



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

Re: Authorizing an Easement in Northeast Regional Park for Ameren Missouri

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department has prepared for Council consideration legislation granting an easement to Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri (Ameren) for a permanent gas line in Northeast Regional Park and appropriating the funds. City staff has been working with Ameren on the route of the easement in order to minimize the impact on the existing park and future park development. The easement is located on the southwest boundary of the park adjacent to East Starke Avenue and North Oakland Gravel Road. Ameren will pay \$33,500 to the City of Columbia for the easement, and these funds will be appropriated to the Parks and Recreation Annual Roads and Parking capital account. Park staff will work with Ameren representatives to minimize impact to park users during construction.

Discussion

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting City Council authorization allowing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri for a permanent gas line easement in Northeast Regional Park and appropriate funds. City staff have worked with Ameren representatives over the past six months to identify the agreed-upon location of the easement needed in the southwest corner of the park for the installation of a 12-inch natural gas main line. The easement within park property is adjacent to East Starke Avenue and North Oakland Gravel Road and the location minimizes the overall impact to the park and any future park development.

Ameren Missouri will pay \$33,500 to the City of Columbia for the easement and the funds will be used for driveway and parking improvements at Northeast Regional Park. Ameren Missouri expects to start the gas line installation project once the agreement is executed between the two parties.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The one-time payment, totaling \$33,500, will be appropriated to the Parks and Recreation Annual Roads and Parking capital project account.

Long-Term Impact: None



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Ameren Missouri for a permanent gas line easement in Northeast Regional Park and appropriate the revenue to the Parks and Recreation Annual Roads and Parking capital project account.