

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM:**

CB 2020-272 - Alley Vacation

**MEETING DATE:**

October 5, 2020

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:**

Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services

**REVIEWED BY:**

Director of Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services-Troy Bolander, Director of Finance-  
Leslie Haase, City Attorney- Peter Edwards, City Manager- Nicholas Edwards.

**SUMMARY REQUEST:**

Case 033-20: Alley Vacation – A request to vacate alley right-of-way lying North of W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. and South of W 7<sup>th</sup> St. located on property at the Southwest corner of S. Joplin Ave. and W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. – City of Joplin.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Cornell Arts Complex is planning on redeveloping this site and the alley, being located in the middle of the site, inhibits potential construction on the site. No plans for new utilities to be located in the right-of-way. Currently, the site is a parking lot for Memorial Hall, and the alley as platted is not used. Right now, it is not possible to access the alley as platted with a vehicle as it is being used as pedestrian access through the parking lot.

There are currently utilities in the alley, including sewer, that will need to be rerouted.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:**

Keegan Stanton, 602 S. Main Street, Joplin, MO. The City is requesting to vacate this alley right-of-way, generally known as the Memorial Hall Parking Lot. Currently, the right-of-way is not accessible to vehicular traffic, there are no curb cuts on the North or South end. It has been set aside for pedestrian access. The request comes down to the Cornell Arts Complex, who is planning on a redevelopment of the site for their Arts Complex. The location of the building will be generally in the center. The utilities will have to be relocated. We are protected in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Cornell Arts Complex that if they do not complete construction, the land comes back to the City.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lacrisha Olsson and she is recently homeless due to a domestic on July 7, 2020. She stated that she was in favor of this project.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

These payments are included in the FY 2019-20 budget of the Community Planning Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval (6 in Favor, 0 Nays, 1 Absent).  
Staff recommends approval of Case 033-20.

**ATTACHMENTS**

CB 202- 272, Staff Planning Report, P&Z Commission Minutes