



To: City Council

Cc: City Manager, Chief Kohlmeier

From: John M. Bruce

Date: August 25, 2022

Re: Discussion During June 6, 2022 Council Meeting

I was asked by the City Manager to review the video of an exchange which took place between the Council President and the Chief of Police at the June 6, 2022 Council Meeting, in light of the request made by Ms. Stephens that it be reviewed by the City. The exchange took place during a discussion regarding whether the Council should adopt an ordinance regarding the operation of ATVs and UTVs.

Ms. Stephens apparently is under the impression the City President offered to plow the driveway of the Police Chief's residence if the Police Chief supported the adoption of such an ordinance. In my opinion, a review of the exchange establishes that the comments of both the Council President and the Police Chief in this regard were clearly in jest. Laughter accompanied the comments, and both individuals noted that they were not intended seriously and that no offer was being made or accepted. In my opinion, the comments cannot reasonably be



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interpreted as an offer to do something in return for support of an ordinance. No ethical or legal concerns arise from this exchange.