



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 02/22/2022

REQUESTER: Kathryn Walker, City Attorney

PRESENTER: Anthony Purinton, Assistant City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF SPECIAL CLAIM SC-2122-3: SUBMITTED BY BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,937 FOR DAMAGE TO AN ENTRYWAY AWNING BY A CITY SANITATION TRUCK ON JANUARY 17, 2022, AT 1717 WEST LINDSEY STREET.

BACKGROUND: A claim was filed by Bethel Baptist Church in the amount of \$13,937 for damage to an entryway awning when it was struck by a City Sanitation trash truck on January 17, 2022, at 1717 West Lindsey Street.

DISCUSSION: This incident was investigated by Terry Richmond, Utilities Supervisor, who found on January 17, 2022, a City Sanitation employee was driving a trash truck and servicing dumpsters at Bethel Baptist Church, 1717 West Lindsey Street. The employee attempted a U-turn in order to exit the parking lot but he misjudged the distance to the side of the building and struck the entryway awning. This caused damage to the solid structure, including wiring and stucco.

Bethel Baptist Church provided estimates to repair and rebuild the awning structure with the lowest estimate being \$13,937. As indicated above, there appears to be possible negligence on the part of the City in this matter and consequently potential liability on the City. The claim of Bethel Baptist Church, in the amount of \$13,937, appears reasonable.

RECOMMENDATION: Based upon the above and foregoing, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's office that the claim of Bethel Baptist Church in the amount of \$13,937 as set forth above, be approved. Funds are available in Miscellaneous Services-Special Claims (43122351-44718) to cover the claim.