



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

**Council Session**

## **Item E1**

### **Public Hearing Concerning Acquisition of Utility Easement - GI Area Economic Development Corp. - Millard Warehouse**

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

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Robert H. Smith, Asst. Utilities Director

**Meeting:** October 9, 2012

**Subject:** Acquisition of Utility Easement – GI Area Economic Development Corporation - Millard Refrigerated Services

**Item #'s:** E-1 & G-16

**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 Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation located just north of the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks and east of North Highway 281, 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.

The property is adjacent to Millard Refrigeration Services, but is owned by Grand Island Economic Development Corporation as the legal successor of the Grand Island Industrial Foundation.

## **Discussion**

This easement will be used to provide electrical service to a new switch building belonging to BNSF Railroad. This is part of the double track project currently under construction.

## **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.

