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Memorandum

TO: Mills City Council

FROM: Megan Nelms, AICP, City Planner

DATE: September 22, 2023

SUBJECT: De-Annexation of Property from City of Mills

Summary: Petitions have been submitted by the City of Casper and Natrona County, as property owners, for de-annexation of approximately 22 acres from the City of Mills. The properties are located along the North Platte River in the Fort Caspar/Izaak Walton area. The properties have been targeted for de-annexation from Mills and annexation into the City of Casper to clean-up historical jurisdictional boundaries. The location of the properties, on the opposite side of the river from Mills, makes it more practical for the City of Casper to provide municipal services.

Pursuant to W.S. § 15-1-421, the City of Casper, Natrona County and the City of Mills have worked together to follow the procedures outlined in statute for the deannexation. Natrona County has completed two (2) de-annexation reports on the proposed impacts of the de-annexations. Those reports are attached for your review. No significant impacts have been identified and the City of Mills may now move forward and take action to de-annex the properties.

Planning Considerations:

There are no planning considerations.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: Staff recommends APPROVAL of the proposed deannexation.

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Natrona County Commissioners

200 North Center, Room 115 Casper, WY 82601 Phone (307) 235-9202 Fax (307) 235-9486 Steven Freel, Commissioner Dallas Laird, Commissioner Jim Milne, Commissioner Peter Nicolaysen, Commissioner Dave North, Commissioner

July 5, 2023

Christine Trumbull Mills City Clerk 704 Fourth Street Box 789 Mills, WY 82644



Dear Ms. Trumbull:

Natrona County, as the landowner of a 3.07 acre parcel, more particularly described in the attached exhibits, and pursuant to W.S. 15-1-421, hereby requests that said property be deannexed from the City of Mills. The County would like to annex the property into the City of Casper, in that its location, on the opposite side of the river from the City of Mills, makes it more practical for the City of Casper to provide municipal services.

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The Natrona County Commissioners will prepare a report on the impact of the de-annexation within sixty (60) days. It is our understanding of the procedure that the City of Mills should not take any action on the petition for de-annexation until after the sixty (60) day period has elapsed. The County's final obligation with regard to the de-annexation will be to publish a legal notice in the Casper Star Tribune within ten (10) days of the filing of this petition.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Turner, County Planner, at 235-9330.

Sincerely,

Steve Freel, Chairman

Board of County Commissioners

Enc. Legal Description of property proposed for de-annexation

Cc: Natrona County Commissioners



EXHIBIT "A" NATRONA COUNTY PARCEL

A parcel of land located within a portion of the NE½SW½ of Section 7, T.33N., R.79W., 6th P.M., City of Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming, as shown on Exhibit B attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the SW1/16 corner of said Section 7, monumented by a brass cap;

Thence N89°20'13"E, along the south line of the NE½SW½ of said Section 7, a distance of 329.87 feet to the Point of Beginning being the southwest corner of the Natrona County parcel being described, also being the southeast corner of the City of Casper parcel, monumented by a brass cap;

Thence N45°20'56"W, along the southwesterly line of the County parcel, also being the northeasterly line of the City parcel, a distance of 464.21 feet to the most north corner of the City parcel, located on the west line of the NE½SW% of said Section 7:

