



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 6/11/2024

REQUESTER: Ken Danner, Subdivision Development Manager

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, Interim Director of Public Works

TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2324-52 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, CLOSURE OF A TWENTY FOOT (20') WIDTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ADJACENT TO LOTS 12, 13 AND 14, BLOCK 1, STATE UNIVERSITY ADDITION).

BACKGROUND:

This is a request for closing certain 20' right-of-way (platted as use for alley) adjacent to Lots 13 and 14, Block 1, and 10' of a 20' right-of-way (platted as use for an alley) adjacent to Lots 12 and 13, Block 1, State University Addition. The final plat for State University Addition was filed of record with the Cleveland County Clerk on June 21, 1909. The property is generally located at the end of Eddington Street and BNSF Railroad right-of-way (221 Eddington Street).

DISCUSSION:

The attorney for the applicant has submitted a request to close and vacate the rights-of-way so that the properties can be contiguous. These portions of rights-of-way have never been paved or used as public alleys. There are existing utilities running northwest to southeast within the right-of-way (specifically a 16" water main and City staff is recommending that an easement be provided at the time of vacation in District Court).

Planning Commission, at its meeting of April 11, 2024, recommended adoption by a vote of 8-0.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the fact an alley was never constructed and the applicant will provide an easement for existing water line, staff can support adoption of Ordinance No. O-2324-52.