

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 7/05/2016 **CONSENT** ITEM #: _ 4

AGENDA ITEM: Auto-Owners Easement Vacation

SUBMITTED BY: Emily Becker, City Planner

THROUGH: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Stephen Wensman, Planning Director

BACKGROUND:

Auto-Owners recorded a Permanent Water Main Easement on December 23, 2015 as requested by the City on PID# 3302921430014. After this was recorded, the City moved the location of the water mains and hydrants, and a new Permanent Water Main Easement was recorded on this same property to accommodate this move on April 19, 2016. Auto Owners is requesting the original easement be vacated.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

The Council should decide if the originally recorded easement should be vacated.

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

The only amendment to the originally recorded Permanent Water Main Easement is the location/legal description of the location of the easement. All other terms and conditions remain.

A public hearing was held on June 13, 2016 considering this easement vacation request. No one was at the public hearing to speak and the only inquiry received from the public was from Machine Shed; no concern was expressed after explanation of the application. The Planning Commission is recommending that the Council approve the easement vacation request.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a new Permanent Water Main Easement exists to accommodate the new locations of the water mains and fire hydrants.

OPTIONS:

The Council may approve or deny the request to vacate the originally recorded Permanent Water Main Easement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests, as part of tonight's consent agenda, Council approve the request to vacate the Permanent Water Main Easement as outlined in 1238129 Permanent Water Main Easement Agreement, Exhibit B-2, dated September 29, 2015 and recorded December 23, 2015. If removed from the Consent Agenda, the recommended action can be completed through the following motion:

"Move to approve the request of Auto-Owners to vacate the easement recorded for PID# 3302921430014, as outlined in Exhibit B-2/1238129 Water Main Easement, as recorded by Washington County on December 23, 2015."

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Letter of Easement Vacation Request from Auto-Owners showing originally recorded easement documents as well as revised recorded easement documents.
- 2. Resolution No. 2016-58 Vacating a Water Main Easement Over a Portion of Lot 1 Block 1 of Eagle Point Business Park 8th Addition.
- 3. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from discussion on Auto Owners Easement Vacation.

AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY AUTO-OWNERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY HOME-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY PROPERTY-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY SOUTHERN-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY



BOX 30660, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909-8160 517-323-1200 FAX 517-323-8796 WWW.AUTO-OWNERS.COM

May 27, 2016

The City of Lake Elmo Attn: Planning Commission 3800 Laverne Avenue North Lake Elmo, MN 55042

RE: EASEMENT VACATION: A request by the City of Lake Elmo to vacate watermain easement on property located at 8574 Eagle Point Circle N, City of Lake Elmo, Washington Count, MN, PID #33.029.21.43.0014

Members of the Planning Commission,

As owner of the property impacted by the referenced watermain easement, Auto-Owners Life Insurance Company fully supports vacating said easement, which is recorded document number 1238129 with the Office of the Registrar of Titles, Washington County, Minnesota. This document is enclosed for reference, as well as a diagram showing its location.

This easement to be vacated has already been replaced with a new watermain easement, which is recorded document number 1239943 with the Office of the Registrar of Titles, Washington County, Minnesota. The new easement was created to cooperate with the City's request to relocate a fire hydrant. The replacement easement and a diagram depicting it's location are also enclosed.

We appreciate your support in having the original watermain easement vacated from the Auto-Owners property.

Sincerely,

J. Daniel Keefe

Director, Real Estate Development & Acquisition



Easement To Be Vacated

Receipt:#310086 Attested Copy

EAS AT

\$46.00 \$2.00

CRV Not Required No Tax Due

Return to: SUNDE LAND SURVEYING LLC 9001 E BLOOMINGTON FRWY #118 BLOOMINGTON MN 55420 1238129



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Office of the Registrar of Titles Washington County, Minnesota Jennifer Wagenius, Registrar of Titles Kevin Corbid, Auditor Treasurer

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The Owner in consideration of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration does hereby grant and convey to the City, its successors and assigns, the following:

1. A permanent easement for water main and, all such purposes ancillary, incident or related thereto (hereinafter "Permanent Easement") under, over, across, through and upon that real property identified and legally described on Exhibit B, (hereinafter the "Permanent Easement Area") attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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- c.) to remove from the Permanent Easement Area, trees, brush, herbage, aggregate, undergrowth and other obstructions interfering with the location, construction and maintenance of the pipes or mains; and
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- e.) to prohibit obstructions or interference with its use of the Easement Area.

