

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 11, 2013 Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 25, 2013

DATE: May 20, 2013

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Reimburse John C. and Cheryl L. Hooper for the wastewater development fees paid in 2003.

CAPTION:

Ordinance appropriating \$5,495.10 from the No. 4220 Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund to refund John C. and Cheryl L. Hooper the wastewater lot/acreage fees previously paid for Oak Terrace Unit 2, Block 4, Lot 7 and authorizing the City Manager or designees to issue payment.

PURPOSE:

In accordance with the Unified Development Code, Section 8.5.2.G.1, the property owner may petition the City Council to determine whether the wastewater acreage should be refunded.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In April 2003, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper paid the wastewater acreage fee as required during the replat of their property. The Platting Ordinance in 1993 required payment of the wastewater acreage fee or an exemption from the fee by the City Council. The applicant paid the fee. In the 1993 Platting Ordinance as well as the current Unified Development Code (UDC), the property owner may request a refund of the fees paid. The refund request must be made after 10 years and before 20 years from the date of the filing of the plat. The UDC states that the City Council may decide during a hearing to refund the monies if the petitioners are the property owners; no wastewater lines currently serve the petitioners' property; and the property is not likely to be served within the next 5 years. The refunds will be appropriated from the Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund, if funds available. The refund shall include a 5.5% interest per annum from the date of filing of the plat. The order of refunds will be determined according to the date the application for refund is approved by the City Council.

The plat of Oak Terrace Unit 2, Block 4, Lot 7 was recorded on May 16, 2003. It has been 10 years since the plat was recorded. Based on the criteria stated above and the payment of \$3,217.00 in 2003, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper are currently due \$5,495.10. Since the fee was paid in 2003 and has been accruing interest, it is in the best interest of the City to authorize payment to the Mr. and Mrs. Hooper. Until Mr. and Mrs. Hooper are refunded the monies, the amount due will continue to increase.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Not Applicable. Refund request.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Fiscal Year: 2011- 2012	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Wastewater Trunk				
System Trust Fund		\$710,372.66		
Encumbered /				
Expended Amount		\$255,696.03		
This item		\$5,495.10		
BALANCE		\$449,181.53		

Fund(s): Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund

Comments: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the appropriations ordinance to the refund of Mr. and Mrs. Hooper's wastewater acreage fee plus the required 5.5% interest per annum.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Location Map John C. and Cheryl L. Hooper's Refund Request Ordinance