

Political agenda top order for council

let's back up to the last regular election in which Hazel Embra, LaShaunda White and Joyce Rattler won their seats.

Foster you may recall was instrumental for the appearance of Quanell X, a New Black Panther Party leader in Hearne for the purpose of leading a protest in our city streets. I do not mind protesting, I do mind racial protesting, side, black or white, in my world there is no place for racism. While it does exist, I have never been a part of it.

I ask, hypothetically had a Black police officer killed a white woman of 93 in Hearne would it be okay to invite the Klux Klan to march in our streets? I ask you, do you really think it is ok to use racial protesting to get civil justice. Quanell X made no difference with his march through Hearne,

besides of course making national headlines and tarnishing the city name.

Prior to the election, the three candidates met in my office with their political agenda in hand as well as William Foster in tow. Outlined directly to me, a plan to unseat the current city government and take over Hearne. Frankly after that conversation I worried for Hearne. Take over Hearne? I thought we were all working together to better Hearne. Working within the system to better define a great city, clean up a tarnished reputation and better our schools. That's what I'm trying to do, build a better Hearne for everyone.

The plan outlined that day was to basically overthrow the Hearne City Council and take control of the city. Termination for Chief Williams, City Attor-

ney Bryan Russ, City Manager Pee Wee Drake, City Secretary Anna Florida and EDC Director Kent Brunette.

I'm for change, but really all these positions at once?

Sure we can discuss mistakes made by any of these people. High salaries, high electric bills, city employees that are in jail and their positions are held open, illegal dumping, city workers scratching lottery tickets when they should be working, and the list goes on. But do you think Hearne is the only place in Texas that has problems? In my experience all you can do is tackle these problems, together and learn from the mistakes one at a time.

Here is what I know as a business owner. This kind of unrest is unhealthy for business and a community;

would not have paid that bill. Just FYI, if you had a large pile of tires on you lot last week and they are gone now, thank the Mayor and your fellow citizens, they paid to clean up your mess.

No matter which side of this council you talk to, everyone is convinced his or her agenda is the right one for this city. So again, in a political mindset, we the people have a choice to make, which side is better for this city?

So here is the outcome of the recall election.

If Vaughn loses the recall election, there will be two City Council meetings, before the next election. A council member can miss two consecutive meetings and remain on the council. She loses the recall, a no quorum will occur until the

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ould be wrong.**
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as a business owner in e, a constant state of ation looms whenever pic of the Hearne City cil is brought up. Over ast two years, our city nment has been in the ak media spotlight. ecedence at a court in , littered local televi- stations with lots of lines none of which favorable and remains nbarrassment to local sses.

be latest fiasco is a election, which is cur- under way. But I'm g ahead of myself;

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newly elected officials take their seats.

If Vaughn wins the recall election, stalemate again, 3-3 ties as the entire council waits for the newly elected. The seats up for grabs in the May election are Michael Werfinger, Maxine Vaughn and Mayor Ruben Gomez. All three are registered to seek re-election.

So basically, the recall

election was approximately \$10,000.00 expenditure to the citizens of Hearne for nothing but political agenda by Embra, White and Ratler who along with Milton Johnson sued the City of Hearne and won nothing but in the process spent money, drew negative headlines for our city, and again Hearne businesses are suffering the expense.

In my office that day before the election, these three women told me how they wanted to control city spending, yet just spent \$10,000.00 of our tax money to accomplish nothing. Now if you think all of this report was entertaining, you should come to the council meetings. These are the people you have elected to keep your best interest at heart, your business interest in the forefront, it might just be time for you to come on down and remind them.

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