



Public Works Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	September 12, 2023
Agenda Item:	4a. Renaming Hyer Lane
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The City received a request from Joseph Schraeder asking for Hyer Lane, from Salisbury Lane to Florence Street, be renamed to Penny Lane in recognition of Leslie Penny. See attached request.

The City currently does not have a procedure in the Municipal Code for renaming streets. However, according to Wisconsin Statutes section 236.295, streets renamed within a recorded subdivision must be accomplished by the recording of an affidavit of correction with the office of the register of deeds. Prior to the recording, the governing body of the municipality must approve of the renaming.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

There would be some minimal costs associated with new street name signs and recording of the affidavit if Hyer Lane is renamed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Hyer Lane was named as part of the 1st Addition to the Rose Crest Addition. Therefore, if the Council approves of the renaming, an affidavit of correction needs to be sent to the office of the register of deeds. However, staff does not recommend a name change for the following reasons:

1. Changing an existing “named” street may remove a historical name already tied to Whitewater.
2. This request could open the door for anybody to request a name change to any street at any time. If Hyer Lane was changed to Penny Lane, somebody could come in next month and request a change to a different name.
3. Everyone with a Hyer address would unwillingly need to update all their documents to reflect a new address.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Name Change Request