



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO – City Clerk/Treasurer

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 13, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** Resolution to Decertify Certain Assessments that were sent to the Buchanan County Treasurer

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### **BACKGROUND:**

City staff received a phone call from the Buchanan County Treasurer's office on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Treasurer's office has started to work on the abatement process for the property located at 812 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE and found two special assessments connected to the property. These special assessments need to be removed now that the City has taken possession and must be removed via resolution.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Because the City gained ownership of this property through the 657A process, there is no reason to continue with the Assessments that were on the property.

### **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 removing an unsightly, unsafe structure.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

There is no cost to take the resolution to the Buchanan County Treasurer. This does mean the City will not be able to recoup the two mowing assessments that total \$516.63, however, those costs could be added to the minimum acceptable bid the City would take for the property when it is time to sell or dispose of the property.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution that decertifies certain assessments that were sent to the Buchanan County Treasurer.