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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT FOR COUNCIL

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Caption: Nakomis Water Connection Agreement

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Requestor of Legislation

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Location, if applicable

Summary/Purpose

Due to failure of the private well on a property located in the Town of Campbell, it was critical that the owner find a way to obtain safe drinking water prior to finalizing the annexation process. With approval of this connection agreement, the owner will be able to connect to city water by mid-September, rather than waiting for the annexation process to be completed.

Background

The owner of 1612 Nakomis Avenue, which is located in the Town of Campbell, contacted the La Crosse Utilities office inquiring on his ability to connect to city water due to a failing private well on August 27, 2024. The owner was notified that in order to connect, he would have to complete a Petition for Direct Annexation. That process can take between 60 and 90 days, by the time is is approved by the State of Wisconsin and then by the La Crosse Common Council. Due to failure of the private well, it was critical that the owner find a way to obtain safe drinking water in a more timely fashion. In accordance with prior utility processes, he was offered an Annexation and Water Connection Agreement that would be short circuited for the September council cycle and be approved prior to the Annexation was complete. The City Attorney's Office has received the Petition for Direct Annexation will be completing that process.

With approval of this connection agreement, the owner will be able to connect to city water by mid-September.

Fiscal Impact

None

Staff Recommendation

Utility staff recommend this agreement be approved.