City Council Agenda Memo

> City Council Meeting Date: April 24, 2014

TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager

FROM: Tommy O'Brien, Director of Water Utilities

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Written Resolution authorizing the initiation of a condemnation proceeding necessary for the completion of a pipeline designed to deliver advanced treated wastewater from the Hamby wastewater treatment plant into Lake Fort Phantom Hill.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

As part of the Hamby wastewater treatment plant reuse project, the City's consulting engineers have designed a pipeline to deliver advanced treated wastewater from the Hamby wastewater treatment plant into Lake Fort Phantom Hill that will provide an average of 7 million gallons per day of advanced treated wastewater to augment the City's raw water supplies during this critical drought period. The pipeline alignment was selected based on the shortest alignment practical and with consideration given to maximizing ease of construction, thereby reducing construction costs. Consideration was also given to property owners' willingness to enter into easement agreements for the line's location on their private property. Such willingness was initially expressed by all three property owners on the pipeline's proposed route and the pipeline was designed, easement documents were prepared, and all associated work and necessary archaeological surveys and habitat assessments were completed to locate the pipeline across these three property owner's parcels.

Though initially all private property owners agreed to enter into easement agreements, one property owner has now rescinded that agreement and is no longer willing to voluntarily grant an easement for the pipeline to the City of Abilene. Therefore, the City of Abilene finds it necessary to begin the eminent domain process to condemn an easement for access to the property for the placement of the line. An appraisal of the property found there would be no devaluation to the surface estate as a result of this underground pipeline easement.

Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code sets out the eminent domain procedure that must be followed. The code states that a government entity exercising the power of eminent domain must first authorize the initiation of the condemnation proceeding at a public meeting with a public hearing by a record vote that clearly describes the property and the public use.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Staff recommends approving the Resolution authorizing the initiation of the condemnation process to acquire an easement for the public purpose of completion of the pipeline necessary for the Hamby wastewater treatment plant reuse project.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution		
Prepared by:		Disposition by City Council
		□ Approved Ord/Res#
Name Tommy O'Brien		Denied
TitleDirector of Water Utilities		□ Other
TheDirector of water ounties	Item No. 7.3	
		City Secretary

#### RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE AN EASEMENT NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF A PIPELINE DESIGNED TO DELIVER ADVANCED TREATED WASTEWATER FROM THE HAMBY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT INTO LAKE FORT PHANTOM HILL.

**WHEREAS,** eminent domain proceedings in the State of Texas are governed by Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code; and

WHEREAS, under that code a governmental entity exercising the power of eminent domain must first authorize the initiation of the condemnation proceeding at a public meeting by a record vote adopting a resolution, ordinance, or order; and

**WHEREAS,** as part of the Hamby wastewater treatment plant reuse project the City's consulting engineers have designed a pipeline to deliver advanced treatment wastewater from the Hamby wastewater treatment plant into Lake Fort Phantom Hill.

**WHEREAS**, the Hamby project is necessary to supplement the City's raw water supplies during this critical drought period; and

WHEREAS, after initially agreeing to an easement, one property owner has now rescinded that agreement making it necessary initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire the necessary easement.

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

That the City of Abilene, Texas is hereby authorized to use of the power of eminent domain to acquire an easement fully described in Exhibit "A" on the property fully described in Exhibit "B" for the public purpose of construction of a pipeline necessary to deliver advanced treatment wastewater from the Hamby wastewater treatment plant into Lake Fort Phantom Hill.

**ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

APPROVED:

Norm Archibald, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney





#### FIELD NOTES FOR A 40' WIDE EASEMENT OUT OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 5, BLIND ASYLUM LANDS AND SECTION 76, BLOCK 14, T. & P. RAILROAD COMPANY SURVEY JONES COUNTY, TEXAS

**BEING** a forty (40') foot wide easement out of the south half of Section 5, Blind Asylum Lands and Section 76, Block 14, T. & P. Railroad Company Survey, Jones County, Texas and being out of a 473.627 acre tract out of the O.N. Myatt Estate, recorded in Volume 115, Page 413, Official Public Records of Jones County, Texas. Said easement being 20 feet on both sides of the following described centerline:

**BEGINNING** at a point on the south line of aforesaid Section 5, Blind Asylum Lands from which a fence corner post recovered for the southwest corner of the aforesaid Section 5, Blind Asylum Lands and the southeast corner of aforesaid Section 76, Block 14, T. & P. Railroad Company Survey bears 20.00 feet North 88 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds West.

Bearings are based on Grid North as determined by RTK GPS observations.

