



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 8, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** Bridge at Knott's Landing - Removal

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### **BACKGROUND:**

This item was discussed at the April 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Work Session. There is currently a large metal bridge structure at Knott's Landing. Staff's understanding is that it has been there for many years and that it was originally placed there with a plan to utilize it on a trail in that area at some point in the future. The City Manager reached out to Fred Smock about this, as he participates in trail-related items in Buchanan County. Mr. Smock indicated that it was planned to be utilized for a trail originally, but that plan has never come to fruition. The City Manager also had a Council Member reach out about this bridge, asking why the bridge is still there and if we're going to use it or not.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Staff believes it best to remove the bridge and dispose of it. This could be handled by City Staff or we could look for a scrapping company to come in and remove the metal. Should this item be approved, the City Manager will work to get the bridge removed.

### **RESULTS:**

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Developing and Reviving Independence. This item helps achieve that vision by cleaning up the Knott's Landing area and disposing of a dilapidated bridge that is not benefiting the City.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

Costs for Staff to remove the bridge could be subsidized by discarding the metal to a scrap vendor, or if a vendor is found to come to remove the bridge, they may do so simply to gather the material to scrap. Any funds that are generated by scrapping the metal would be deposited into the General Fund.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve the removal of the bridge at Knott's Landing.