CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
CB 2024-253 – Street Renaming

MEETING DATE:
February 5, 2024

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:
Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services

REVIEWED BY:
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FUNDING SOURCE:
These payments are included in the FY2024 budget of the Community Planning Fund.

SUMMARY REQUEST:
Case 006-24: S McKee Ave, between 3rd St and Central St – Street Renaming – A request to rename said portion of S McKee Ave to JD Love Way – City of Joplin

BACKGROUND:
The City received a request to change the name of a portion of S McKee Ave, in honor of retired Police Officer, JD Love. Officer Love had lived in this neighborhood and Ms. Melodee Colbert-Kean requested the renaming to commemorate his service. City officials informed Ms. King that the request required a public hearing and agreed to apply and bring the request on the requestee's behalf. The proposed new name for the Street is JD Love Way. The Way designation is consistent with the street naming patterns of the City.

This case is a public hearing and notices were sent to affected property owners with property directly adjacent to this portion of S McKee Ave. Protest Petitions were included with the letters notifying recipients of the hearing and where to submit signed Protest Petitions if the recipients were opposed to the renaming. The notices were sent before the typical 15-day period in order to give the property owners additional time to respond.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:
Commissioners inquired about the addressing impact this would have on the property owners with frontage along S McKee Ave. Mr. Bellairs explained the impacts on addressing, mailing and emergency services. Ms. Melodee Colbert-Kean approached the podium and explained that they had decided that they would seek a ceremonial renaming, that would have an additional sign go up under S McKee Ave, without changing any addresses.

PUBLIC COMMENT;
There was no other comment in favor or against the proposed renaming.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Staff recommends approval for Council Bill 2024-253
Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval for Case 006-24 (6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Absent)

ATTACHMENTS
Staff Planning Report
P&Z Commission Minutes
Applicant Materials
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