

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM: Case 007-22 – Excess Property –Northeast and Southeast corners of S. Golf Link Rd and W. 23rd St.

MEETING DATE:

February 7, 2022

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 REOUEST:

Case 007-22: Northeast and Southeast corners of S. Golf Link Rd and W. 23rd St. - A request to declare property surplus – City of Joplin

BACKGROUND:

It is the City’s intent to sell the property. This would remove maintenance and upkeep expenses the City currently incurs while in possession of the property. The City also would like to turn over the property to a more productive use. Park space will be preserved with the sale of the property. This property was acquired from the merger with Iron Gates.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:

This property was acquired from the merger with Iron Gates. Currently it is part of a public park out there adjacent to the golf course. The deed restrictions do require us to maintain green space or park access for the residents of Iron Gates. So, any sale of this property will include that stipulation to reserve public access, green space for that neighborhood. We received comments from the Parks Department that the park is less that what meets the standards for a city park and there is some interest from Developers.

Mr. Eastman asked about the property to the north if the Police still use that building?

Mr. Stanton stated they have in the past for training. There are a number of properties in the city that Police and Fire use for training.

Ms. Steele wanted to know since the south parcels are a park, they will remain a park, correct?

Mr. Stanton stated at least a portion of it. In the deed restriction stated that a portion must remain parks or neighborhood green space.

Ms. Phillips stated that it is confusing because if it doesn’t currently meet Parks Department standards, than how does making it smaller help it meets our standards?

Mr. Stanton stated that it was his understanding that whoever would develop this property, once purchased would have to make improvements to the public park/green space. They would actually improve that space. If it were sold without preserving park space, the deed restriction states, the park/land will revert to the church across the street.

Mr. Stanton mentioned that the way the deed restriction reads is to ensure that the public has access to the park. Through development review, staff will ensure that access is preserved.

Mr. Eastman stated that Golf Links does not go through.

Mr. Stanton mentioned it is likely that it would be vacated, due to the width and portion of 23rd Street would likely be vacated by a developer.

PUBLIC COMMENT; None

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval for Case 007-22.

Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval for Case 007-22 (6 Favor, 0 Nays, 1 Absent)

ATTACHMENTS

Staff Planning Report, P&Z Commission Minutes