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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Jon R. Oliphant, AICP, Planning & Development Director
SUBJECT: N. Main/E. Cruger Water/Sewer Connections
DATE: August 30, 2019

Staff was contacted recently by a citizen on N. Main Street about potentially connecting to the City's water system as a result of a deteriorating community well. Further discussion also indicated possible interest in connecting to the City's sanitary sewer system.

There are 12 lots on N. Main and five on E. Cruger that are presumably on the shared well. The City has a 12" water main along N. Main, so connection to those lots with direct frontage would be relatively uncomplicated. There would be a higher cost to extend the main to pick up the lots on E. Cruger. Sewer service would be more expensive to provide than water. Existing 8" lines terminate near S. Main and Devonshire and another on Easy Street just west of N. Main. A rough cost estimate for sewer extension to these lots is \$150,000 (\$8,824/lot), which would likely require a lift station.

The N. Main citizen was informed that connection to any City services would require annexation. While the connection to water is fairly simple, now may also be the appropriate time to seek connection to City sewer. It is anticipated that there would be interest from at least several of the owners in connecting to water at a minimum and perhaps also to sewer.

Ordinance No. 3086, which was approved in August 2014, authorized and imposed a single fee for certain properties connecting to the City's water and/or sewer. The properties on N. Main between Devonshire and Cruger would be required to pay the water subdivision development fee (which is currently \$865.50 through 2019) as well as the applicable utility connection fees (\$415 for water and \$4,315 for sewer). There is not a stipulation in the 2014 ordinance that mandates payment of the sewer subdivision development fee for the N. Main lots nor are the E. Cruger included for payment into either subdivision development fee fund.

Staff seeks direction on how to proceed with these possible utility connections at the September 3 Public Works Committee meeting.

LOCATION MAP