THENCE North 00 degrees 51 minutes 33 seconds West for a distance of 99.21 feet to a point;

THENCE North 89 degrees 56 minutes 01 seconds West for a distance of 675.16 feet to an angle point in this easement;

THENCE North 44 degrees 55 minutes 52 seconds West for a distance of 70.94 feet to an angle point in this easement;

THENCE North 89 degrees 55 minutes 52 seconds West for a distance of 68.48 feet to an angle point in this easement;

THENCE South 45 degrees 04 minutes 08 seconds West for a distance of 70.95 feet to an angle point in this easement;

Environmental, Civil & Geotechnical Engineers

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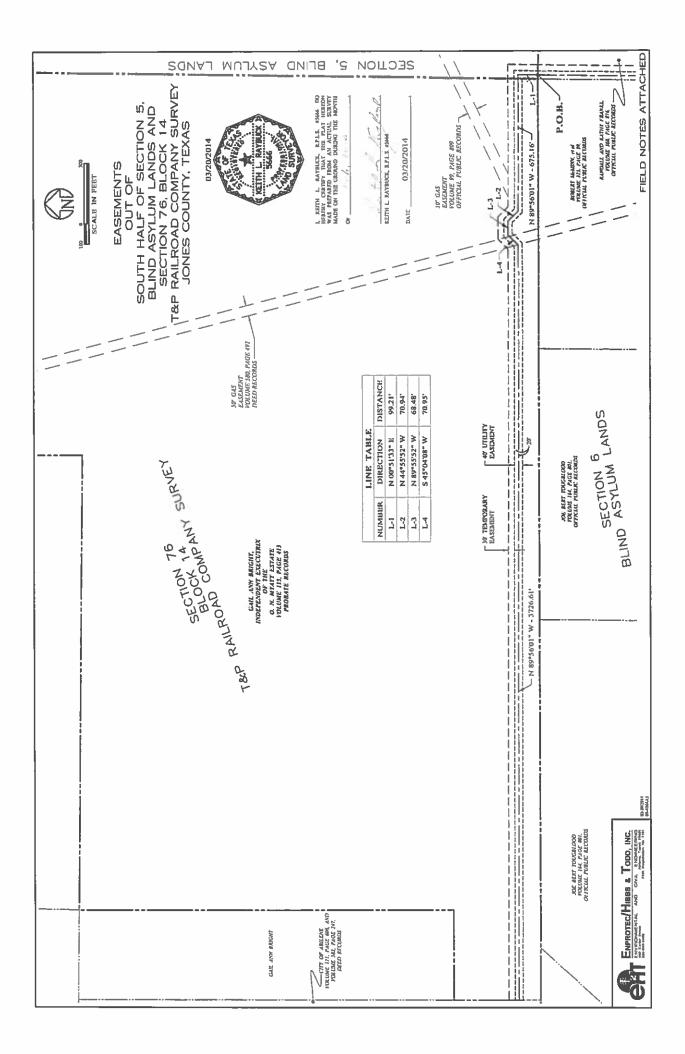
THENCE North 89 degrees 56 minutes 01 seconds West for a distance of 3726.61 feet to a point on the west line of aforesaid 473.627 acre tract from which the southwest corner of aforesaid 473.627 acre tract bears 109.0 feet South 00 degrees 00 minutes 44 seconds West.



Keith L. Raybuck, RPLS #5666

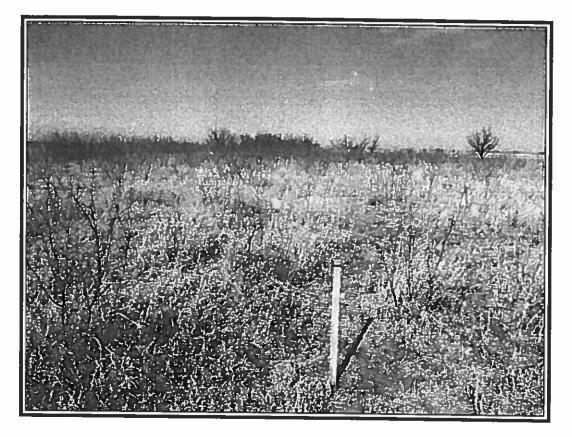
Date: March 20 -2014

Total Length = 4711.36'



## EXHIBIT B

### **Property Identification and Location**



### Location

The property, which is the subject of this appraisal, is identified as being a tract of agricultural land located along the west side of FM 1082, approximately 0.50 miles south of Jones County Road 318, just north of the Abilene city limits, in Jones County, Texas. The subject property consists of a total of approximately 561.77 acres of rural agricultural land, primarily native pasture land.

#### **Legal Description**

Being approximately 94.23 acres out of Section No. 73, F.W. Douglass Survey, Abstract 170; approximately 288.43 acres out of Section No. 76, Block 14, Texas & Pacific Railroad Company Survey, Abstract 772; approximately 160 acres out of the South ½ of Section 5, Blind Asylum Lands Survey, Abstract 525; and approximately 19.11 acres out of Section 74, T.F. Parrott Survey, Abstract 288; all in Jones County, Texas.

