



REPORT TO: CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: SEPT. 13, 2021

Agenda Item:	8d. CC-21-171
Prior Council Action/Related Items:	Right of Way Management Ordinance 3408
Background / Issue:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vast Broadband (dba Bluepeak) has submitted an application to occupy the public right-of-way (ROW). • Bluepeak will construct a Fiber to the Home/Business broadband network and offer services in Stillwater upon completion. • Bluepeak currently operates systems in over 50 communities. • Ordinance 3408, adopted in July 2018, requires each entity that occupies the public ROW to register as an occupant. • Once occupancy permit is approved by Council, the applicant can obtain a construction permit and/or pole attachment agreement as may be appropriate.
Proposal/Solution:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant has submitted the required information and meets the requirements as set forth in Ordinance 3408. • Staff recommends approval of Bluepeak as a right-of-way occupant.
Financial Impact/Funding Source(s):	The permit requires fees to be collected for registration and for occupancy of the right-of-way according to established fee schedules. The cumulative permit, construction, and annual fees will vary depending on the characteristics and size of the project.
Strategic Plan Alignment:	<p>#4 Connected Spaces: To develop a strong sense of place that recognizes the interconnectedness of people, buildings, and public systems (such as transportation, utilities, and parks) that best serve the needs of the public.</p> <p>#5 Unique Culture: To cultivate partnerships that enhance the unique culture of Stillwater with equal access to services and amenities, strong and connected neighborhoods, and a thriving economy and business atmosphere.</p>

Recommended Action/Motion:	Motion to approve Bluepeak's ROW occupancy permit.
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Attachment(s):	ROW Occupancy Permit Application