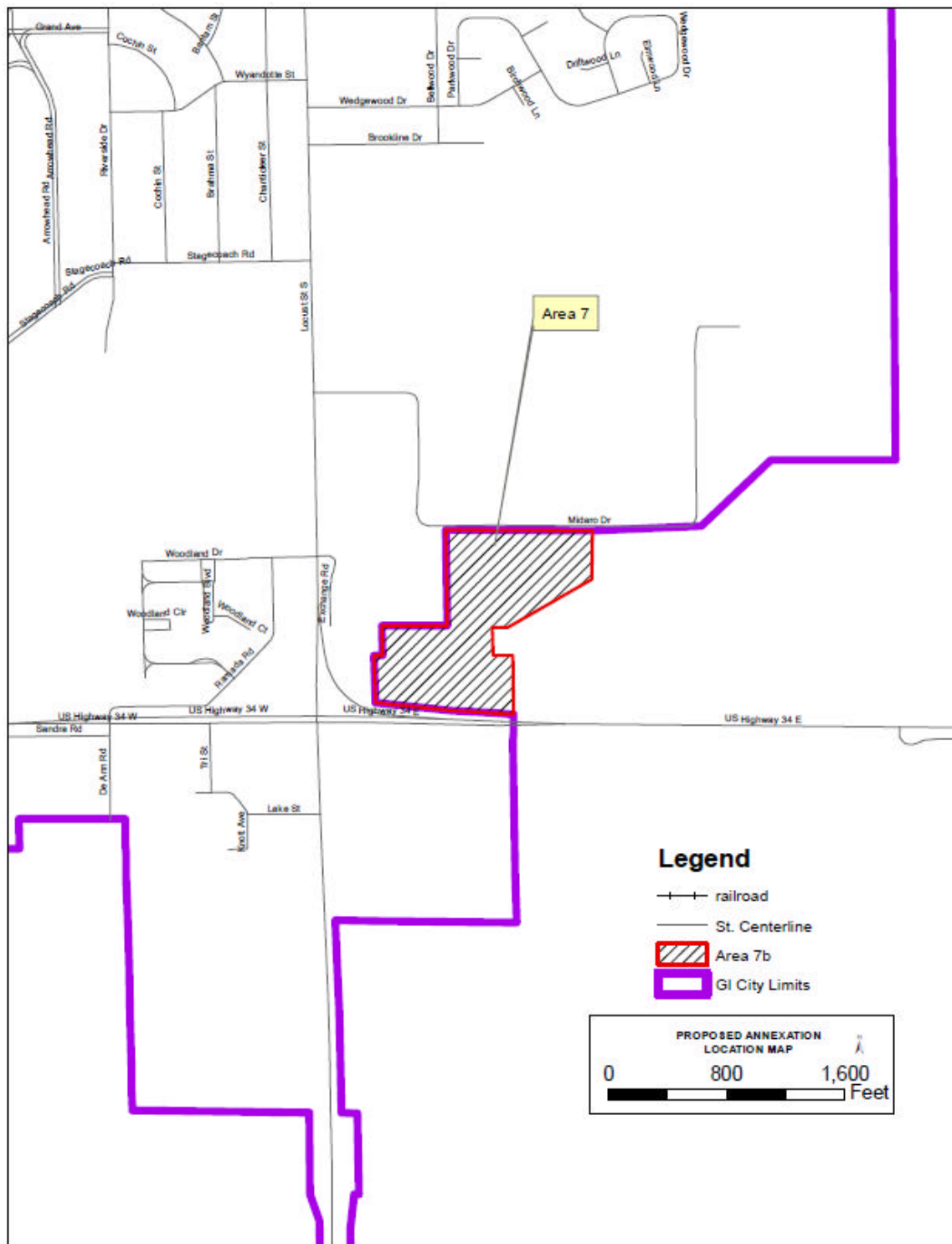
The motion carried with 9 members present and 7 voting in favor (Amick, O'Neill, Ruge, Haskins, Bredthauer, Connelly and Snodgrass) and 2 members present voting against (Reynolds, Hayes) and no members abstaining.

