



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Council Session

Item I3

**#2012-302 - Approving Relocation of Memorial Marker and
Flagpole to Hall County Veteran's Park**

Staff Contact: Todd McCoy, Interim Parks & Recreation Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Todd McCoy, Interim Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: October 9, 2012

Subject: Consider Request to Move a World War I Memorial Marker and Flagpole from Memorial Park to Hall County Veterans Memorial Park

Item #'s: I-3

Presenter(s): Todd McCoy, Interim Parks and Recreation Director

Background

In the early 1930's the American Legion Post #53 donated a World War I memorial marker and flagpole to the City of Grand Island. The memorial marker and flagpole is currently located at Memorial Park just west of Ace Hardware.

Discussion

A veteran's citizen group and the American Legion Post #53 have made a request to the City to remove the memorial marker and flagpole from Memorial Park. They would like to refurbish and relocate the memorial marker to the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park next to the VFW at no cost to the City.

The group's goal is to locate memorials from each war to the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park so that all veterans can be honored in one convenient place. On September 25 the group received permission from the Hall County Board to relocate the Korean War Memorial currently located at the Hall County Administration Building.

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 City Council approve the relocation of the World War I Memorial Marker and Flagpole from Memorial Park to the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the relocation of the World War I Memorial Marker and Flagpole from Memorial Park to the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Monument and Flag Pole located at Memorial Park on 3rd Street by Ace Hardware is in need of repair. It has been there since around the 1930's.

A group of us would like to move them up to the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park by the United Veterans Club located on 1914 W. Capital Ave.

We contacted Desch-Paine memorial--they said it had too many cracks to be moved. Desch-Paine offered to take the plaques off the old monuments, refurbish them and place them on a new monument with the American Legion emblem under the big plaque. We will pay for the removing of the plaques, refurbishment and the installation on the new monument.

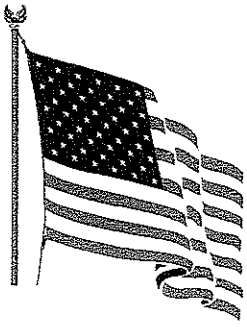
We have contacted the United Veterans Club and Post 53 American Legion---They both agreed it would be ok to place a monument in the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park. We still need to contact the county board for their consent. Once we get the consent of the County Board and your approval, we will begin.

I, Dave Detweiler, the spokesman of the group—can be reached on my cell 308-380-2824 or on my home phone 308-384-2454, for any questions you may have

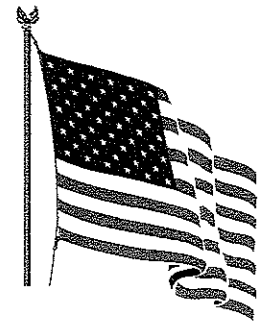
Thank you for your time

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August 22, 2012

City of Grand Island
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Dear Sirs:

It has come to our attention that there is conversation concerning placing all war memorials at the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park. This would seem to be a very fine move as all veterans would then be honored in one place.

Relevant to that thought, we are requesting permission to move the plaque honoring Grand Island's World War I veterans located at the Memorial Park on West Third Street to the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park. This plaque was originally donated by American Legion Post #53 of Grand Island. The removal and reinstallation of this plaque would be at no cost to the City of Grand Island. The work would be undertaken by our Post members and the Sons of the American Legion.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,


Richard L. Simpson
Adjutant

RESOLUTION 2012-302

WHEREAS, in the early 1930's the American Legion Post #53 donated a World War I memorial marker and flagpole to the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, a veteran's citizen group and American Legion Post #53 have made a request to relocate the memorial marker and flagpole to the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to approve the relocation of the World War I memorial marker and flagpole to the Hall County Veterans Memorial Park.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 9, 2012.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ✕ _____
October 5, 2012 ✕ City Attorney