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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM 96-02

From: John T. Felton, Public Works Director/City Engineer

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Subject: Colleen Carter Scott's Sewer Service

The Council requested that I continue to work with Ms. Scott and try to achieve a reasonable compromise to her problem. I was further directed to report to the Council at the January 8, 1996 meeting.


I met with Ms. Scott on December 29, 1995 and we discussed both of our positions. At the end of the discussion, we agreed that she would connect to the service line that was installed to serve May Carter's home on the same property. This will greatly reduce her costs and make the installation much more economically reasonable. The net effect is to reduce approximately two hundred feet of pipe and eliminate construction in the City right-of-way. We ended the meeting with the understanding that I would meet with her builder to assure that these conditions were reasonable with him.

On January 3, 1996, I met with Ms. Scott's builder and everything seemed agreeable to him. He did state that he was having difficulty finding a contractor to do the work. I suggested that this could be due to having to work in the City right-of-way in frozen conditions. With these requirements deleted, it may be easier for him to find an excavation contractor that will do the work.

I have researched the City of Wasilla Municipal Code and could find nothing that would prohibit this connection. Also, I do not think that this solution requires any special Council action.

I believe that it is important that the Council not set any precedent or special rules for future cases. This case is very special as Ms. Carter's service is actually a main line extension. These services are independent and can be turned on or off without affecting the other service. I feel that no additional services should be connected to this line.

Because of the extra work that will be required by the City crews, this service will be done on a time and materials basis rather than a flat fee. The Carter service is an insulated-heat traced line. There is no other main line of this type of construction. Ms. Scott's service line will also have to be constructed of insulated-heat traced pipe.



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