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TO: Mayor Hall and the Hartford Commission

FROM: Nicol Brown, City Manager

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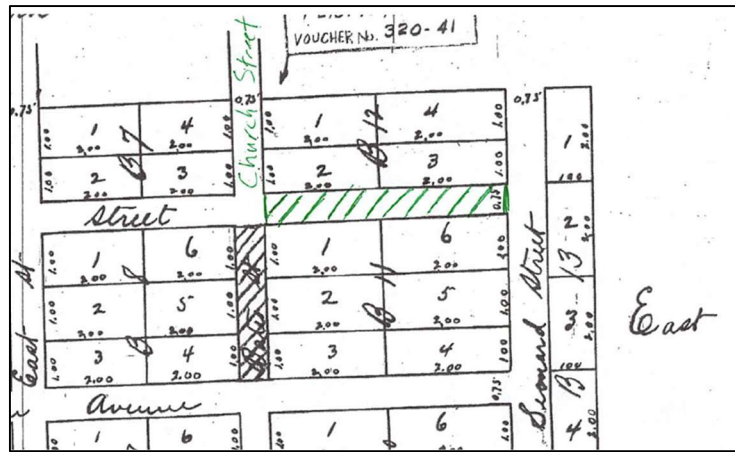
RE: VACATE THE RIGHT OF WAY AT THE END OF REYNOLDS STREET

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to vacate the right of way at the end of Reynolds Street.

DISCUSSION:

One of the plat maps that lays out the streets in the City of Hartford shows Reynolds Street extending east past Church Street, to north of baseball and softball fields owned by Hartford Public Schools. This portion of the platted right-of-way is shown in green hatching below:



The City has not maintained this portion of the right-of-way for many years and staff has no intention of improving or maintaining it in the future. The owner the parcel known as 211 Church Street (which roughly corresponds to Lot 2 of Block 12 on the plat map) has been using and maintaining the portion of the right-of-way in front of his home as a private driveway. He and other owners in the area have asked City staff to vacate the right-of-way, and City staff is amenable to this request.

If the City Commission agrees to this request and approves the enclosed vacation resolution, the City will relinquish any claim to ownership of the right of way. Ownership would then pass by operation of state law, with half going to the abutting land owners on each side.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Hartford City Commission approves the enclosed resolution to vacate the unused portion of the Reynolds Street right-of-way.