

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
JANUARY 9, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 21.B.
REQUEST TO DECLARE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON LAFAYETTE
STREET (PARCEL #444-126-17) AS SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Discussion: The Water Department has requested that the City Council consider declaring City-owned property on Lafayette Street (Parcel #444-126-17) as surplus property.

This site was formerly used as a water tank site up until the 1980s at which point the tank was relocated to Long Bay. Since then, the site was used as a stockpile area for our crews when working on that side of the City. In recent years, the Water Department has received many complaints from neighbors about the noise, piles of material, and overall aesthetic of the site. In early 2022 the decision was made to no longer use the site as a stockpile area, as it did not fit with the residential neighborhood in which it sat.

The Water Department is requesting that this site be declared as surplus property in order to be able to pursue the sale of it to someone that would have intentions of adding one or more homes on the lot (the property can be subdivided up to three lots).

In accordance with Chapter 183 of the Laconia City Ordinance, the property must first be declared as surplus in order to transfer the property to an interested buyer.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff Recommendation: That the City Council schedule a Public Hearing for January 23, 2023 to declare the property at Tax/Map/Parcel 444-126-17 as surplus.

This report submitted by: Ben Crawford, Water Department Superintendent

Proposed motion:

"I move to schedule a Public Hearing on January 23, 2023 during the regular City Council meeting regarding the declaration of City-owned property located on Lafayette Street (Parcel #444-126-17) as surplus property."