

# **MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL**

### Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

| From:      | Warren Stewart, Public Works   | Meeting Date:              |
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| Presenter: | Warren Stewart   | Estimated Time: 10 minutes |
| Topic:     | Request from Janice Larrea for Connection to the City Water System Outside City Limits at 100 E Rosalyn Drive. |                            |

#### **Recommended Council Action:**

Consider the request from Janice Larrea for connection to the City's Water system without annexation into the City of Meridian.

#### Background:

#### I. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Kyle Radek -Assistant City Engineer208-489-0343Warren Stewart, City Engineer208-489-0350Laurelei McVey, Director of Public Works208-985-1259

#### II. DESCRIPTION

Janice Larrea is requesting to hook up to the City Water System because her private well is not producing an adequate water supply, and replacing the well is costprohibitive. Additionally, it would take approximately 1.5 years to contract a new well. City Water is installed in Rosalyn Drive fronting her property.

The property is a single-family residence with a shop on a 4.5 acre parcel. Janice has been the owner since 1975 and is not requesting or anticipating any change to the property use.

#### III. PUBLIC WORKS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Works staff have reviewed the request. Water is in fact available in E Rosalyn Drive. Sewer is available to the east side of the property; however, it is over 300 feet from the home and a service from the home to the existing sewer would not follow the ultimate planned sewer configuration. Connection to sewer at this time is therefore not recommended. Public Works staff recommend approval of the

requested water service connection with a consent to annex agreement that also includes:

- Consent to annex upon development of the property, or at another appropriate time in the future;
- Requirement to abandon the existing well per Idaho Department of Water Resources requirements within 60 days after hookup to City water;
- Payment of appropriate water assessment and meter fees;
- Requirement to connect to sewer when available in its ultimate configuration and to pay appropriate sewer assessments at that time;
- Design and construction costs for water and sewer are the responsibility of owner. Plans for City infrastructure must be approved and inspected through Community Development / Public Works.

## **IV. ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. Council could approve the request and also require annexation at this time.
- 2. Council could deny the request. The owner would have to make do with their current water supply situation for up to 18 months while waiting for a new well to be drilled. It is also in the interest of the City and its residents to limit the number of domestic wells in the area since each well has potential to be a threat to groundwater quality.

## V. TIME CONSTRAINTS

The owner would like to secure an agreement and construct the water service as soon as possible, as service from the well is already problematic and will likely get worse.

## VI. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Approved for Council Agenda: \_\_\_\_

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Date: 3/31/22