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In Control: City Council

Department: Legal Department

Cost: \$1,500.00

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File Name: Special Claim from Judy Shaver

Final Action:

Title: SPECIAL CLAIM 1920-6: SUBMITTED BY JUDY SHAVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 FOR DAMAGE TO THE INTERIOR OF HER HOME AT 213 OLDE BROOK COURT AS A RESULT OF A SEWER LINE BACK-UP.

Notes: ACTION NEEDED: Motion to approve or reject Special Claim SC-1920-6; and, if approved, direct payment in the amount of \$1,500 contingent upon obtaining a Release and Covenant Not to Sue from Judy Shaver.

ACTION TAKEN: _____

Agenda Date: 09/24/2019

Agenda Number: 18

Attachments: City Clerk memo, Notice of Tort Claim

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Effective Date:

History of Legislative File

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Text of Legislative File SC-1920-6

Body

BACKGROUND: A claim was filed by Judy Shaver for expenses incurred due to a sewer main back-up at her home on May 21, 2019, at 213 Olde Brook Court. Ms. Shaver requests reimbursement of her out-of-pocket insurance deductible in the amount of \$1,500.00.

On September 3, 2019, an Executive Session was held to discuss the claims being submitted on behalf of three property owners regarding the sewer back-up on Olde Brook Court. This claim is being submitted to City Council for consideration at this time.

DISCUSSION: On the morning of May 21, 2019, City division staff received service calls for a possible sewer obstruction from residents of Olde Brook Court. Upon arrival, staff inspected

the 8-inch clay sewer main and found it was obstructed. As a result, three property owners submitted claims to the City requesting payment of their damages.

The claim was investigated by David Hager, Utilities Manager. According to City maintenance records for the past three years, the City has never received a maintenance request for the Olde Brook Court area. When the City received news of the sewer back-up, it took immediate action and cleared the obstruction on the same day.

As previously discussed with Council, this is not a clear case of City liability, however there could be potential liability on the City. Mrs. Shaver's claim in the amount of \$1,500 appears reasonable.

RECOMMENDATION: Based upon the above and foregoing, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that the claim of Judy Shaver, in the amount of \$1,500.00 as set forth above, be approved.