

CITY OF GREAT FALLS

AGENDA # 24

AGENDA REPORT

DATE August 3, 2004

ITEM: Northwestern Energy Electric Power Line Easement – East Great Falls

INITIATED BY: Public Works Department, Administration

ACTION REQUESTED: Grant Easement Along Soccer Park

PRESENTED BY: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

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RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends granting of a 20' easement to Northwestern Energy located in Township 20 North; Range 4 East; NW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 3; ranging between the north and south boundaries of the Soccer Park, and parallel to the east boundary of said property.

MOTION: “I move the City Commission grant an Electric Power Line Easement to Northwestern Energy located in Township 20 North; Range 4 East; NW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 3 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

SYNOPSIS: There is currently an existing overhead power line owned by Northwestern Energy that runs in a North-South direction along the east side of the Soccer Park property and adjacent to the North East Bypass. As part of the Bypass reconstruction project, the Montana Department of Transportation is requiring that the power line be moved off of the ir right-of-way. Northwestern Energy is requesting a 20' wide easement to allow them to place the power line on City property (the soccer park). This property is essentially already isolated by an existing Yellowstone Pipeline pipe and easement. Northwestern Energy has determined that since they have to move the power line, they will place the new line underground. Replacing the existing overhead line with an underground line would be an aesthetic improvement in this area and to the soccer park in particular. Neither the City of Great Falls nor the Soccer Park would incur any costs for replacing the overhead line.

Attachments: Northwestern Energy Letter of Request
Northwestern Energy Electric Powerline Utility Easement Agreement
Exhibit A, Northwestern Energy Map
(attachments are on file in the City Clerk's Office)