



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: April 8, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Veteran's Park Fountain - Removal

BACKGROUND:

This item was discussed at the April 1st City Council Work Session. The City Manager was contacted by residents asking about the status of the Veterans Park Fountain and why it is not functional. Staff understands that the fountain has been disabled for many years, and after talking with the Parks & Recreation Director, we feel that it would be best to remove the fountain and look for another location in town to have a fountain like that – if the Council still wants to have a fountain in town.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is planning to remove the fountain at the earliest opportunity, should this item be approved. As for what will be installed there, we believe that just planting grass and repairing the sidewalk would be sufficient for this area.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community. This item helps achieve that vision by removing a derelict fountain that was originally brought up by community members.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The cost to remove the fountain would be minimal, and any costs for installing the sidewalk repairs necessary would also be minimal. Staff believes there are funds within the already approved budget that can be utilized for this.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the removal of the fountain at Veteran's Park.