
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Consider Resolution 57-22 directing the Planning and Zoning Commission to review the vacation of a portion of North Main Street

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 57-22

Background Summary:

At last week's planning session, we had a discussion with representatives from Pure Prairie Farms (PPF) regarding their plans to improve the processing plant's distribution area. PPF is in the process to acquire excess Canadian National Railroad (CN) property and the City Improvement Association property (Dana Park) in the triangular area between North Main Street and North Grand Avenue. PPF's plans are to use the area of North Main Street abutting their property together with the CN and CIA properties to provide for an improved loading dock, driveway and truck circulation areas, and a vehicular parking area.

The use of North Main Street will require the City to vacate this right-of-way (ROW). Our recommendation is to vacate the ROW but not convey the property to PPF. The City will retain ownership of the property and authorize an easement to PPF to use the area.

PPF's purchase agreement with the CN railroad includes the parcel north of their tracks and a second parcel on the south side of the tracks adjacent to Lane Street. As part of an easement agreement for the North Main Street area, PPF will convey the south parcel to the City for use when the North Grand and Lane Street intersection is improved.

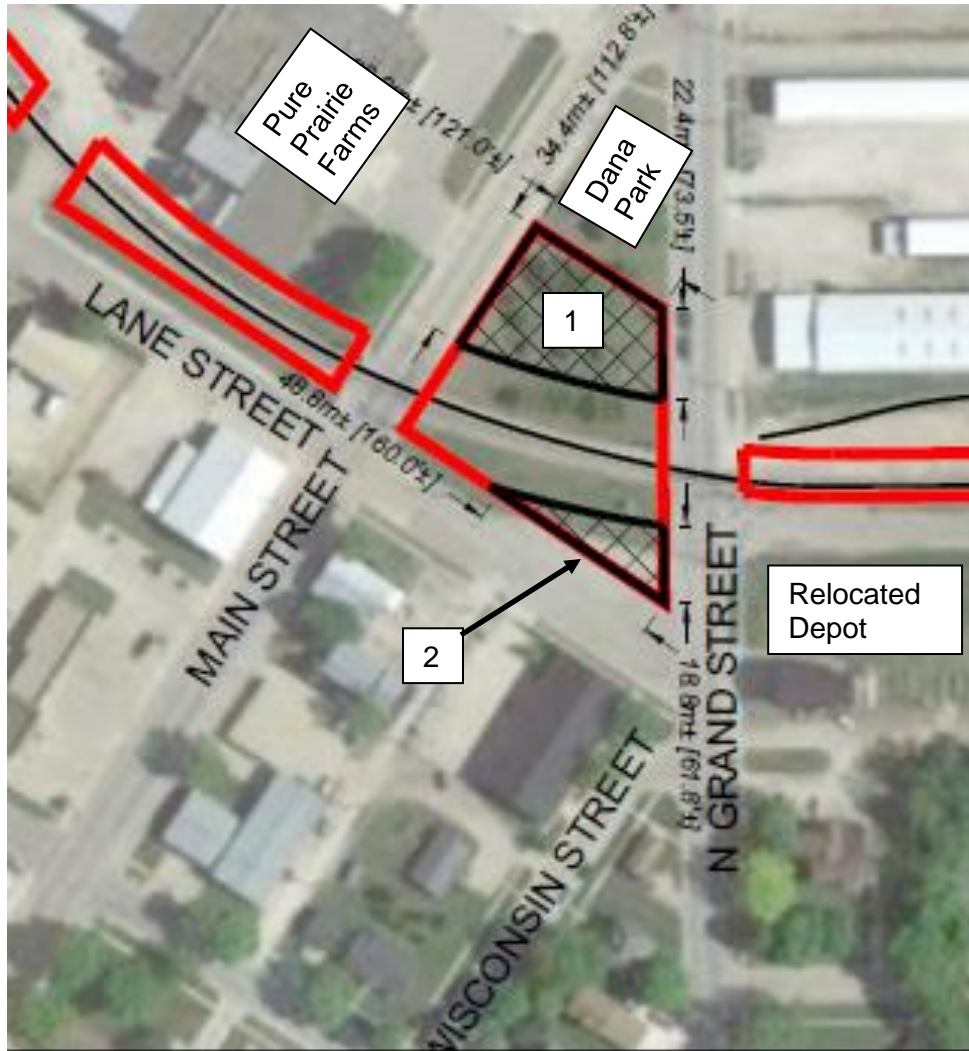
The process to vacate street right-of-ways is included in Chapter 139 of the Municipal Code. The City Council first refers the proposal to vacate right-of-way to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their study and recommendation. The Planning and Zoning Commission returns a recommendation to the Council within 30 days of the Council's referral. Following a public hearing held by the Council, the vacation is authorized through the ordinance process.

We recommend the Council approve Resolution 57-22 directing the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and provide a recommendation regarding the request to vacate the North Main Street right-of-way between the Canadian National Railroad and the south line of the former Floyd Street right-of-way.



Latitude 43.0734113091481
Longitude -92.6726020886843
The Road is N Grand Ave.

Excess Railroad Property Between Main Street and N Grand Avenue



1 – Excess railroad property acquired by Pure Prairie Farms and used for driveway and truck circulation

2 – Excess railroad property acquired by Pure Prairie Farms and conveyed to the City of Charles City for use as street right-of-way for future intersection improvements

RESOLUTION NO. 57-22

*RESOLUTION DIRECTING PROPOSAL FOR VACATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC
STREETS, ALLEYS OR GROUNDS TO PLANNING AND ZONING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION*

WHEREAS, a request has been to the City of Charles City for vacation of the following public streets, alleys, ways or grounds:

That portion of Main Street lying between Block 149 and Block 150 Lane's Addition north of the right-of-way of the Canadian National Railway.

and

WHEREAS, Chapter 139 of the Charles City Municipal Code of Ordinances requires that any such application for vacation of public ways be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration and recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal for vacation of the following public streets, alleys or ways be and is hereby referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its consideration and recommendation to the Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution;

COUNCIL MEMBER seconded the motion to adopt, and on roll call the voting was as follows:

AYES:

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Passed and approved this 2nd day of May, 2022.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk