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Ma'am

It has come to my attention that you used the words "social media complainant" in conjunction with my name on Thursday October 23rd at 9:08 am. You end the email with "your educated guess" in what appears to be a (my) standing issue. i am here to address you on this matter and on the matter of Kyle Moring. I'm a very to the point, blunt person.

Simply put, your "educated guess" OR what you think you know of me, or about me seems to be seriously skewed, i do not know who you are, or what you do for the city - but using email to call citizens things is not your best look. You were dumb enough to state it, and not express it as opinion, so, that is your belief about me in official writing - good to know, as your an employee of Titus county, I'd be curious if you've said as much to other people in and out of Titus county employment. . This further proves why a rule about Executive sessions, internal emails with no fast way to put city, county and elected officials to account should be made. Play in the shadows, choose words loosely and then Feign anger when called out. Pathetic.

As you can see, i included Mr Vine in this as i want you to understand what I'm about to say is true, factual and I'm not embellishing. The fact of the matter is, when i was brought into this walmart issue by kyle moring i took the information at face value and i immediately contacted council and Mr Vine, i used words such as "I don't know if this is true, but its worth a look in case there are facts to it". "There are inconsistencies, but, i don't know what I'm looking at, "i don't want to go public, because i don't know if its true". I wanted to speak to the city Mgr FIRST and give him the ability to get ahead of a potential landslide.

Mr Vine and i set a meeting time that i had to cancel as i was in Ohio at the time and was held back late on a contract. When i returned, i tried to set a meeting up with him and the mayor with kyle so Mr Vine wouldn't feel outnumbered. Mr vine and i had a brief conversation where i learned he was speaking to Mr Moring and i stated "then there's no need for me to be involved". As far as i know the two have spoken, there were notes or a file taken down by kyle in which i advised kyle that was a dumb move, i think he has resolved that error. I'm not involved, and in the beginning i was being proactive to get kyle and city to talk... ZERO "social media complainant" about it ma'am.... I get info from kyle about this walmart thing at kyles doing and request - NOT MINE.

So your claim of me being a "Social media complainant" in October is very concerning as - the one thing i was involved in, turned into council wide indictments. During that time i posted FACTS - not complaints. I'm active in council meetings and i think (council is CC'ed) even they will tell you, i call or email WELL before i write online, or speak in public, that I AM VERY approachable, i am FAIR and to the point. EVEN offering good advice during a council persons election when i could have taken info and run with it. I ask the council questions and respect it when they can not answer due to law. Period, end of story.

I don't own, nor am i an admin NOR get any special treatment from posting on the local Rants and Raves facebook group, I'm like anyone there posting. I DO have MY personal social media accounts in which i can raise 100,000+ organic views in a day if i want to and i DO have ties to local and national news

channels as i grew up around the industry. I do not wield that to "complain".

So i think you need to do some internal searching and come up with an apology ASAP!!!.

In this day and age - you don't need to prove it - you just need to say it - SAD, but true. I OPERATE in fact, I do not say stuff to whip up frenzies.

Furthermore, i think Kyles delivery sucks, (I've told him that directly) but he is passionate and he thinks hes right and DESERVES to be heard no matter what you think of him, he was fired from walmart, SO WHAT! - the guy has compelling pictures and videos AND paperwork - YOU THINK the common person is gonna see beyond the pictures?? do you?!?!? So if Kyle is truly mad at walmart - he only needs to leak the videos and pictures of the food and merch covered in white popcorn dust - AND EVERY PERSON in the area that used that walmart during that roof fix might become REALLY MAD at the city for allowing it and walmart for operating during it. Doesn't matter if hes right - its time, money and energy. THAT'S THE SIMPLE FACT ma'am. I've never said that to him - because i don't want to see the city take a black eye!!!!

Id say its a good time for SOMEONE to see if he has anything legit and if so - fix the issue, issue fines, or firings or whatever is called for. OR, if hes wrong, get ahead of it, give him the time and be done with it. Seems to me, the more this city fights him, the more he lowers his head and digs in. How long til he just takes it public?

LASTLY on this matter - "i have no standing" in regards to "being a county resident". I have collected 10,000 PLUS dollars in receipts from my purchases at the city of Mount pleasant walmart over the course of the last 6 years just by making a call this evening, i can collect more by going back 10 years. INCLUDING the trip to walmart where i WITNESSED water and a white powder and "popcorn" type material ALL OVER food and merchandise. PLEASE say again i do not have standing - I'm BEGGING you to state that again!!!

It seems to me ONCE AGAIN a city employee is putting a divide between county and city. Unacceptable! Want to test standing with me?, the county?, and city folks that shopped there during the walmart roof thing? NOT a smart thing to say! Had i wanted to, if i were a "social media complainant", i could have WHIPPED UP a social media storm, i have a file 6 inches thick, including picture of walmart during that roof thing, the food, the merch and i have a HUGE reach. You are in Titus County proper, the city gets tax dollars from us "county folk"... smarten up.

Quite honestly,

Your words in that email infuriated me and coupled with an email ignored (as to this writing) by the City Mgr and City Attorney - i have all the cause in the world to stir the pot. However, that's not how i operate, or play.

Second thing on my mind is the following.

The use of CC has obviously gotten out of control. YOU need to THINK before you speak - your emails are FOIA'able and citizens like me get curios what city employees are saying and doing with our tax dollers.... Am i making myself clear?

I understand YOU did not CC me ma'am, but somehow i am on a list or something, i think and i believe at this point honest mistakes are being made that include me being CC'ed. I ignore the emails, ive deleted them as they come in - they are not meant for me. I'm about the most honest and integrity filled guy around.

In closing,

PLEASE City MGR and council, sit with kyle Moring, look at the pictures, the videos, the time stamps and the inspection papers, if there is something there - then fix it, make some heads roll. IF on the other hand nothing is there, then decide that, close the chapter. If he takes it up the chain and nothing is there - you did your job. TAKE ME off the CC list - i don't want to be on it - i truly do not - its not my business, conversely - if something odd is going on - you better believe ill say something - for the betterment of Titus county! And, as mentioned -

I ALWAYS speak to, email or do a meeting before i EVER write about issues. YOU ma'am now know that.. Take it to the bank... You think that's social media complaining? then i think you ma'am don't need that job we taxpayers pay for. Wrong deserves to be called out. He obviously thinks hes right, I've no idea if he is, IF THERE is any shred of truth to his claims, it needs to be fixed, and people held to account. That is not for me to decide.

I'll be expecting that apology, i understand mistakes happen and we can speak without facts. I've said my piece, and with your apology i will conciser all the above buried.

Regards,

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