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CITY SEEKS CLARIFICATION FROM WQAD ON RECENT REPORT

WQAD lost letter causes delay in communication from both sides of issue

MUSCATINE Iowa – The City of Muscatine is asking WQAD-TV (Moline, Ill.) to clarify statements made during a report that was broadcast during the Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017, newscast concerning the station’s Open Records request of the City.

WQAD reporter Christina Hepner alleged that “city leaders in Muscatine have refused to answer our questions as the city council tries to oust the mayor.” It was further asserted that the City had not responded to a second Open Records request.

The City of Muscatine did respond to both WQAD’s Open Records requests but only one has been delivered and the second is awaiting payment.

The issues noted in the report are being handled by the attorneys for the City of Muscatine and WQAD. However, the original communication from the City’s attorney on Oct. 10th was misplaced by WQAD’s attorney. A second communication was sent on Oct. 20th at WQAD’s request.

The City of Muscatine remains committed to being as transparent as state and federal law allows.

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