CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
CB 2019-285-Utility Vacation

MEETING DATE:
January 6, 2020

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:
Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services

REVIEWED BY:
Director of Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services-Troy Bolander, Director of Finance-Leslie Haase, City Attorney- Peter Edwards, Interim City Manager- Daniel Pekarek.

SUMMARY REQUEST:
Case 041-19: Easement Vacation – A request to vacate a utility easement located at 2001 S. Wisconsin Ave. – Kevin Parker

BACKGROUND:
The purpose for this vacation request is to improve the ability to redevelop the site. Currently, the utility easement restricts the footprint of new development.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:
Kevin Parker, 1115 Illinois Ave, Ste 1, Joplin, MO. One of the lots was purchased from the City of Joplin. The one below it was an R-3 lot that was used for the church across on Wisconsin. Due to the lots having a prior usage or purpose, there were some old utility easements that are no longer needed or vacated.

There are seven (7) duplexes that run parallel with the railroad tracks and one of the easements ran right through one of the duplexes. That easement stopped me from getting a building permit and just last week the city issued a building permit knowing that we submitted everything necessary to vacate it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

FUNDING SOURCE
These payments are included in the FY 2018-19 budget of the Community Planning Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:
Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval, 6 in favor, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Staff recommends approval of Case 041-19.

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2019- 285, Staff Planning Report, P&Z Commission Minutes