CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
CB 2024-258 – Vacation of Right-of-Way

MEETING DATE:
March 4, 2024

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:
Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services

REVIEWED BY:
Director of Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services – Troy Bolander
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FUNDING SOURCE:
These payments are included in the FY2024 budget of the Community Planning Fund.

SUMMARY REQUEST:
Case 007-24: SE Corner of 32nd St and Connecticut – Alley Vacation – A request to vacate part of an alley located on the SE Corner of 32nd and Connecticut – City of Joplin

BACKGROUND:

Marilyn Ruestman is the owner of property adjacent to the North and South of this section of alleyway. The City had agreed to present the request to vacate on her behalf. Due to both private utilities and sanitary sewer being present in the alley, the request is only for the vacation of public right-of-way.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:
Mr. Bellairs presented the case on behalf of the owner. He stated the request was only to vacate the right-of-way, and that it would not be vacated completely through. Ms. Phillips asked about access, stating she was concerned about the traffic backing out. Mr. Bellairs responded that the alley has an alternative route running north and south as well, so trucks and traffic will still be able to navigate the alley.

PUBLIC COMMENT;
Dick Ruestman spoke in favor of the case. He and his wife Marilyn are the adjacent property owners.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Staff recommends approval for Council Bill 2024-258
Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval for Case 007-24 (4 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 3 Absent)

ATTACHMENTS

Staff Planning Report
P&Z Commission Minutes
Applicant Materials
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