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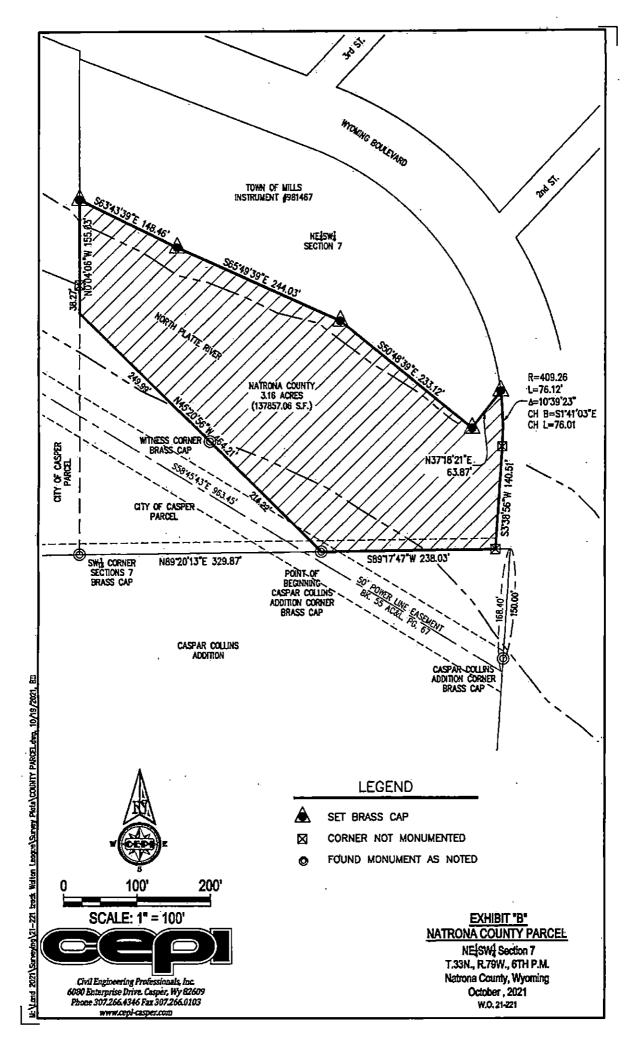
Thence S89°17'47"W, along the south line of the County parcel also being the south line of the NE½SW½ of said Section 7, a distance of 238.03 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The above described parcel contains 3.16 acres, (137857.06.04 S.F.), more or less, and is subject to all rights-ofway and/or encumbrances, reservations and encroachments which have been legally acquired.

I hereby certify that this description was prepared from notes taken during an actual survey made under my direct supervision October, 2021, and that on the basis of my information, knowledge and belief as a Professional Land Surveyor this description is true and correct.



MODIFICATION IN ANY WAY OF THE FOREGOING DESCRIPTION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THIS INFORMATION AND CERTIFY IT TO BE ACCURATE ON THE BASIS OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. ANY CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION OF ANY PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION WILL ACT TO VOID ANY WARRANTY OR RESPONSIBILITY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, THAT I HAVE TOWARD THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.





OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CASPER

200 NORTH DAVID STREET CASPER, WYOMING 82601-1815 PHONE (307) 235-8224 FAX: (307) 235-8313

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June 20, 2023

Ms. Christine Trumbull Mills City Clerk 704 Fourth Street Box 789 Mills, WY 82644

Dear Ms. Trumbull:

Mills Municipal Court Clerk

The City of Casper, as the landowner of a nineteen-acre parcel, more particularly described in the attached exhibits, and pursuant to W.S. 15-1-421, hereby requests that said property be deannexed from the City of Mills. The City would like to annex the property into the City of Casper, in that its location, on the opposite side of the river from the City of Mills, makes it more practical for the City of Casper to provide municipal services.

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Pursuant to W.S. 15-1-421 the City is concurrently providing a copy of the petition to de-annex to the Natrona County Commissioners. The Natrona County Commissioners are then required, by law, to prepare a report on the impact of the de-annexation within sixty (60) days. It is our understanding of the procedure that the City of Mills should not take any action on the petition for de-annexation until after the sixty (60) day period has elapsed. The City of Casper's final obligation with regard to the de-annexation will be to publish a legal notice in the Casper Star Tribune within ten (10) days of the filing of this petition.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Becher, Community Development Director, or Craig Collins, City Planner, at 235-8241.

Sincerely,

Bruce Knell Mayor

Legal Description of property proposed for de-annexation Enc.

Natrona County Commissioners Cc:



EXHIBIT "A" Portions of Lot 3 (NW%SW%) & NE%SW%Section 7, T.33N., R.79W., 6th P.M. City of Casper Parcel Natrona, County, Wyoming

A parcel of land situate within portions of Lot 3 (NW%SW%) and NE%SW% of Section 7, T.33N., R.79W., 6th P.M., Natrona County, Wyoming, as shown on Exhibit B, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the S1/16 corner common to said Section 7 and Section 12, T.33N., R.80W., located on the north line of Caspar Collins Addition No. 2, monumented by a brass cap, being the southwest corner of the parcel being described and the Point of Beginning;

