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To: Mayor Teske – Common Council
From: Daron J Haugh – City Administrator
Subject: Tax Foreclosure Property Exchange
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Back in April, I started working with Denise Giebel, the Juneau County Treasurer, to figure out what to do about two abandoned properties in town: 300 Pine St. and 306 Bluff St. Both had become trouble spots—drawing trespassers, posing safety risks, and dragging down the surrounding neighborhoods. After some back-and-forth, the Juneau County Land Division agreed to transfer both parcels to the City of Mauston, pending the completion of the tax foreclosure process, and final approval from the Juneau County Board, which wrapped up on December 16, 2025.

Since then, we've lined up a buyer who's ready to take on 300 Pine St.—someone willing to put in the work to clear out the lot and give it a fresh start. Of course, the reality is that cleaning up and demolishing these properties isn't cheap. To help cover those costs and get these properties back into productive use as soon as possible, I'm recommending we sell 300 Pine St. for \$1.00 to Jay's Holdings, LLC.

This isn't just about a nominal sale price—it's about addressing blight, cutting down on opportunities for crime, and partnering with local buyers who care about Mauston's future. Once these lots are cleared and rebuilt, they'll stop draining city resources and start strengthening our tax base, making our community safer and more vibrant.