

## CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: September 6, 2022

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**Agenda Item:** Resolution – W. Holland Street Surplus Property Sale Declaration

Explanation: The City undertook a Special Assessment project in 1996 to reconstruct S. Wood Street. As part of that project, the City approved a real estate swap agreement with American Allied Railway Equipment Company (now Alliance Wheel Services—AWS) where the City received land on S. Wood and W. Holland in order to allow for right-of-way to be dedicated and for the construction to occur. In exchange, American Allied received the western 25' of width of a 50'x107' property the City owned at the intersection of S. Wood and W. Holland Street. The City retained ownership of the eastern 25' of width of that parcel. ROW was dedicated on the American Allied piece but it does not appear to have been dedicated on the City's parcel, though GIS does show ROW on it. Two maps showing this area are attached. Also attached are the two plats included in the 1996 agreement.

> Staff received a complaint in 2020 about the need to mow the property at the corner of S. Wood and W. Holland. It appears that the prior owner/tenant of the neighboring property at 209 W. Holland had been maintaining the property for many years and as a result, our staff was not aware of the ownership situation. There are no utilities within the property and there does not appear to be a public need to retain ownership. Neither of the 25' wide lots are buildable. There was some question as to the ownership of the eastern 25' in width. However, a title search completed recently does show that the City has continued to retain ownership.

The property likely holds little value to other citizens besides those adjacent owners. The 209 W. Holland owner has indicated interest in purchasing it in order to expand a single-car garage. A required appraisal is in progress, but bids would not need to be solicited. The Council must approve a resolution that declares the property as surplus and authorizes its sale. Per state statute, the property would need to sell for at least 80% of its appraised value. The Council would also be required to approve a purchase agreement. While AWS understands that its lot is not buildable, it has indicated an interest in retaining ownership.

**Fiscal Impact**: To be determined based on the appraisal and the requirement to sell the property for at least 80% of its appraised value.

**Action Requested:** Approval of the attached surplus property resolution. The Public Works Committee previously favored selling it in September 2020 prior to the prolonged investigation on its ownership and the Finance and Personnel Committee did the same in August 2022.

<b>RESOLUTION</b>	NO.	

(Synopsis: The following resolution will declare a parcel near the intersection of S. Wood Street and W. Holland Street as surplus property and allow for its sale by the City of Washington.)

# A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PUBLIC REAL ESTATE TO BE "SURPLUS PROPERTY"

WHEREAS, the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, presently owns certain real estate which was acquired by the City for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, said real estate has been determined to no longer be necessary for use by the City for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the following real estate is no longer necessary or useful to the City of Washington for public purposes and that it is in the best interest of the City to declare such property to be surplus property:

1. Parcel No.: Part of 02-02-23-212-031

#### 2. Legal Description:

A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 26 North, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Tazewell County, Illinois, being a part of the former Illinois Central Gulf Railroad's right of way, being a part of Tract III as described in Document Number 880787, Book 4015, page 89, more particularly being the Easterly 25 feet of even width of the Tract described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the South line of Lot 45, said point being 100 feet normally distant easterly from the centerline of the Illinois central Gulf Railroad Company's Dwight district Main Track, said point also being the Northwesterly corner of Block 7 of Holland's 2nd Addition; thence South along a line parallel with and 100 feet normally distant from said centerline of main track, said line also being the Westerly line of said Block 7, a distance of 107 feet more or less, to the Southerly line of said Block 7; thence Westerly along the Westerly extension of the South line of said Block 7, also being the North right of way line of Holland Street, a distance of 50 feet more or less to the Southerly Extension of the Westerly line of Denhart's Addition; thence Northerly along a line parallel with the Westerly line of said Block 7, a distance of 107 feet, more or less, to the South line of Lot 45; thence Easterly 50 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

- 3. <u>Size</u>: 25 feet by 107 feet
- 4. **Zoning and Use**: The Tract is currently zoned R-1 and may be used for purposes pursuant thereto.

WHEREAS, the City Council, having determined that the Property is surplus property and is no longer necessary or useful to the City of Washington, wishes to sell the Property as authorized by 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.1 and pursuant to its home rule power.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that: the parcel of real estate described above owned by the City of Washington be, and the same hereby is, declared to be surplus property and no longer necessary or useful to the City of Washington for public purposes.

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER** that, after publication of this Resolution as required by 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.1, sale of the real estate shall be conducted by City staff at a price no less than 80% of the appraised value of the real estate, as determined by a written MAI certified appraisal or by a written certified appraisal of a State certified or licensed real estate appraiser.

passed and approved by no less than of, 2022.	two-thirds of the Corporate Authorities this da
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NAYS:	
ATTEST:	Mayor
City Clerk	



# CITY OF WASHINGTON TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

### **LOCATION MAP**







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