CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
2025-282 – Street Vacation

MEETING DATE:
October 6, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:
Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services

REVIEWED BY:
Director of Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services – Troy Bolander
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FUNDING SOURCE:

Not applicable for this item.

SUMMARY REQUEST:

Case 027-25: 130 S McKinley Ave – Street Vacation - A request to vacate a section of 1st Street, from Monroe Ave to McKinley Ave – Joplin Schools

BACKGROUND:

Joplin Schools recently purchased the houses north of their facilities at 130 S McKinley Ave. Their plan is to demolish these homes to construct a parking lot that will serve as the drop off/pick up loading and unloading for students. Their goal is to vacate 1st St and incorporate this into the design. 1st Street is not a thorough street so there should be no negative impact on traffic. All property utilizing this section of 1st St is owned by Joplin Schools.

The utilities have indicated that they wish for easements to remain. This will be a vacation of right-of-way only and no permanent structures will be permitted within the easement.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:

David Petit, Director of Facilities for Joplin Schools, 1301 S Picher Ave represented the case. Joplin Schools is requesting to vacate Forest Ave. Joplin schools has acquired the properties north of 1st Street. Their desire is to enhance the site to allow better traffic flow, off-street, for parent pick up/drop off. By vacating 1st Street from Monroe to McKinley, they will be able to open a processing queue for better traffic. Mr. Petit stated that utilities will be left alone. The Commission inquired about the demolition and occupancy status of some of the homes where the parking lot will be located.

PUBLIC COMMENT;

There was none.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Staff recommends approving Council Bill 2025-282
Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approving Case 027-25 (7 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Absent)

ATTACHMENTS
Staff Planning Report
P&Z Commission Minutes
Applicant Materials
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