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To my friends in the Peosta City Council, City Staff, and the City of Peosta,

I developed three primary objectives when I ran for Mayor in January 2020: organizational resilience, community engagement, and strategic planning. I am very proud of the meaningful accomplishments that we have made in all three of these objectives during my 2-year interim term.

We currently have a fantastic staff that is effective and efficient in their areas of expertise, and we have a council that is increasingly objective and deliberative. We have a new comprehensive plan that is solidly rooted in community input and addresses Peosta's housing needs, with additional detailed plans currently in development. We have a well-established culture of open communication, transparency, and proactive outreach to our community. All of this supports the tremendous momentum that continues to propel Peosta's remarkable development.

I recently made the decision to run for re-election in November looking forward to continuing my efforts with this outstanding team and the community stakeholders, refining the vision that our community has unambiguously told us they want, and building the alignment that is necessary for it to become a reality. This work has demanded considerable time and energy to-date, and it is reasonably expected to continue this way going forward.

There have been recent and unexpected changes in my life outside of the Mayoral role that will impair my ability to serve for the foreseeable future, leading me to conclude that I am no longer able to adequately fulfill my municipal role. In the best interest of the City I must therefore resign from my position as Mayor effective immediately.

I sincerely regret the unfortunate timing with our election on Nov 2. I optimistically consider that an appropriate candidate may launch a very quick write-in campaign. It has never been my intent to put my needs ahead of the City's but the current externalities have removed all other options. I will of course do what I can to make the transition as seamless as possible.

I leave with an overwhelming sense of pride for being a part of this with you. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and support as I learned the intricacies of municipal government. I have thoroughly enjoyed building this legacy with you over the past two years as we move Peosta to be more self-sufficient and sustainable while preserving the factors that make Peosta a community of choice.

Most sincerely,

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