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DATE: 07-22-25
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ELECTRIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON STATE OF IOWA PROPERTY

BACKGROUND:

The City owns an overhead electric line that is located adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks along the north side of the Iowa State University campus. Another overhead electric line is located along 13th Street, east of Haber Road. Both of these lines are located on State of Iowa property.

In order to formalize the City's right to maintain these overhead electric lines, it is necessary to obtain an easement from the Board of Regents. An easement agreement has been prepared and is attached to this report. If approved by the City Council, the easement agreement will be presented to the Board of Regents for approval in the fall.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Approve the Electric Utility Easement on State of Iowa property in order to maintain the Ames Electric Services overhead electric lines along the north side of the Iowa State University campus and 13th Street. The easement shall be conditioned upon the approval by the State Board of Regents.
- 2. Do not approve the Electric Utility Easement on State of Iowa property and direct staff to find an alternate location for the overhead electric lines.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The overhead electric lines addressed by this proposed easement provide for reliable electric services to both lowa State University and Ames Electric Services customers. In order to continue providing reliable service, these lines must be maintained. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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