CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
CB 2023-270 – Street Vacation

MEETING DATE:
June 5, 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 024-23: Vacation of Streets – A request to vacate approximately 130 feet of an alley between 508 S Virginia Ave and 512 S Virginia Ave – 200 Block Commons, LLC

BACKGROUND:
The applicant owns all adjacent property along the alley. The owner plans to improve the entrances for his tenants, along with providing a common greenspace within the vacated property. Utility companies have commented on the request stating that they currently have interests in the easement. There are no objections so long as utility easements remain. No permanent structures will be added impeding the rights of the utility companies or City services.

Mr. Bellairs contacted GFL trash services, who services the properties on the block. GFL stated that they do not have any concerns with the vacation of the alley.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:
Ms. Phillips asked if this would affect the trash services in the area. Mr. Bellairs stated that he had contacted the trash company and the trash company stated that they are able to access the alley by backing in from 6th St. Ms. Steele asked if there was a City requirement for enclosing dumpsters. Mr. Bolander explained that this was only required when the dumpsters are visible from public right-of-way. Mr. Kimble inquired from Mr. Neal where he would be placing his dumpsters. Mr. Neal stated he would be placing them at the end of the alley.

PUBLIC COMMENT;
Mr. Neal, the owner, represented the case. There was no public comment in opposition.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Staff recommends approval for Council Bill 2023-270
Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of Case 024-23 (6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 absent)

ATTACHMENTS
Staff Planning Report
P&Z Commission Minutes
Applicant Materials
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