

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM:**

CB 2020-262-Street Vacation

**MEETING DATE:**

June 1, 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 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.

**BACKGROUND:**

Jasper County is planning for a new courthouse near their existing one and have purchased property along Pearl Ave. This construction planning and the large footprint of the proposed courthouse has created the need for a consolidation of their land holdings along Pearl Ave.

We are continuing to work with the applicant to study the traffic situation more, but initial study shows that there will be a minimal disruption to traffic flow. As Pearl ends at 10<sup>th</sup> Street, it does not go through as Joplin and Wall do, so traffic on Pearl is already diverting once it hits 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:**

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. 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of Case 018-20 (7 in Favor, 0 Nays.)  
Staff recommends approval.

**ATTACHMENTS**

CB 2020- 262, Staff Planning Report, P&Z Commission Minutes, and Pearl Ave. Traffic Study.