STAFF REPORT

Regarding Vacation of Alley Way in Block 10 of Second Addition to Prineville

The Public Works Department is requesting that City Council initiate vacation proceedings to vacate a 16 foot alley way running through Block 10 of Prineville Second Addition. As you can see from the attached map, the north end of the alley is on or near the bike path north of Ochoco Creek. It appears that when the Second Addition was platted Block 10 was located near the north boundary of Lot 20 of Monroe Hodges Plat of Prineville. The alleys in Monroe Hodges Plat run east and west while the alleys in the Second Addition run north and south. Although technically not an alley, a sewer line runs between Block 20 and Block 10. There are no utilities in the alley in Block 10. There are numerous trees in the alley of Block 10 for which the City is responsible. Branches from a tree in the alley have fallen and damaged personal property owned by Ron Halsey who owns Lots 2 and 3 (Tax Lot 13000) of Block 10. If the alley in Block 10 is vacated the west half of the alley will become part of Bob and Victoria Storey's property, Lots 4, 5, and 6 (Tax Lot 13,200) of Block 10. The east half of the alley adjacent to Ron Halsey's property will become part of Ron Halsey's property and that part of the east half of the alley adjacent to Lot 1 will become part of Lot 1 of Block 10.

Because of the damage to Ron Halsey's personal property the City has agreed to replace those items of personal property, trim the trees, and request vacation of the alley.

Once the alley is vacated the City will have no further responsibility nor liability concerning the alley or the trees in the alley.

If the Council approves initiating vacation proceedings for the alley in Block 10 notices will be published and posted as required by state law. Because the notices need to be published for two weeks with the first publication being at least fourteen days before the hearing on the vacation, the soonest the hearing on the alley vacation can be scheduled is the December 23, 2008, Council meeting.

