CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
CB 2025-269 – Vacation

MEETING DATE:
May 5, 2025

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:

Not applicable for this item.

SUMMARY REQUEST:

Case 010-25: 2100 E Rolla St – Vacation – A request to vacate part of E Rolla St – Joplin Schools

BACKGROUND:

Joplin Schools is planning to construct a loading dock expansion on the North side of Royal Heights Elementary School. This expansion will encroach into the bus/parking lane, which is located within the right-of-way (East Rolla Street). The School is seeking a vacation of 0.09 Acres (3945n square feet), which encompasses the parking lane.

Joplin Schools requested a variance of 18 feet and 11.5 inches from the 25-foot setback to expand the dock. The Board of Adjustments approved this request on April 18, 2025.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:

Mr. Pettit stated the request for street vacation is due to safety concerns. Mr. Pettit stated that the stairs from Royal Heights Elementary School lead onto Rolla Street, and they are looking to have them reconfigured to come off the side of the school instead of students immediately dispersing into the street. Mr. Pettit also explained that this vacation would allow the school to construct a new loading dock for deliveries. Mr. Pettit stated that the existing delivery dock has been removed, due to delivery trucks having to drive through the playground to make deliveries.

Dr. Rosenberg asked if this change would affect bus routes for loading and unloading of students.

Mr. Pettit stated that the bus routes would not be affected, since buses are loading and unloading students on the east side of the building.

Mr. Kimble asked if this would affect school drop-offs for students in the morning.
Mr. Pettit stated that this would not affect school drop-offs due to the new dock area ending where the car drop-off line will begin.

Mr. Kimble asked the representative if the fire lanes for the property would be affected.
Mr. Pettit stated that the only part of the fire lanes that will be affected are the west side of the fire lane line shown on the map.

PUBLIC COMMENT;

There was none.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Staff recommends approving Council Bill 2025-269
Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approving Case 010-25 (6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Absent)

ATTACHMENTS
Staff Planning Report
P&Z Commission Minutes
Applicant Materials
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