THE CITY OF Eaton Rapids MICHIGAN

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Randy Jewell – *City Assessor*
Cullen Harkness – City Attorney

CITY OF EATON RAPIDS
WORK SESSION AGENDA

December 11, 2023
5:00 pm
200 S. Main Street

This meeting will be streamed live for viewing only at:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85394331944
Meeting ID: 853 9433 1944
Please note all public comments must be made in person.

Call To Order

Public Comments

Unfinished and Special Business

New Business

1. Resolution 2023-32 to Authorize the Close and Abandonment of Cowan Street.

2. Michigan Association of Mayors 2024 Community Exchange.

Public Comments

Adjourn

THE CITY OF Eaton Rapids MICHIGAN

MEETING DATE: 12/11/2023

CITY MANAGER

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Yvonne Ridge, City Manager

Submitted: 12/6/2023

Subject: Resolution to Close and Abandon Cowan Street

☒Work Session

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SUMMARY

The former City Commission of the City of Eaton Raids previously adopted a Resolution on December 18, 1944, to abandon a street known as Cowan Street, running between Water Street and Chester Street. The City Commission in1944 directed the then City Attorney to take action necessary to effectuate the closing and abandonment of Cowan Street. After researching it appears no action was taken to further the abandonment by the City. This was researched by City Assessor Randy Jewell, Building/Zoning Director LeRoy Hummel, and City Attorney Cullen Harkness.

The current property owner would like to see the parcels of land that would include the portions of Cowan Street that were to be abandoned in 1944 and is unable to sell the property without proper evidence of abandonment.

Cowan Street, running between Water Street and the Grand River, in the City of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, located on Section No. Three (3), Township One (1) North, Range 3 (3) West, adjacent to Block One (1) and Block Two (2) and Block (3), Vaughn's Addition to the said City, is hereby closed, discontinued, vacated, and abandoned; is no longer a street used by the City of Eaton Rapids and has already, for all practical purposes been abandoned.

City Attorney Cullen Harkness has drafted Resolution 2023-32 to Close and Abandon Cowan Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/MOTION

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-32

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Resolution 2023-32

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MEETING DATE: 12/11/2023

CITY MANAGER

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Yvonne Ridge, City Manager

Submitted: 12/6/2023

Subject: Michigan Association of Mayors MAM) Community Exchange Day

☒Work Session

☐Regular Meeting

SUMMARY

Mayor Colestock brought the MAM Community Exchange Day up at the last meeting. I would like to discuss ideas for the exchange so I can complete the form and submit to the MAM.

Provided in your packet is an information sheet about the Community Exchange as well as the application to participate in the program. Please review and bring your ideas to the meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/MOTION

Discussion

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

MAM Community Exchange Day Information Sheet and 2024 Community Exchange Application

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS

2024 Community Exchange

Great ideas for tackling municipal challenges and maximizing opportunities come from many places, including neighboring communities. But how will you know if you don't visit them?

Get a group of your elected officials and/or employees together to host another community and then visit them in return. Municipalities can benefit from the sharing and gathering of ideas, solutions, initiatives, and processes.

How Can My Community Participate?

Return this form by February 1 and the Michigan Municipal League will pair your community with another applicant based on the preferences you provide below.

Municipality Name _____

Mayor/President Name _____

Maximum Miles/Hour _____

"A great opportunity to meet other community leaders and share experiences and stories about how and why we do our respective jobs, the challenges associated with them, and the benefit and satisfaction there is in serving our communities." – Mayor Nathan Bocks, Holland

Contact Information

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

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Phone _____

Email _____

Preferences (population, form of government, services offered, etc.)

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Return by February 1, 2024

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Ann Arbor, MI 48105

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