Thence N00°22'33"W, along the west line of said Section 7, a distance of 847.62 feet to the northwest corner of the parcel being described, located within the North Platte River;

Thence S71°00'04"E, along the north line of the parcel, a distance of 1091.09 feet to an angle point;

Thence S68°00'11"E, along the north line of the parcel, a distance of 265.19 feet to the northeast corner of the parcel, located on the west line of the NE½SW½ of said Section 7;

Thence S00°04'06"E, along the west line of the NE½SW½ of said Section 7, a distance of 38.27 feet to a point:

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Thence S88°53'54"W, along the south line of the parcel and the north line of the Caspar Collins Addition, a distance of 246.63 feet to a point being the northwest corner of the Caspar Collins Addition and the northeast corner of the Caspar Collins Addition No. 2;

Thence S88°52′59″W, along the south line of the parcel also being the south line of the NE¼SW¼ of said Section 7, and the north line of the Caspar Collins Addition No. 2, a distance of 1026.01 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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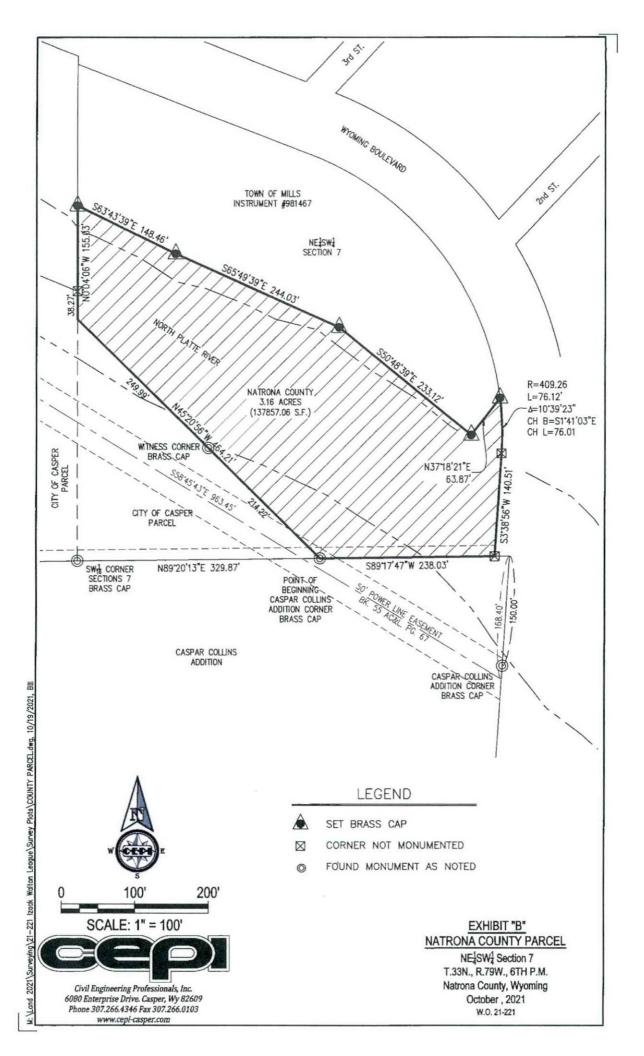
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Natrona County Planning Department

200 N Center, Room 202 Casper, WY 82601



De-Annexation Report Board of County Commissions

9-5-2023

City of Casper Property

60 day statutory deadline for de-annexation report is September 11, 2023 (W.S. 15-1-142(a))

Request: A request by the City of Casper for de-annexation of three parcels comprising

approximately 19 acres from the City of Mills into Natrona County.

Legal Description: A parcel located in and being a portion of Lot 3 (NW ¼ SW ¼) and NE ¼ SE ¼

of Section 7, Township 33N, Range 79 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian,

Natrona County, Wyoming (Exhibit A attached).

Owner: City of Casper

Location: The property is along the North Platte River in the Fort Caspar/Izaak Walton area.

Zoning: City of Mills, Public Land Institutions (PLI)

Purpose: To de-annex these parcels from the City of Mills and annex these parcels into the

City of Casper in order to more efficiently provide municipal services to the area.

De-annexation into the county is a procedural step for this process.