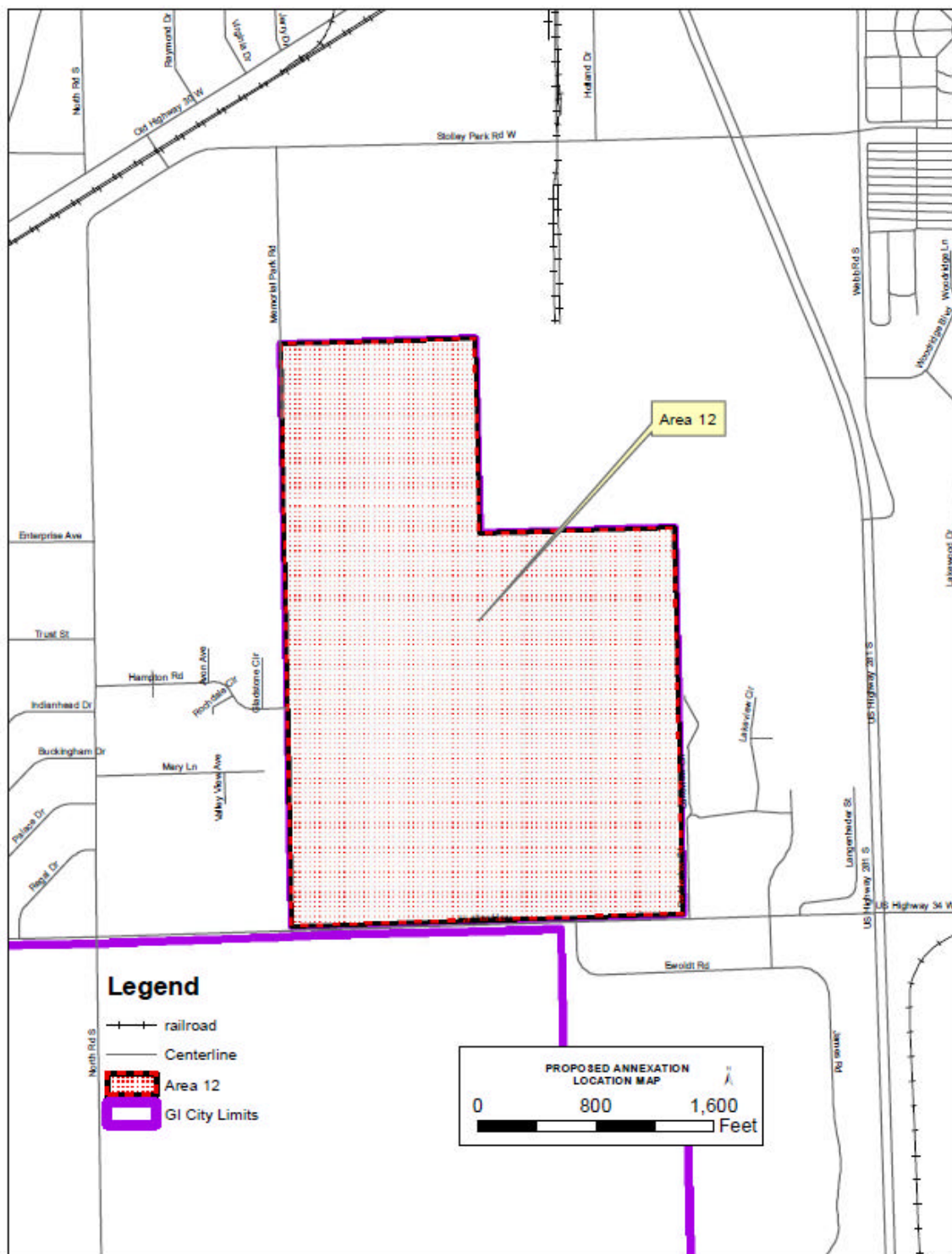


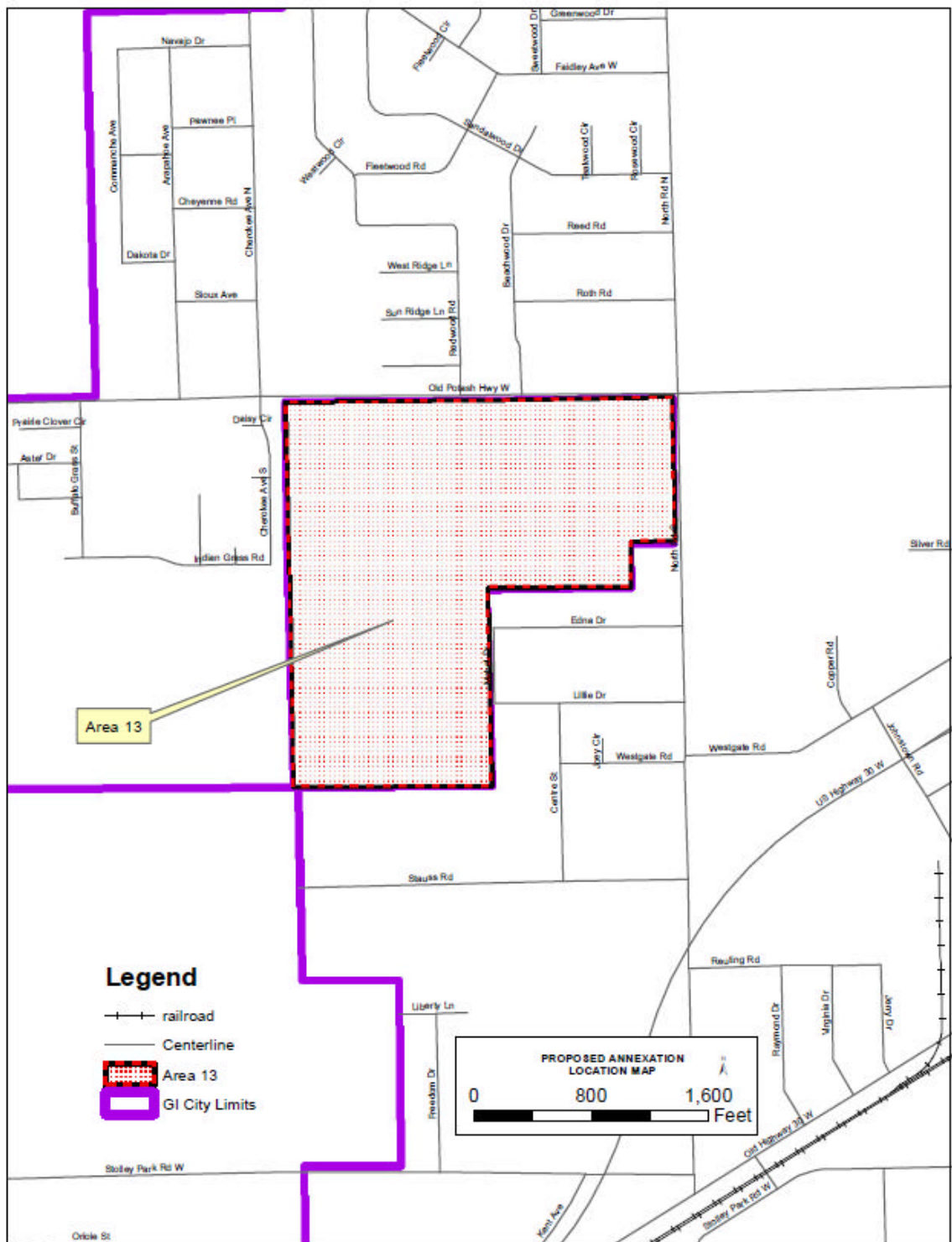
Area 7 has been modified to include fewer properties than shown on this map, but the general area of town remains the same.











