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**TO:** Mayor Shaun Sipma  
Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Jason Sorenson

**DATE:** July 9, 2019

**SUBJECT:** SUNDRE PIPELINE EASEMENT ABANDONMENT

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**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Recommend council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter on the City’s behalf requesting all easements for the Sundre Pipeline to be abandoned.

**II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS**

Dan Jonasson, Director of Public Works	857-4140
Jason Sorenson, Assistant Director of Public Works	857-4140

**III. DESCRIPTION**

A. Background

In the mid-1970’s, as part of the Garrison Diversion project, the United States Bureau of Reclamation constructed a water line to convey water from the Sundre Aquifer to the City of Minot Water Treatment Plant. That pipeline has delivered about two thirds of the City’s annual raw water needs for over 40 years. In 2016, when design began for the first phases of flood control, it was discovered that the pipeline would need to be relocated for multiple phases of flood control at an estimated cost of over \$20 million. Since that time, multiple solutions have been investigated and eventually a project was designed and constructed that rerouted the Sundre Pipeline around the south end of Minot.

B. Proposed Project

Now that the Sundre Pipeline has been abandoned, Public Works staff has been in contact with the Bureau of Reclamation to abandon the easements. This would allow property owners with this encumbrance upon their property to enjoy full rights to their land. The pipe will be abandoned in place. If a landowner would want to remove it for some reason it would be their responsibility and at their cost.

C. Consultant Selection

N/A

**IV. IMPACT:**

A. Strategic Impact:

N/A

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

N/A

C. Fiscal Impact:

Project Costs

If the easement abandonment is granted there won't be any costs to the City other than mailing letters to landowners.

Project Funding

N/A

**V. ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

**VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

N/A

**VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

Easement Abandonment Letter