CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
CB 2023-259 – Street Vacation

MEETING DATE:
March 6, 2023

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
Assistant City Manager – Tony Robyn
City Manager – Nicholas Edwards

FUNDING SOURCE:
These payments are included in the FY2023 budget of the Community Planning Fund.

SUMMARY REQUEST:
Case 008-23: Street Vacation – Part of Bird Avenue, approximately located between W 15th St and W Junge Boulevard – A request to vacate part of Bird Avenue – Joplin School District

BACKGROUND:
This vacation is sought to control the traffic during game days and practices. Any proposed building would not be permitted to be built on the vacated street. While the street would be vacated, utility easements will remain. MOAW has facilities and interests in Bird Avenue and are not waiving utility access.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:
Mr. David Pettit, Director of Facilities for Joplin Schools stated they were asking for consideration for a street vacate on Bird Ave between 1300-1500 block. He stated they own the property on both sides of that and they are requesting the vacate in an effort to enhance the safety measures for staff, students, patrons and attendees for events that were there. This would be during times of events as well as practices that take place. He stated they were struggling with safety for students and people crossing the road. He stated they were asking for this to be vacated at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT;
There was no public comment in opposition or in favor.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Staff recommends approval for Council Bill 2023-259
Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval for Case 008-23 (6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Absent)

ATTACHMENTS
Staff Planning Report
P&Z Commission Minutes
Applicant Materials
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