



Planning Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 5/10/22
From: Josh White, Principal Planner
Item: 401 W Madison Vacation

Purpose: Consider the advisability of vacating a portion of alley and a portion of 3rd Street adjacent to Block 2, Park Place Addition to Arkansas City.

Background:

AAB Engineering, LLC has filed a request to vacate a portion of the alley and a portion of 3rd Street (originally platted as 10th Street) adjacent to Block 2, Park Place Addition. The applicant/City owns or controls all of the land surrounding the proposed vacations. All adjacent property owners were notified. The Technical Advisory Committee noted that there are a number of utilities present in the area and that a utility easement would be needed for the area as the various utilities will need to continue to have access to the area. Staff recommends approval of the request to vacate the area subject to retaining a utility easement over the alley.

- No private rights will be injured or endangered as the applicant owns (or will own) all property adjacent and the public should suffer no loss
- The proposed vacation with retention of the utility easement leaves access to any current and proposed future utilities as well as access for emergency vehicles and sanitation vehicles. It also retains access to any future improvements south of the addition.

At the April 12 meeting a public hearing was held and at the applicant's request, the item was tabled. The applicant has provided additional information, they have requested the entire right of way of 3rd Street (10th Street) be vacated instead of just a portion and staff recommends approval.

Action:

Hold additional discussion, make a motion to recommend the City Commission approve/disapprove the request to vacate a portion of alley and 3rd Street adjacent to Block 2, Park Place Addition to Arkansas City subject to the reservation of easements over the alley.

Attachments:

Staff Report

Presentation Link: <https://arcg.is/1WXzeT>