Viroqua
Growing Forward

Mayor Krista Browne
City of Viroqua, Wisconsin
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October 28, 2026

RE: Mayor's response to council actions approved on Items #20 & #21 of the Common Council Agenda for the City of Viroqua, on October 27, 2026

To whom it concerns,

As a city official I cannot discuss personnel matters. The information shared and discussed in the closed session is privileged, and I will not comment on it.

I strongly disagree with and have deep concerns about the processes and procedures I have observed that led up to this closed session discussion and have communicated those concerns to staff and elected officials many times over the last 5 weeks.

I disagree with many of the decisions and outcomes of individual council members and the council as a whole over the past weeks. I disagree with their motion to remove me from my current office in city hall, to limit access between the mayor and staff, to redefine communications and cooperation between the mayor and city administrator and to alter the employment agreement with the city administrator without gathering, accepting nor considering all of the facts. I have made every attempt to give facts to individual council members through proper channels and have been met with resistance, silence, or otherwise.

The decisions made by the council to limit the role, communications and location of the mayor are not in the best interest of the city, nor of the residents being represented by those they elected.

Further, the motions approved are not in line with the roles and responsibilities of Mayor, Council and Staff as outlined in the state statutes and the approved ordinances of our city government. I have advised them to proceed thoughtfully on this matter and to gather full information before making a decision or a motion. They took action unanimously, and the record shows that.

I have faith and trust in a free and fair press, in access to information, and in the power of the people to use their voice and stand up for their rights. I believe the unfolding processes will be fairly, accurately, and promptly shared with the community to keep people up to date with information they deserve to know.

I am grateful for the opportunity to lead as Mayor and for the trust of residents. I will stay steady, fair, and safe in my representation and leadership of the people, and I will always prioritize the good of Viroqua in my response to maintaining the wellbeing of our place. I promised to lead from round tables not behind closed doors. I have done that and will continue.

Sincerely,

Mayor Krista Browne
City of Viroqua