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ITEM # 4  
DATE: 12-18-12

### COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: VACATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS –YOUTH & SHELTER SERVICES  
PARKING LOT**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On September 2, 2011, the Electric Services Department obtained an electric facilities easement for the future placement of a pad-mount transformer to provide alternate electric service to the buildings in the block encompassed by Main Street, Kellogg Avenue, 5th Street, and Douglas Avenue. The easement was granted by Youth and Shelter Services, 420 Kellogg Avenue, on property owned by them at 218 5th Street.

During recent construction activities in the alley north of Main Street, it was determined by Electric Services staff that the proposed location of the future transformer would not be feasible due to difficulties in extending future buried wires to and from the transformer. An alternate location for the future transformer was identified on the YSS site and an easement has been granted for this new location. **The original electric facilities easement obtained for this purpose, therefore, is no longer required.**

Staff has reviewed the easement vacation location, and the easement is only an Electric Services easement. No other utility facilities will be affected by the vacation of this easement.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the vacation of the easement shown in Attachment A on the Youth and Shelter Services property, and set the date of public hearing for January 22, 2013.
2. Do not approve the request to vacate the easements shown in Attachment A on the Youth and Shelter Services property.

#### **MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Since a new location for the transformer has been found that is more easily accessible now and in the future, the City no longer has a need for the easement.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the vacation of easements shown on Attachment A, and setting the date of public hearing for January 22, 2013.

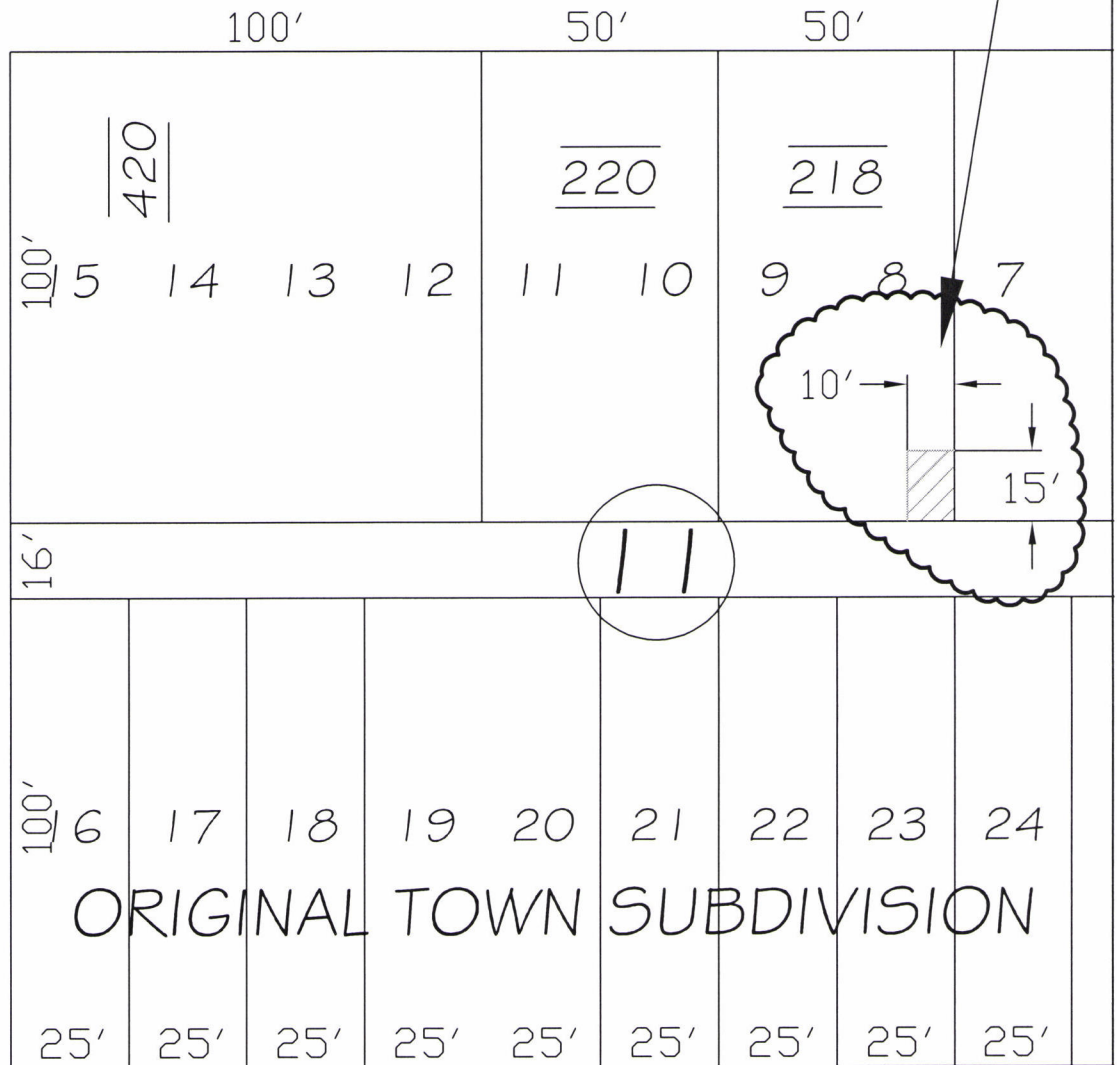
5th Street

EASEMENT TO  
BE VACATED

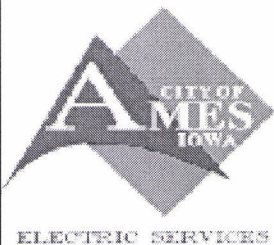
Kellogg Avenue



NO SCALE



Main Street



ELECTRIC UTILITY  
EASEMENT

YOUTH & SHELTER SVCS, INC.  
218 5TH STREET  
AMES, IOWA

Drawn: MEI 8/27/09

Drawing Number

Checked:

EXHIBIT "A"

Approved:

Sheet 1 of 1

Scale: NONE