



Planning and Zoning Commission

Meeting Date: August 2, 2022

Requested By: Public Works Dept.

Item Title:

Consider a request to authorize the vacation and sale of the 60 foot by 16.5 foot section of the east-west alley adjacent to 804 5th Avenue East. (CONSENT AGENDA)

Explanation:

Staff received an alley vacate request from Jerry and Nancy Sparks, owners of the property located at 804 5th Avenue East, for the 60 foot by 16.5-foot east-west alley adjacent to the property. They would like to purchase the land to allow them additional space to build a garage. The subject alley is located in a Residential (R-2) zoning district.

Oskaloosa Municipal Code section 12.24.020 requires this alley vacate request be referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission. At this time, Council is setting a public hearing date on August 15, 2022, and referring this request to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

City staff conducted a survey of property owners with direct access to the alley and utility companies. Eight (8) property owners were surveyed for this request, of which five (5) responses were received. All of the responses indicated that they were not opposed to the alley vacate request. Multiple utility companies have indicated that they have existing infrastructure in the alley, and will require a permanent easement for access and maintenance.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends Planning & Zoning Commission review the request and make a recommendation to the City Council for their consideration at the August 15, 2022 public hearing.

Budget Consideration:

Residential public alleys are sold for \$0.50/square foot therefore a total revenue of \$495 (60ft*16.5ft*\$0.50/sf) for both sections will be received in addition to the \$100.00 non-refundable alley vacate application fee for the requested area.

Attachments:

Location Map, Pictures, Alley Vacate Application