

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: VACATION OF AN ACCESS EASEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AMES AND SCOTT E. RANDALL AND JANE S. RANDALL ON THE WEST 20 FEET OF OUTLOT B, ASPEN BUSINESS PARK SUBDIVISION, FIRST ADDITION.

BACKGROUND:

In 1994 the property owner of Outlot B, Aspen Business Park Subdivision granted an access easement to the City along the entire length of Outot B, to allow the City to maintain a billboard if the property owner failed to do so. This site in now proposed for development. The lot layout and proposed development for Aspen Business Park Subdivision, Third Addition no longer requires an easement of such size. The property owner will have access to the billboard from the proposed Lot 2, Aspen Business Park Subdivision, Third Addition.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Set the date of public hearing as April 25, 2017, to approve the vacation of the accesses easement on the west 20 feet of Outlot B, Aspen Business Park Subdivision, First Addition.
2. Choose not purse the vacation of the accesses easement on the west 20 feet of Outlot B, Aspen Business Park Subdivision, First Addition.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Vacation of the existing access easement will allow the proposed development to occur without encroachment into the easement. The City does not have a need to continue this access easement as billboard maintenance is not the responsibility of the City.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby setting the date of public hearing as April 25, 2017, to approve the vacation of the accesses easement on the west 20 feet of Outlot B, Aspen Business Park Subdivision, First Addition.