

# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 26, 2012 Council Session

### Item E6

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Utility Easement - 3751 East U.S. Highway 34 - Niedfelt

**Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director** 

## Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

**Meeting:** June 26, 2012

**Subject:** Acquisition of Utility Easement – 3751 East U.S.

Highway 34 – Niedfelt

**Item #'s:** E-6 & G-4

**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 Doralene F. Niedfelt and John C. Niedfelt, Trustees of the Jerome W. Niedfelt Family Trust, located along the easterly property line of 3751 E. U.S. Highway 34, Hall County, Nebraska, in order to have access to install, upgrade, maintain, and repair power appurtenances, including lines and transformers.

#### **Discussion**

The Utilities Department would like an easement to allow a power line from an existing line across the Niedfelt property to a new home being built south and west of this property. The alternative would be a much longer line along Highway 34.

#### **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.

