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Dear Citizens,

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended the recent public discussion regarding the use of Flock license plate readers in our community. I appreciate each resident who took the time to attend, ask questions, provide statements, and express their concerns. Open and respectful dialogue is an important part of responsible local government.

Prior to the installation of the Flock license plate readers, the City followed all applicable regulations and required procedures. In addition, strict guidelines have been established governing the use of this technology and the information it provides. These safeguards are intended to ensure that the system is used responsibly and for legitimate law-enforcement purposes.

The Flock system has also proven to be a valuable investigative tool for our Police Department. Information obtained through the system has assisted officers in solving several crimes in our community and has provided an additional resource in their efforts to keep our residents safe.

We also recognize that the use of this technology raises important questions regarding privacy, information security, and appropriate use. Those concerns are legitimate and deserve to be heard. As elected officials, it is our responsibility to listen to our citizens, provide accurate information, and ensure that residents have an opportunity to participate in decisions that affect our community.

The City is committed to providing the appropriate information and documentation necessary to bring this matter before the public for a vote. Our goal is to ensure that residents have access to the relevant facts and understand the policies and safeguards surrounding the system before making their decision.

Once the matter is presented to the voters, the decision will belong to the citizens of our community. The City will respect the outcome of that public vote and will continue to work within the direction provided by our residents.

Thank you once again to everyone who participated in the public discussion. Your involvement demonstrates the importance of civic engagement and the value of having an informed and open conversation about issues affecting our community. Regardless of individual viewpoints, we all share the same goal: maintaining a safe, accountable, and strong community for everyone.

Sincerely,

Michael Kitzmiller,
City of Summerset Mayor