



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Study Session

Item -1

Discussion Concerning Use of 1/2 Cent Sales Tax for Fire Station #1 and Training Center

The replacement of the fire station at Koenig and Pine has been a proposed project for several years. This station known as fire station one was built in 1936 and has served the community for sixty five years. The design and location of the station were both appropriate for their time. Continued growth of the city and changes in the equipment and services along with deterioration of the building over time has brought this need to the forefront. It is our hope to develop a plan for this replacement facility that will ensure that the new station will equal or exceed the value of the service the present building has given to the community.

A Training Center for the fire department is an on going need. Training and education are of greater importance in the modern fire service than ever before. The Grand Island Fire Department along with every other fire department in the country is faced with ever increasing demand for service in a greater variety of situations. The use of chemicals and transportation of those chemicals in a variety of methods has prompted the development of Hazardous Materials Response teams. The need for specialized rescue teams for trench, confined space, vehicle extrication and others requires more training and a need for space and facilities in which to learn, train, and practice these needed skills. The basic skills for fighting fires and emergency medical service are best learned and maintained in this type a facility.

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