



## Common Council Report

**Agenda Item:** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution 2022-23 Authorizing the Purchase of Property and Execution of Closing Documents for Land Located Along Arthur Drive

**Meeting Date:** October 4, 2022

**Presenter:** Al Hulick, City Administrator

**Department:** City Administration

**Conformance with Strategic Plan:**

- Affordability & Financial Stability
- Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Community
- Diverse Opportunities for Fun and Life-Long Learning
- High Performing Organization with Professional Staff
- Environment for Business Success with Thoughtful Growth and Development

### Summary

Rock County Treasurer will be foreclosing on a vacant property located along Arthur Drive in the City of Milton for unpaid taxes. Under Wisconsin State Statutes, if a county forecloses on a property due to unpaid property taxes, the municipality in which the property lies has the first right to purchase the property for the price of unpaid property taxes and interest. The City of Milton would like to execute their rights to purchase the subject property along Arthur Drive.

### Analysis and Key Issues

The subject site has not paid property taxes in excess of 3 years. Therefore, the County is seeking to foreclose on the property due to this unpaid obligation to the taxpayers. Due to the property's strategic location within the City of Milton, the City would like to exercise its right to purchase the property to ensure it returns to a useful purpose.

The unpaid taxes for the site are as follows:

Year	Beg Balance	Sep 2022 Due	Oct 2022 Due	Nov 2022 Due
2016	3,203.76	6,471.60	6,519.65	6,567.71
2017	3,321.39	6,111.36	6,161.18	6,211.00
2018	3,038.44	5,043.81	5,089.39	5,134.96
2019	4,503.01	6,664.45	6,732.00	6,799.55
2020	6,512.89	8,466.76	8,564.45	8,662.14
2021	7,794.27	8,729.58	8,846.50	8,963.41
	28,373.76	41,487.56	41,913.17	42,338.77

Therefore, the City's obligation to purchase the site would \$41,487.56 plus \$500.00 foreclosure fee so total would be \$41,987.56. Once purchased, the City would immediately make the



property for sale for multifamily development and seek to sell the site for the amount the City paid to obtain ownership.

The City of Milton took similar action in August of 2016 on a foreclosed property along King Park.

**Fiscal Impact**

The City's obligation to purchase the site would \$41,487.56 plus \$500.00 foreclosure fee so total would be \$41,987.56. Funding for this purchase would initially be provided by Tax Incremental Financing District #10. Once purchased, the City would immediately make the property for sale for multifamily development and seek to sell the site for the amount the City paid to obtain ownership.

**Recommended Motion**

The City Administration recommends approval of Resolution 2022-23 authorizing the purchase of property and execution of closing documents for land located along Arthur Drive.

**Attachments**

- Resolution 2022-23
- Location Map