

CB 2020-262

Case 018-20: Street Vacation – A request to vacate Pearl Ave. street right-of-way lying North of W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and South of W 6<sup>th</sup> St. – Jasper County

Mr. Stanton stated that he does have a representative for this case on the video. Matt Murphy, TreanorHL, 1040 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS. I am representing Jasper County on this request tonight. On the map we are requesting a vacation from Pearl Ave from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> as well as a portion of the adjacent alley way. It will be in support of the new courthouse, which is currently in design and planning. This will allow a contiguous site for construction of the courthouse and improvements for parking and other utilities.

Mr. Ramsour asked about the alleyway between Pearl and Wall, what is the importance of that small Portion?

Mr. Murphy stated the intent is to vacate the alley on Mineral alley just to west not the east that would but up against 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mrs. Steele mention that they are wanting just part of the alley not the whole alley.

That small part of the alley will be used for side parking lot and side access for prisoner transport.

Mr. Murphy stated that the County will be taking access to the garage that will go over to Byers. There will be a cross access underneath that alleyway to get into the garage. That is why that portion of the alley is important. The placement of the Courthouse is such that the southern half of Pearl Ave would be interfering with the Courthouse and the new entry drive coming into the public parking will be 6<sup>th</sup> Street. From Byers will be the entrance to the basement garage under the courthouse.

Mr. Ramsour asked if the Commissioners had any questions?

Mrs. Koelkebeck stated that if she understands correctly the property on 7<sup>th</sup> Street are part of the new courthouse as well?

Mr. Stanton stated yes both the C-3s and the one R-3 on the map will become part of the parking.

Mr. Ramsour asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak in favor of this case?

Darius Adams, Western District Commissioner for Jasper County and Commissioner that is involved in this project. It is going to be a beautiful building when complete. After the discussion you can see why it is imperative that we have the vacation. As far as the parking in the corner, it will not be all parking, there will be some green space there too. We are very diligent about that.

Mr. Eastman wanted to know if there was a time frame?

Mr. Adams stated that they were hoping to have this bid out in late July, early August and then start turning dirt shortly after that.

Mr. Ramsour asked if anyone else would like to speak in favor of this case? There were not. Mr. Ramsour asked if there was anyone that would like to speak in opposition to this case? There were not.

**MR. DERMOTT MOVED, SECONDED BY MRS. STEELE, CASE 018-20 BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED, WITH MR. RAMSOUR, MR. DERMOTT, MRS. KOELKEBECK, MRS. BRUCKNER-SEARS (CALL IN), MRS. STEELE, MR. MCCULLOUGH, AND MR. EASTMAN VOTING "AYE". (7 IN FAVOR, 0 NAYS).**