

I would prefer to make this statement in person, but unfortunately I have to be out of town on business during the August 16, 2022 council meeting. I am making this statement in response to the serious allegations that were levied against me, the previous mayor, and the council by Councilman Warren at the last council meeting. Due to the seriousness of the allegations I decided this statement couldn't wait for me to address this in person. We took these allegations seriously and looked into them. After consultation with MRSC, Risk Management, the State Auditor, and our City Attorney, we've found these allegations to be completely unfounded. Below are our findings.

- With the CARES funds, we spoke with MRSC and Risk Management and the allegation was unfounded.
- With the budget concern we spoke with MRSC, Risk Management, as well as sending both 2020 and 2021 budgets to the State Auditor's office for review. After review the State Auditor's office closed the ticket as 'resolved' and the allegation was unfounded.

Thank you,
Mayor Jamie Paden