ITEM #: 18
DATE: 08-12-25
DEPT: PW

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: GAS PIPELINE EASEMENT ON CITY PROPERTY AT 601 S MAPLE AVE

BACKGROUND:

Alliant Energy owns a gas main that crosses loway Creek at South 4th Street. The main is attached to the existing roadway bridge at this location. The proposed construction of a new pedestrian bridge directly adjacent the roadway bridge has created a need for Alliant Energy to relocate the gas main from the bridge.

Alliant has proposed a new alignment for the gas main, which extends south down South Maple Avenue, west through City of Ames owned property at 601 S Maple Ave, underneath loway Creek, and into privately owned property at 1400 S 4th St. The new alignment will require an easement to facilitate the access to construct and maintain the gas main running through 601 S Maple Ave.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Set August 26, 2025, as the date of public hearing to consider the attached easements creating legal access for Alliant Energy to construct and maintain the proposed gas main through 601 S Maple Ave.
- 2. Do not set a hearing date.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The approval of the easement will resolve the conflict that the proposed construction on the South 4th Street pedestrian bridge. The re-alignment of the main will make it so any future bridge construction will not conflict with the gas main. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

City of Ames Easement Appoved Alliant & City Ames Legal.pdf Easement Exhibit_601 S. Maple Ave_.pdf Signed Easement by Alliant.pdf Alliant Gas Pipeline Easement Map.pdf