



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	March 4, 2024
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on staff report pertaining to ABC Bank of Wolfforth private sewer line
STAFF INITIATOR:	Randy Criswell

BACKGROUND:

On January 25, 2024 the contractor (UCA) installing our 12” Distribution Loop line, while constructing a bore under Loop 193 in the vicinity of ABC Bank, bored into an unidentified line under Loop 193. After a brief investigation, it was determined this was a private sewer service line that belonged to the bank, and serviced the restrooms in the basement of the bank. The line was not identified during the required 811 utility locate effort, the line was not known of by TxDOT, the Bank, the City of Wolfforth, or UCA. It’s my opinion that this was no one’s fault. Evidently the line had existed prior to the construction of the loop, and probably if TxDOT had known of it then, the bank would have been required to move it. However, that wasn’t the case, and no one knew of the line.

The cost of restoring the line in its current location is \$29,500, and would require that the City take ownership of the line where it crosses Loop 193. I don’t recommend this. We also have a price of \$10,000 to intercept the line on bank property, re-lay it within bank property and move the point of discharge to the bank’s side of Loop 193, which we believe would permanently solve this or any future issue with the location of the line. This scenario would leave the line in the ownership of the bank and the City would have no further obligation. However, staff would like to discuss this in further detail with the Council.

EXHIBITS:

Drawings showing location of line

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

None at this time.