



CITY OF EVANSVILLE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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STATEMENT

From: Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel

Regarding: News Releases on City Website

Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2011

“A TV reporter asked me today to respond to allegations made by Rick Davis that someone in my office removed a news release dated June 17, 2009, from the City Website to provide political cover for Lloyd Winnecke. Frankly, this is just another ridiculous, half-baked conspiracy theory.

“No news releases that have been added to the City Website have ever been removed by anyone in my office for any reason. By my count, we issued six news releases, most of them very positive, in June 2009. For whatever reason, none of them were posted to the City website. In fact, the City-County Computer Services Department has confirmed that the backend database of the Vision Content Management system clearly shows that *no* news items were added to the City Website at all – by my office or any other office – in the month of June 2009.

“How could we have removed something that was never there?”

“I have been an extremely open, accessible Mayor, both to citizens and to other municipal leaders. We have held more than 80 Traveling City Hall meetings. We conducted dozens of public meetings and convened citizen advisory groups to help make decisions on difficult challenges facing this community on topics ranging from our pools, sewers and the future of Roberts Stadium. My door is always open. I don’t know why Rick didn’t just pick up the phone and ask why he couldn’t find something on the City Website before making such absurd, unfounded allegations in public.

“It’s been my intention to stay out of this race and keep the debate focused on the two candidates vying to be our next Mayor. Hopefully the candidates themselves can do the same. The people of Evansville deserve to know the candidates’ vision for the future of Evansville and what they’ll do to keep our community moving forward.”

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