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Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a waiver by the City of any governmental immunity defenses, statutory or otherwise. Further, any and all claims brought by the Owner, its successors or assigns, shall be subject to any governmental immunity defenses of the City and the maximum liability limits provided by Minnesota Statute, Chapter 466.

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This Permanent Easement Agreement may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Owner and the City have caused this Permanent Easement Agreement to be executed as follows:

Owner: AUTO-OWNERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Michigan Corporation		
Signature: By Haland		
Print Name: Ian R. Ward Its: Senior Vice President		
Signature: By <u>Eleen K. FRanc</u> i		
Print Name: Eileen K. Fhaner Its: Senior Vice President, Treasurer & CFO		
STATE OF MICHIGAN)) SS COUNTY OF EATON)		
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this Add of November, 2015, by Mand, and Eilen K. Thanks the SVP and Foregoing, respectively of Auto-Owners Life Insurance Company, a Michigan corporation, on behalf of said corporation.		
LORI A. MILLER NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CLINTON My Commission Expires November 10, 2020 Acting in <u>Faton</u> County, Michigan My Commission Expires: <u>November 10, 3030</u>		



CITY OF LAKE ELMO

By: Mike Pearson, Mayor		
ATTEST:		
Julie Johnson, City Clerk		
STATE OF MINNESOTA) ss.		
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON)		
On this day of <u>lecenter</u> , 2015, before me a Notary Public within and for said County, personally appeared Mike Pearson and Adam Bell, to me personally known, who being each by me duly sworn, each did say that they are respectively the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Lake Elmo, a Minnesota municipal corporation, the municipality named in the foregoing instrument, and that the seal affixed to said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of said municipality by authority of its City Council and said Mayor and City Clerk acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said municipality.		

This instrument was drafted by:

David K. Snyder, Esq. Johnson & Turner, P.A. 56 East Broadway Avenue, Suite 206 Forest Lake, MN 55025 651-464-7292 JOAN MARIE ZIERTMAN Notary Public-Minnesota
My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2016

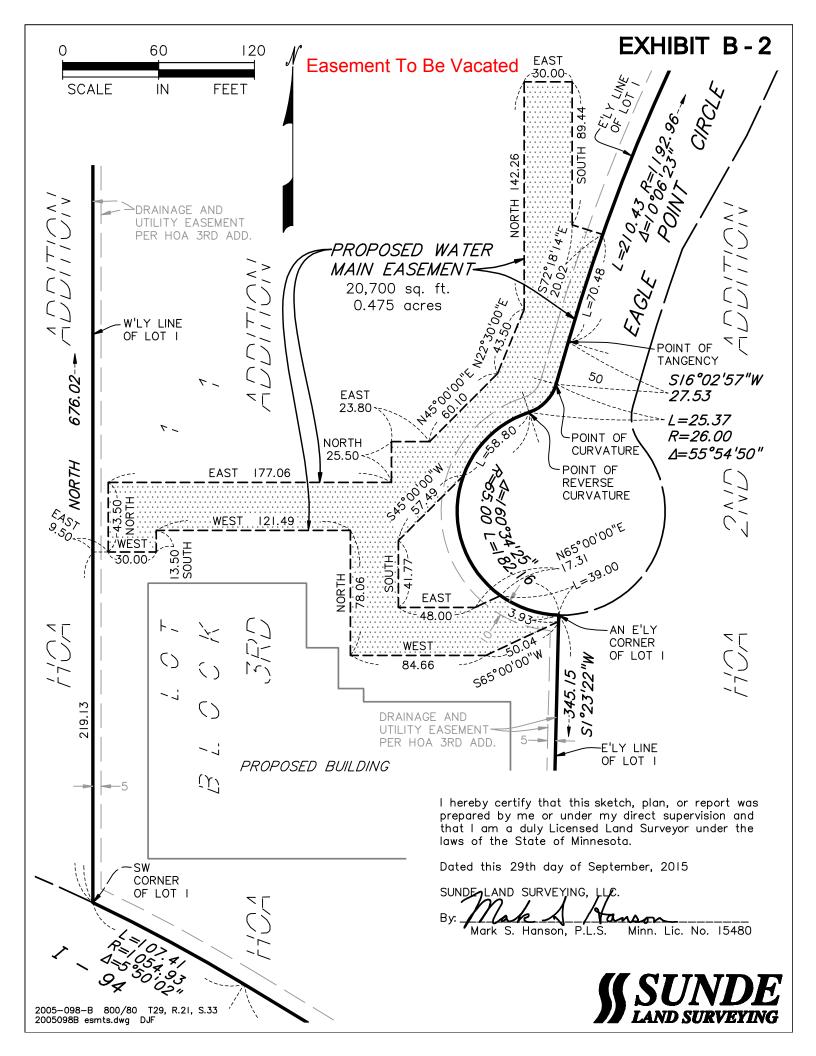
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Revised Easement