The Board of County Commissioners is in receipt of a letter from the City of Casper requesting de-annexation of the subject parcels from the municipal boundaries of the City of Mills. As per W. S. 15-1-421 (a), this de-annexation report is provided to address the impacts of the proposed de-annexation to the County and what will be required of the applicant.

Background:

The petition from the City of Casper to de-annex was submitted to the City of Mills and Natrona County on July 12, 2023. As there is no statutory procedure for the simultaneous de-annexation and annexation of property from one municipality into an adjacent municipality, the process requires two separate actions which involves de-annexation into the County W. S. 15-1-421 (a) and then annexation into the desired municipality, W.S. 15-1-407.

The subject parcels are physically separated from the City of Mills by the North Platte River. Access to the subject parcels is through adjacent parcels within the City of Casper. As the subject parcels are adjacent to and accessed through the City of Casper the jurisdictional boundary realignment through de-annexation and the subsequent annexation process is a practical and reasonable action.

Evaluation:

The de-annexation will require law enforcement and emergency response from the Natrona County Sheriff Office and Natrona County Fire or the City of Casper Police and/or City of Casper Fire Department through an intergovernmental agreement. The de-annexation of the subject parcels will not cause a significant financial burden for the County.

There is currently a campground operating on one of the subject parcels (33790730001800). The jurisdictional boundary divides this parcel, the west half of the parcel is within the County and east half is within the City of Mills. The de-annexation and subsequent annexation of this parcel to the City of Casper will remedy the jurisdictional challenges faced by this parcel.

The zoning of the subject parcels is currently under the City of Mills as Public Land Institutions (PLI) zoning district. As the City of Casper, the property owner, has expressed intent to annex the subject parcels into the City of Casper per W.S. 15-1-407, the County will not require the City of Casper to immediately obtain a zoning designation through the Zone Map Amendment process. However, after de-annexation and for the duration of the annexation process, the County will not entertain any building permit applications and/or any other development applications for the subject parcels. If the annexation process has not been initiated by the City of Casper within one year of de-annexation from the City of Mills, the City of Casper will be required to obtain a County zoning designation.

Conclusion:

The Board of County Commissioners, in general, is not opposed to the proposed de-annexation. The deannexation of the subject parcels into the County will not have a significant financial or organizational impact on the County. However, if the City of Casper, as property owner, does not initiate annexation into the City of Casper within a year of de-annexation, zoning designation must be obtained and parcels will be subject to the current 2022 Natrona County Zoning Resolution as amended.

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(Exhibit A and B attached).

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Zoning: City of Mills, Public Land Institutions (PLI)

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Conclusion:

The Board of County Commissioners support the proposed de-annexation.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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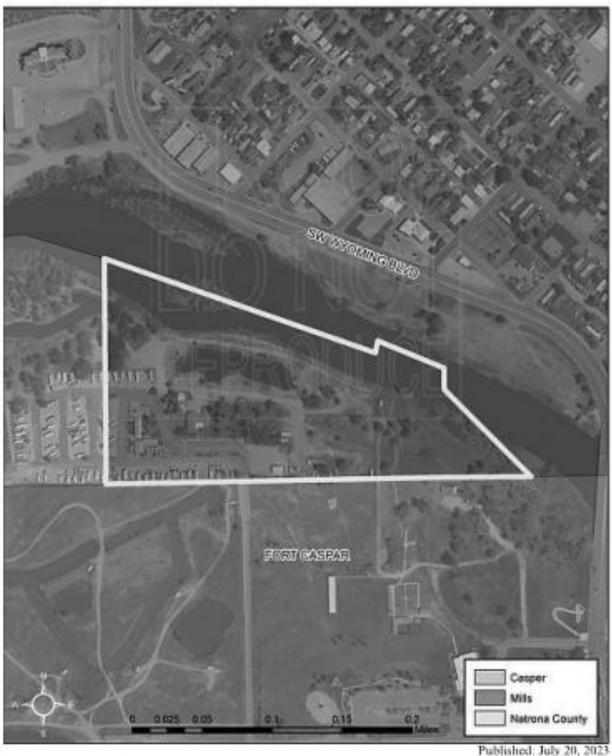
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Mills and Casper Boundary Adjustment



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