



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 2024

ITEM TITLE: 1500 6th Ave. NE Drainage Easement

BACKGROUND:

This item was discussed at the May 6, 2024, City Council Work Session.

This easement is necessary to allow the City to remedy the drainage situation at this location.

DISCUSSION:

Staff have been contacted in the past about a drainage ditch along the north side of the above property. As we researched this situation, we discovered that when this subdivision was installed, there was not much thought given to the drainage ditch that runs through the farm to the east of the subdivision and where that water was discharged. As a result, this property owner took it upon themselves to dig a ditch to try to keep the water from flooding her home. The neighborhood, as you can imagine, is not happy with the outcome of her efforts, and in talking with our Streets Department, we believe that for approximately \$3,000, we can remedy this situation. The remedy will include installing an underground drainage pipe into the back of an existing storm sewer and filling in this ditch but leaving an above-ground swale to carry any excess water that the pipe may not be able to handle.

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 remedying an unsightly unfavorable condition within a neighborhood.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

It will cost \$17.00 for the easement to be recorded, and this has been budgeted for in the City Administration budget. Project work will be paid out of the Stormwater Utility Fund and is anticipated to be no more than \$3,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer to sign the drainage easement, for the \$17.00 recording fee to be added to the previously approved claims listing, and to authorize the City Manager to direct Staff to facilitate the improvements outlined herein.