



## REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 4/1/2025  
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

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**Department Origination:** Administration

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**Agenda Item:** Authorize City Staff to Execute and Submit Letter to Crow Wing County Requesting a Delay of the 2026 County Road 170 / Mapleton Road Mill and Overlay Project

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**Approval Required:** Simple Majority Vote

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### **BACKGROUND**

Crow Wing County currently has a mill and overlay project scheduled in 2026 for County 170 / Mapleton Road from Mountain Ash Drive to the Isle Drive roundabout. This year, Sourcewell purchased three properties totaling 35 acres adjacent to the City owned land along Mapleton Road. Sourcewell requested the City and County delay the road project to allow time for their organization to complete a strategic master plan to ensure that the property is utilized in the most effective manner for the organization as well as the community. A copy of their written request is attached.

The City of Baxter also has property along County Road 170 / Mapleton Road, adjacent to the Sourcewell property. City staff recommends that it is in the City's best interest to work with Sourcewell as they complete their planning to allow their plans to evolve along with any potential planning that the City may develop for the City's adjacent property. Allowing time for planning could ultimately aid economic development by preserving time for planning before long term re-investment into County Road 170 / Mapleton Road.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

City staff notes that there could be adverse financial implications if the Mill and Overlay project is completed in 2026 before strategic planning is completed for the area.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends authorizing City Staff to execute and submit the attached letter to Crow Wing County requesting a delay of the 2026 County Road 170 / Mapleton Road Mill and Overlay Project

### **COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

Authorize City Staff to execute and submit the attached letter to Crow Wing County requesting a delay of the 2026 County Road 170 / Mapleton Road Mill and Overlay Project.