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### ORDINANCE NO. 9339

An ordinance to extend the boundaries and include within the corporate limits of, and to annex into the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, a tract of land west of U.S. Highway 281 and south of Airport Road along with all adjoining public Right-of-Way in Hall County, Nebraska referenced as annexation area “3a” as more particularly described hereinafter and as shown on Exhibit “A” attached hereto; to provide service benefits thereto; to repeal any ordinance or resolutions or parts of thereof in conflict herewith; to provide for publication in pamphlet form; and to provide the effective date of this ordinance.

WHEREAS, after public hearing on July 6, 2011, the Regional Planning Commission recommended the approval of annexing into the City of Grand Island, the following tract of land in Hall County, Nebraska:

Beginning At A Point On The North Line Of Airport Road, U.S. Highway 281 Said Point Being 2,544.35’ West Of And 86.51’ North Of The Northeast Corner Section 5-11-9 Thence Easterly On A Line 86.51’ North Of And Parallel To The North Of Section 5-11-9 And Section 4-11-9 To A Point On The West Line Of Homestead Second Subdivision Thence Southerly On A Line To The South Right Of Way Line Of Airport Road Thence Southwesterly To The East Right Of Way Line Of Broadwell Avenue Thence Southerly On The East Right Of Way Line Of Broadwell To A Point On The South Line Of Northwest Quarter Of Northwest Quarter Section 4-11-9 Thence Westerly On Said South Line Northwest Quarter, Northwest Quarter Section 4-11-9 To The West Line Of Section

Approved as to Form	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
November 4, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> City Attorney

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4-11-9 Thence Southerly On The West Line Of Section 4-11-9 To A Point On The South Right Of Way Line Of The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Thence Northwesterly On The South Right Of Way Line Of The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad To A Point On The West Line Of Southeast Quarter Section 5-11-9 Thence Northerly On The West Line Of Southeast Quarter And Northeast Quarter Section 5-11-9 To The Point Of Beginning.

WHEREAS, after public hearing on October 25, 2011, the City Council of the City of Grand Island found and determined that such annexation be approved; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2011, the City Council of the City of Grand Island approved such annexation on first reading.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. It is hereby found and determined that:

(A) The above-described tracts of land are urban or suburban in character, and that the subject properties are contiguous or adjacent to the corporate limits of said City.

(B) The subject lands will receive the material benefits and advantages currently provided to land within the City's corporate limits including, but not limited to police, fire, emergency services, street maintenance, and utilities services upon annexation to the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, and that City electric, water and sanitary sewer service is available, or will be made available, as provided by law.

(C) The various zoning classifications of the land shown on the Official Zoning Map of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, are hereby confirmed and that this annexation will have no impact on the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction.

(D) There is unity of interest in the use of the said tract of land, lots, tracts, highways and streets (lands) with the use of land in the City, and the community convenience

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and welfare and in the interests of the said City will be enhanced through incorporating the subject land within the corporate limits of the City of Grand Island.

(E) The plan for extending City services is hereby approved and ratified as amended.

SECTION 2. The boundaries of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, be and are hereby extended to include within the corporate limits of the said City the contiguous and adjacent tract of land located within the boundaries described above.

SECTION 3. The subject tract of land is hereby annexed to the City of Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska, and said land and the persons thereon shall thereafter be subject to all rules, regulations, ordinances, taxes and all other burdens and benefits of other persons and territory included within the City of Grand Island, Nebraska.

SECTION 4. The owners of the land so brought within the corporate limits of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, are hereby compelled to continue with the streets, alleys, easements, and public rights-of-way that are presently platted and laid out in and through said real estate in conformity with and continuous with the streets, alleys, easements and public rights-of-way of the City.

SECTION 5. That a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hall County, Nebraska and indexed against the tracts of land.

SECTION 6. Upon taking effect of this Ordinance, the services of said City shall be furnished to the lands and persons thereon as provided by law, in accordance with the Plan for Extension of City Services adopted herein.

SECTION 7. That all ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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SECTION 8. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, in pamphlet form, as provided by law.

Enacted: November 8, 2011.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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