From: Shannon Morris
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council

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## Hello,

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight regarding the fire station, but I sincerely hope that you can see the need and respect what our fire fighters do for us every day. Hopefully our families are never in need of their services, but if we do I hope they have the building, equipment and training they deserve while putting their lives on the line for our families. It has been 4 years with their equipment scattered in the city and we need to take action. The price seems scary to some and I understand that, but I will never put a price on someone potentially saving my kids life and I hope you will not either.

There has been talks about building something for less cost, but with more natural disasters happening the only responsible thing would be to do our best to build something that can hold up in a storm. Water is a hot topic understandably, but if we would not have attempted to cut costs while building the new water tower we would have fewer issues than we have now. I think we can all agree that was not worth the savings so I hope we can learn from past mistakes and not try to cut corners again.

I would like to express my full support for the original fire station plans and would vote yes on that today. Please allow this project to get moving and hopefully we can break ground this year!

Sincerely, Chance and Shannon Morris 121 B Ave Atkins, IA