City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date May 15, 2017

Item: Declaration of Excess Property at 2014 South Porter Avenue
Originating Department: Planning & Community Development

Attachments: 1) Planning Report
2) Commission Minutes

Planning and Community Development Manager: Troy Bolander
City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm
Board or Commission: Planning and Zoning Commission Date: 4/27/17

Recommended Action: Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of "6 in favor, and 1 absent"

Summary Request::
Case 013-17: 2014 South Porter Avenue – A request to declare excess city property on an approximately 6,250 square foot lot – City of Joplin

Staff Summary:
This piece of property is a 6,250 ft² lot located at 2014 South Porter Avenue. This lot is currently zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and could allow for a single-family home. Staff believes this property is not needed for future use and recommends putting it back on the tax rolls.

Staff recommends approval of Case 013-17.

Planning & Zoning Commission Testimony:
Mr. Bolander was the representative for the City of Joplin and stated that the history for this property is unknown, but it is likely that Jasper County turned it over to the City of Joplin after they stopped collecting taxes on it. The City has had a request to purchase from an adjacent property owner. It is a buildable lot that is 50 by 120 feet along Porter Avenue, just south of 20th Street. Once the City declares the lot excess, it is appraised and then the City will ask for bids. City staff recommends that Case 013-17 be approved.

Mr. Duncan stated that there is a small separate property by the alley, and asked if that was included in this request.

Mr. Bolander stated that in this neighborhood, property owners would sometimes split into two lots. The main house would be located on the larger lot with a garage or garage apartment that was sold off separately. The City still treats this as one lot.

Public Comment: None.