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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### ***UPDATE***

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Mayor Randy Knaack made the following statement regarding the data center development:

*"As the Mayor of Menomonie, it is my duty to listen to constituents' concerns so I can govern the community responsibly. Over the past couple of months, people have shared their thoughts with me about the potential data center project. After careful consideration, I instructed Administrator Eric Atkinson to notify representatives of Balloonist, LLC. that the City will not negotiate a development agreement or establish a tax increment district at this time to support a data center. I want to thank everyone who shared their opinions with me and for trusting me to lead the City of Menomonie as your mayor." – Randy Knaack, Mayor*

Questions or comments related to the data center may be directed to Zaria Whitacre at 715-232-2221 or by emailing [communications@menomonie-wi.gov](mailto:communications@menomonie-wi.gov).