



# Common Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	June 16, 2026
Agenda Item:	Bethel House Offer to Purchase City-Owned Parcel /DAJ 00006
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## BACKGROUND

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

The City recently received an Offer to Purchase /DAJ 00006, which is a City-owned parcel located at the corner of E Cravath St and N Danville St. Representatives from Bethel House had reached out to the Community Development Department, as they had been looking for a location to place a new construction build which would serve as housing for their clients.

City staff discovered the property while doing a review search of appropriate possible locations. The City has owned this property since at least 2001, possibly earlier. Staff were not able to determine how the property was originally obtained. The property is a half-acre in size, bordered by residential housing to the east, and agricultural property to the west and north.

The Community Development Director reached out to relevant department heads to determine if the City had any future need for the property. The consensus feedback was that the City has no use or future need for the property, and it would be an appropriate site for residential housing.

Staff did make the buyer aware of comments from one PARC board member indicating that the site may have been used as dumping site for tree trunks, concrete, and other such materials in the past. The site is not listed on the Wisconsin DNR website and staff do not believe there is any evidence of contaminating materials on the site.

Information on the Bethel House organization can be found at <https://www.bethelhouseinc.org/>

## PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

- The Plan and Architectural Review Commission advanced this offer with a positive recommendation to the Common Council at the June 8, 2026 PARC regular meeting

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

- The property is currently tax exempt, and will likely continue to be so, as Bethel House is a 501c3 organization. However, their organization provides services to community members, and the residential neighborhood area is an appropriate location. Current zoning of the parcel is R-2.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Staff recommend that the Common Council approve the resolution for the Offer to Purchase on Parcel # /DAJ 00006.

## ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

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- Offer to Purchase
  - Parcel aerial view
  - Resolution
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