



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: October 6, 2026

Agenda Item: WE Energies Relocation Payment

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The City is proposing to extend sanitary sewer along the north side of Starin Road east of Jefferson Street as part of the Jefferson Street Reconstruction Project. This extension would serve vacant property on the north and south side of Starin Road known as Hospital Hill. During construction of the sewer line, it was observed that an existing 3-phase electrical line was in conflict with the proposed sanitary sewer. The construction of the sewer line ceased. Upon investigation, it was determined that WE Energies was granted an easement from the City in 1983 for the electrical line. Since WE Energies has an easement, the cost to relocate the electrical line is compensable. WE Energies will not schedule the relocation until payment is made. The attached Cost Letter indicates the relocation cost is \$83,259.24.

As part of the Jefferson Street Reconstruction Project, a bid item was included for rock removal associated with sanitary sewer main and/or laterals. The estimated cost was \$115,000. This cost was part of the overall borrowing for the Wastewater Utility for the Jefferson Street Reconstruction Project. The sanitary sewer work in Phase 1 is completed and rock excavation was not encountered. Sanitary sewer work in Phase 2 has the new sanitary sewer being placed in the same location as the existing sanitary sewer at a higher elevation. Due to this, rock excavation is unlikely to be encountered in Phase 2. There have been no other overruns or change orders associated with sanitary sewer.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

The Common Council awarded the Jefferson Street Reconstruction Project on February 17, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

The cost to relocate the 3-phase electrical line is \$83,259.24.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

After discussion with the City Attorney, it was determined that the WE Energies relocation cost is a project related expense, associated with the relocation of the sanitary sewer. Since there are borrowed funds available within the Wastewater portion of the project, these funds can be used for paying for the relocation of the WE Energies electrical line. Therefore, staff recommends a motion to approve the resolution authorizing payment to WE Energies for the relocation of electrical lines along Starin Road east of Jefferson Street associated with the Jefferson Street Reconstruction Project.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED
(If none, state N/A)
1. WE Energies Cost Letter
2. Resolution