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April 25, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members  
From: Sarah Dvoracek, City Manager

Re: Quitclaim Deed to Evart Public Schools for the Public Square

On Wednesday, April 24, 2019, I met with Shirley Howard, Evart Public Schools Superintendent. Mrs. Howard stated the school is still interested in the city's Public Square property, however, the school board would feel more comfortable with a Quitclaim Deed rather than a 99 year lease. I stated the city is concerned with public access to the property after school hours and if the school would allow for any deed restrictions. Mrs. Howard stated she did not see any problems with restrictions.

Therefore, Evart Public Schools is requesting a Quitclaim Deed in place of a Lease Agreement for the transfer of ownership of Public Square. In order to address previously stated concerns, the deed will include the following restrictions; the public will still have access to the property during non-school hours and the property will revert back to the City of Evart if ever the school chooses to abandon the property.

It is my recommendation to transfer the property via Quitclaim with the above stated restrictions, the decision would have a positive impact on all parties involved.

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