

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-427
AUGUST 18, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
HEARING FOR THE SALE OF CITY PROPERTY TO CLARKE COMPANY, LTD.	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	MIKE MATTHES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

The sale of these lots to the Clarke Company, Ltd. will enable the construction of a house which will be donated to the United Way to provide home ownership and home ownership training to a deserving family that would otherwise not be able to own a home.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The City will receive \$3,500 for the sale of the lots. This amount will be offset by a City contribution to the project of \$12,500.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of sale of the lots.

BACKGROUND —

The Clarke Companies have agreed to build a new single-family home to be donated to the United Way of Central Iowa, who will provide the home to a deserving family who might not otherwise have the opportunity of home ownership. The United Way will provide home ownership counseling to the receiving family for ten years during which time the family will learn about being a good neighbor and the responsibilities of home ownership.

The City has been asked to reimburse the Clarke Companies for the cost of the land and the public improvements required within the street right-of-way (sewer and water stub-ins to the property line, public sidewalks, driveway approach to the property line, and street landscaping). Staff will recommend a donation to the United Way to accomplish this reimbursement. Polk County has been asked to assist by cleaning up the lots and trimming some of the beautiful old trees. The Clarke Companies have established the goal of transmitting the home on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1997.