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To: city of Vergas council

I'm writing today to ask the city council to reconsider its decision to demo the county garage building.

I understand the county has sold the Vergas Ottertail County garage to the city of Vergas for \$1 and the city intends to demo the garage building and make a city parking lot.

I represent Hansons plumbing and heating and would like to find a way for us to acquire this property. We need more space to allow our business to remain in Vergas and the county garage property being adjacent to our office is the best opportunity to continue our growth.

A year ago, when I first heard the county garage was going to be available I reached out to the mayor, informing her of our need and interest. I was a little put off when I heard the city acquired the county garage and was to demo the building for a parking lot without even a phone call. We need to have additional space and the garage would suffice for a few years. Our long plan would be to build a fabrication shop on the alley side of that property.

We would be interested in a trade of the old firehall we currently have our fabrication shop in. This could make a nice parking lot adjacent to the fire hall and community center.

I do understand the county retained the first right of refusal to protect the gift, so the city did not sell the garage at a profit. I called Wayne Johnson the county commissioner and he felt the county would not be against Hansons trading the old county garage for the old fire hall.

We have been a part of Vergas for 90 years and would like to remain in Vergas. Our company employs 30 people with good-paying jobs and would like the city council to work to assist our future and growth.

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