Receipt:# 320320

EAS CRV Not Required

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged by the Sensor Vice President and Sensor Vice Insurance Company, a Michigan corporation	d before me this 31 ⁵⁺ day of March, 2016 , and Eileen K. Fhaner President, Treuswerespectively of Auto-Owners Life n, on behalf of said corporation.
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On this
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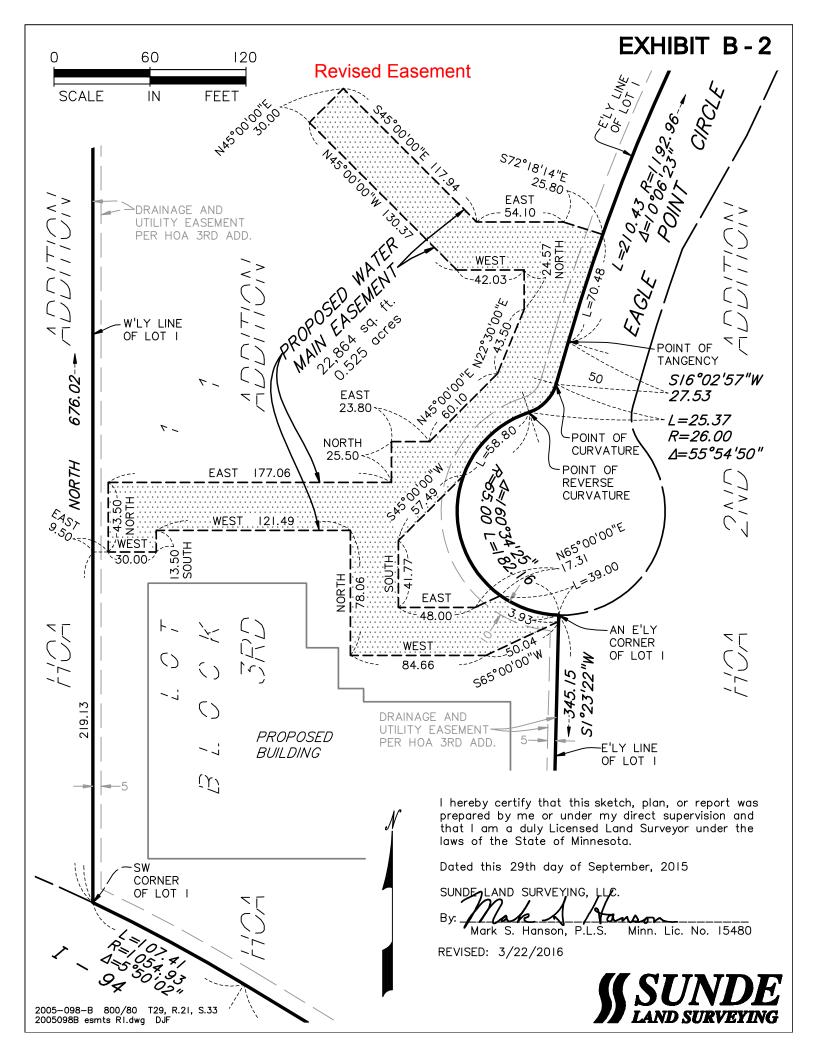
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF WASHINGTON CITY OF LAKE ELMO

