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TO: Mayor Greer and City Council
FROM: Jessica Kinser, City Administrator
DATE: November 4, 2022
RE: Tax Certificate- 411 West Linn Street

Policy Issue: A resolution is required to request a County-held tax certificate

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal 1: Expand and improve development	<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3: Continually improve the City's organization & services
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 2: Enhance Marshalltown's public image	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal 4: Partner with others to improve quality of life

Specific Objective/Action: Goal 1, Objective 3- Increase housing opportunities at all levels; Goal 4, Objective 3- Work with other entities on partnerships which benefit the community

Recommendation: To approve the resolution as proposed

Budget Impact: Waiver of a \$30,233 lien plus interest since 2019

Description/Background: The City demolished the structure at 411 West Linn Street in November 2017 as part of an effort to extinguish an active fire at the property. The City ultimately placed a lien on the property for the costs of the demolition and clean-up, which was more than \$25,000. This was billed to the owner and ultimately unpaid. In December 2018, the City certified the unpaid bill as a special assessment against the property, which has gone unpaid. When property taxes and special assessments go unpaid on a property through the annual tax sale, the County then becomes the holder of the tax certificate. Following the 2022 tax sale, the County Treasurer notified the City the property at 411 West Linn Street was available as a County-held tax certificate.

This lot is in a residential neighborhood and surrounded by housing and is ideal for a new single family residential structure. The Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant is the ideal funding source for completing this, and the City would like to propose that this be the 7th project of a phase of infill modular homes as part of a City application. If the City would be awarded the grant, we would not be able to actually request the tax deed until after a release of funds, or after April 30, 2023.

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