

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance Item for the City Council Meeting of August 20, 2013 Second Reading Ordinance Item for the City Council Meeting of August 27, 2013

DATE: July 19, 2013

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Reimburse Marvin and Mary Kinnett for the wastewater lot/acreage fees paid in 2000.

CAPTION:

Ordinance appropriating \$4,707.55 from the No. 4220 Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund to refund Marvin Kinnett and Mary Kinnett the wastewater lot/acreage fees paid since wastewater services are not available nor will any be available within the next 5 years as related to Kinnett Addition, Block 1, Lots 1, 2 & 3.

PURPOSE:

In accordance with the Unified Development Code, Section 8.5.2.G.1, the property owner is requesting that the City Council refund the wastewater acreage fees that were paid in 2000.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In September 2000, Marvin and Mary Kinnett, owners of Kinnett Addition, paid the wastewater acreage fee as required during the platting of the property. The Platting Ordinance in 2000 required payment of the wastewater acreage fees or an exemption from the fees by the City Council. The owners did not apply for an exemption and paid the fees. In the 2000 Platting Ordinance as well as the current Unified Development Code (UDC), the current property owner may request a refund of the pro-rated 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.

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The plat of Kinnett Addition, Block 1, Lot 1, 2 & 3 was recorded on September 19, 2000. It has been 13 years since the plat was recorded. Since the fee was paid in 1996 and has been accruing interest, it is in the best interest of the City to authorize payment to Mr. & Mrs. Kinnett. Until monies are refunded to the Kinnett's, 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: 2012- 2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Wastewater Trunk				
System Trust Fund		\$977,265.69		
Encumbered /				
Expended Amount		\$948,942.66		
This item		\$4,707.55		
BALANCE		\$23,615.48		

Fund(s): Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund

Comments: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Location Map Marvin Kinnett & Mary Kinnett Refund Request Ordinance