



## *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT*

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	March 12, 2018
<b>TITLE:</b>	Ordinance Authorizing the Dedication of an Easement to Ameren Illinois for Stabilization and Support of a High Pressure Gas Main at the City's Mulberry Street Property
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Public Works
<b>PROJECT MANAGER:</b>	Troy Turner, City Engineer
<b>REQUESTED ACTION:</b>	Approve Ordinance Authorizing the Dedication of Utility Easement for Stabilization and Support of a High Pressure Gas Main at the City's Mulberry Street Property
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S):</b>	Goal #3: "Quality Infrastructure"
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	Ordinance, Easement, Easement Agreement & Images

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the dedication of a Stabilization and Support Easement for a High Pressure Gas Main to Ameren Illinois to protect a high pressure gas main at the City's Mulberry Street Property.

### **BACKGROUND & HISTORY:**

There is currently a high pressure gas main that is within an existing easement across the property that is dedicated to Ameren Illinois. The new easement will extend a stabilization area to the existing easement to include the hillside on the property. The proposed easement will require that the existing slope be maintained within the stabilization area to ensure the gas main is protected. This easement restricts the construction of buildings or structures within the stabilization area unless proper action is taken to ensure the stability of the hillside and the gas main remains protected.

### **STAFF REVIEW & ANALYSIS:**

Staff feels that is in the best interest of the City to enter into this agreement. This high pressure gas main needs to be protected to ensure the safety of the public and City employees that work at this site.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Negligible. Ameren has offered the City \$9,550 in compensation for this easement.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Not authorize the easement. If the easement is not authorized the City will still maintain the slope to ensure Ameren's gas main is not compromised.

### **PROS & CONS:**

The pro is this will help protect infrastructure that serves the City.

The con is that this will put a restriction on the site for future land use.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of easement.

**CONCLUSION:**

This ordinance will help protect a high pressure gas main that serves the region.