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-58

A RESOLUTION VACATING A WATER MAIN EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF LOT 1 BLOCK 1 OF EAGLE POINT BUSINESS PARK 8TH ADDITION

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo (City) is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the Preliminary and Final PUD Plans for the Auto Owners Insurance Building located in Eagle Point Business Park as Lot 1, Block 1 HOA 3rd Addition (Lot) on August 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Lot is owned by Auto Owners Insurance Company, 6101 Anacapri Boulevard, Lansing, MI 48917 (Owner); and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo was granted a Water Main Easement over a portion of the Lot, and this easement was recorded by the Office of the Registrar of Titles of Washington County on December 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City requested an amendment to the originally proposed locations of fire hydrants on the Lot; and

WHEREAS, consequentially an amendment to the originally proposed location of the Water Main Easement was required and was recorded by the Office of the Registrar of Titles of Washington County on April 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made to the City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statute §412.851 to vacate the Water Main Easement recorded on December 23, 2015 over a portion of Lot 1 Block 1 of Eagle Point Business Park 8th Addition legally described as follows:

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WHEREAS, the City Clerk reviewed and examined the signatures on said request and determined that such signatures constituted all of the landowners abutting upon the portion of easement to be vacated and rededicated; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the vacation of the Water Main Easement was held on the 13th day of June 2016 before the Planning Commission in the Lake Elmo City Hall located at 3800 Laverne Avenue North at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter after due published and posted notice had been given, as well as personal mailed notice to all property owners within 350 feet of the Lot by the City Clerk on the 25th day of May 2016 and all interested and affected persons were given an opportunity to voice their concerns and be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission in its discretion has determined that the vacation will benefit the public interest because:

1) The new Water Main Easement will serve requested hydrant locations.

WHEREAS, the Council, at its meeting on the 5th day of July 2016, considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELMO, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON MINNESOTA, that such request for vacation of an existing Water Main Easement is hereby granted in accordance with the property descriptions provided above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

Adopted by the Council this 5th day of July 2016.

Effective Date:	_
	Approved:
	Mike Pearson, Mayor
	Attested by:
	Julie Johnson, City Clerk



City of Lake Elmo Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2016

Chairman Williams called to order the meeting of the Lake Elmo Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dunn, Fields, Larson, Griffin, Dodson, and Williams.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Haggard, Kreimer, & Lundquist

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Wensman & City Planner Becker

Approve Agenda:

Agenda is approved as presented.

Approve Minutes: May 23, 2016

M/S/P:Dunn/Fields, move to approve the May 23, 2016 minutes as amended, *Vote: 4-0, motion carried with Griffin and Dodson not voting.*

Public Hearing – Easement Vacation 8574 Eagle Point circle

Becker started her presentation regarding the easements related to Auto Owners water mains and hydrants. The city moved the location of the water mains and hydrants, so new easements were recorded. Auto Owners is requesting the old easments be vacated.

Public hearing opened at 7:07 pm

No one spoke

There was written comment from Machine Shed, but once the application was explained to them, they were fine with the item.

Public hearing closed at 7:08 pm

Dunn stated it was straight forward and she has no issue with it.

M/S/P: Dunn/Griffin, move to recommend approval of the request to vacate the easement as outlined in Exhibit B-2/2138129 Water Main Easement as recorded, *Vote: 6-0, motion carried unanimoulsy.*

Lake Elmo Planning Commission Minutes; 6-13-16