



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: June 24, 2024

ITEM TITLE: MHI Plat of Survey

BACKGROUND:

This was discussed at the June 4, 2024, Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

The State of Iowa is interested in dividing the ground owned at the Mental Health Institute. It is important to note that this property is not in the City Limits, but does fall within the two-mile zone surrounding the City and is therefore subject to review by the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council.

Mike Brooner, PLS Vice President of Civil Design Advantage, has submitted a Plat of Survey to facilitate this property division. Once the division is complete, the State intends to sell the property to a private individual.

The City does have a water line that runs across the property along the former road right of way for 230th Street – which has been abandoned. We have requested that a 15' easement covering this waterline be granted to the City of Independence to protect the City's infrastructure in this area, and the State has agreed.

The plat and an aerial map showing the City's water lines in this area are attached for review.

DISCUSSION:

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this item unanimously.

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 making this property available for development and placing it back on the tax rolls for property tax collection for the County – or the City should it be annexed in the future.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the MHI Plat of Survey, contingent upon the easement to protect the City's waterline.