

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 5, 2020

TO: Mayor & City Council
CC: Mercy Rushing, City Manager

FROM: David Madsen

SUBJECT: Council Meeting Agenda Item: Use of city Property

Background Information: The City of Mineola is currently utilizing a communications tower owned by Suddenlink Communications for Police and Fire communications. The City has been on this tower for several years and have the only communications equipment on the tower. Suddenlink no longer uses the tower but has continued to allow the City to remain on it. We have been informed by Suddenlink that they will no longer maintain the tower and will not sell the location the City. The tower is in need of maintenance and repair but since we do not own it and there is a possibility that Suddenlink will demolish the tower as they are doing with others, it is not feasible to spend tax dollars to fix it. It is for this reason that we must relocate our communications equipment. We have looked at other towers in the area but they are either not tall enough or have already reached their limit on the amount of equipment that can be placed on the tower. The City owns property near the Animal Shelter at the end of Bromberg. There is just over three acres between the animal shelter and the railroad bed. We would like to use this location for a new tower. I have applied for a grant to construct a new radio tower but need the council's permission for the location if the grant is awarded.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the use of City property for a new radio tower.

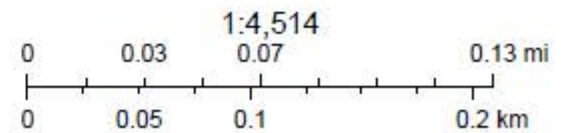
Final Disposition:

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