

MEMO



TO: Mayor Hahs and Members of the Board of Aldermen
FROM: Janet Sanders, Building & Planning Manager
DATE: January 12, 2022
SUBJECT: Request for Easement Abandonment at 1962 and 2024
Watson Drive

City staff members have been working with the property owners of 1962 Watson Drive and 2024 Watson Drive regarding their desire to remove an existing utility easement across their back yards.

The original Bent Creek Spring Lake Addition Subdivision was platted with a utility easement along the rear lot lines between the lots fronting on Watson Drive and Spring Lake Trail. Although a portion of this subdivision was re-platted to combine lots, the easement across these properties was not relocated. This easement also contains utilities. The owners of 1962 and 2024 Watson Drive own all the way through from street to street.

The property owners propose to relocate all utilities, which includes city electric, from this easement, so that it can be abandoned to facilitate their complete use of their properties. The re-routing of the city electric will be explained at the study meeting based on the attached map.

All costs of the utility relocations and property restoration are to be born by the property owners. A first draft of a Memorandum of Understanding for each property owner is included in this packet for your information. These agreements, once finalized and signed by the property owners, will need to be approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Once all utilities are relocated and all conditions of the final MOUs are satisfied, an ordinance to abandon the easement will be presented at for the Board's approval.