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Mr. Merritt,

Here are the responses to your open records request for the City of Marshalltown, IA submitted electronically and formatted as a PDF file per your request guidance.

2. Records Requested

(a.) Any public records showing a criminal complaint against the originator of this correspondence regarding the allegations of criminal conduct the Iowa Public Information Board Executive Director Erica Eckley communicated to the Iowa Press leading to the publishing of Enclosures (1.), (2.) and (3.).

RESPONSE (a.): The City of Marshalltown does not have any records responsive to this request.

(b.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), including the name "Merritt," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

(c.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), including the word "vexatious," not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

(d.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), including the electronic mail address erika.eckley@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

(e.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), including the electronic mail address brett.toresdahl@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

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(f.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), including the electronic mail address daniel.strawhun@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

(g.) Electronic mail, including attachments stored and preserved by government bodies shown in Enclosure (28.), including the electronic mail address ipib@iowa.gov as the originator or recipient of an electronic mail public record during the calendar year 2023, not including public records produced or transmitted by the originator of this request.

RESPONSE (b. – g.): The actual cost of responding to this request would require a search to be conducted by the City of Marshalltown IT-contractor. It takes approximately 15 minutes to search 1 account for 1 month of email for a particular keyword. The hourly cost would be \$120 per hour. The City currently has 184 email accounts. The request is for 2 keywords and 4 outside email addresses. The estimate would be 184 accounts X 6 keywords = 1,104 quarter hours or 276 total hours per month searched. For 12 months, that would be 3,312 hours of labor at \$120 per hour, totaling \$397,440.00. Furthermore, all non-routine such as this require attorney review for legally protected confidential information which would have costs at \$200 per hour. Payment for this search would be required in advance.

Best Regards,

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