



## Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	August 28, 2023	<b>Staff/Council Member(s):</b> Leslie Tate, Director of Community Development
<b>Agenda Item #</b>	7	
<b>Department:</b>	Community Development	
<b>Subject:</b>	Consider an application by Haley, Chisholm & Morris, Inc., to close and vacate approximately 0.677 acres of unimproved streets and alleys described as Ohio Street along Block 40, Lot 1 and Ohio Street along Block 42, Lot 12, and North Augusta Avenue between Block 40, Lots 1&2, and Block 42, Lots 12-16 and 4 ft. of Lot 17.	
<b>Attachments</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Viewer Reports</li> <li>2. Staff report with attachments</li> <li>3. Draft ordinance</li> </ol>	

**Background:**

David Harner, president and CEO for Haley, Chisholm & Morris, Inc., has made an application to close and vacate approximately 0.677 acres of unimproved streets and alleys described as Ohio Street along Block 40, Lot 1 and Ohio Street along Block 42, Lot 12, and North Augusta Avenue between Block 40, Lots 1&2, and Block 42, Lots 12-16 and 4 ft. of Lot 17. The applicant is requesting the vacation in order to prevent trash dumping and a homeless encampment, and wishes to fence the perimeter of the area described above to use to store fencing and other materials.

In accordance with the City Charter, the Mayor appointed three citizen viewers to ascertain whether any inconvenience to the public will result or whether landowners abutting on the proposed vacation will suffer any special damage if the vacation is approved. All three of the Viewers' Reports indicated that closing and vacating the proposed 50' unimproved ROW of Ohio Street near its intersection with N. Bath Street and the 90' unimproved ROW of N. Augusta Avenue near the corner of N. Augusta Avenue and 7th Street will not inconvenience the general public nor negatively affect the abutting landowners. Their reports are attached to the staff report.

**City Manager's Recommendation:** Council should consider adopting an ordinance to vacate approximately 0.677 acres of unimproved streets and alleys described as Ohio Street along Block 40, Lot 1 and Ohio Street along Block 42, Lot 12, and North Augusta Avenue between Block 40, Lots 1&2, and Block 42, Lots 12-16 and 4 ft. of Lot 17., contingent on recordation of the attached plat.

**Suggested Motion(s):** Adopt an ordinance to vacate approximately 0.677 acres of unimproved streets and alleys described as Ohio Street along Block 40, Lot 1 and Ohio Street along Block 42, Lot 12, and North Augusta Avenue between Block 40, Lots 1&2, and Block 42, Lots 12-16 and 4 ft. of Lot 17., contingent on recordation of the attached plat.