

Facts...

- The recall petition that was originated in 2014 was signed by a diverse group of citizens of the City of Hearne. Not by just blacks as Mr. Burnette has stated.
- Milton Johnson never received one dollar of salary as Mayor of the City of Hearne.
- Local newspaper relocates to former city-owned property – sketchy details.
- There never was a petition to recall Mrs. Thelma Drennan, who was manipulated and coached on how to vote by the late banker Jim Florence, Mayor Rueben Gomez, former Councilman Mark Catalina. The banker on numerous times threaten to call in loans of minority councilmen men and women who owed him if they did not vote the way he desired, and they (including Gomez) often coached, Mrs. Drennan prior to meetings at her home and in council chambers.
- Go ask and obtain council tapes through the Freedom of Information Act and all these statements will be verified.
- A citizen by the name of Tommy Jones gained enough signatures to recall Maxine Vaughn in 2005 or 2006. To the surprise of City Attorney Bryan Russ, when all of a sudden a bogus “Terroristic Threat Charge was made by Maxine Vaughn. Mr. Tommy Jones prior record was used against him. He was then railroaded by the kangaroo court by then District Attorney John Paschall. The court judge was former county Judge Jan Roe who oversaw the “so called trial.” The jury was evidently hand-picked with several that could be manipulated. So you know the outcome. Only man ever convicted on “Hear Say” testimony that’s what I believed inspired current District Attorney Coty Siegert to seek the office of District Attorney by the way he was the Attorney of Record for Mr. Tommy Jones. God’s wrath has come for former Judge Jan Roe, former District Attorney John Paschall and will soon come for the others. I may not live to see it but, it will come. He sees the corruption that present in our entire county.
- Several paid including two minority council (persons) to change mail-in ballots we have one on tape Attorney Russ made aware.
- Charles Workman dead mysteriously for double crossing this system. Took money, didn’t charge enough, absentee mail ballots votes. Shot multiple times. Also head bashed in. No arrest, no one charged or convicted. Billy Bishop, county official

“shot dead”, Jack Allen Matthews (former Justice of the Peace) mysteriously dead and no arrest. How long do we allow this and other corruption to stand?

- Private businesses using paid City employees, building owned by City donated to friends of City Administration.
- Mayor recommending to rehire the Police Officer Stem when he already had gunned down a mentally challenged “unarmed” young man in Columbus Village. Gun reported by Police never connected to the youth. Youth shot numerous times in back. Witnesses say several officers shot and allowed victim to lay uncovered for more than seven hours. Officer Stem later murdered a 90 year old lady who probably was mentally challenged. When all he had to do was exercise patience and restraint and compassion. Mayor Gomez was glad to have him back! Officer later fired after public pressure. These are the leaders you have leading corruption in our city. Not their city...our city! These are facts!
- Those in there cliques commit felony crimes, no accountability.
- They pass ordinances to disqualify council members they do not desire.
- Gomez and friends pay no utilities. Often have large utility credits.
- The poor, disadvantaged and under-educated that they can intimidate often have monthly bills that exceed seven hundred dollars.
- Local merchants have large utility bills that they pass on to their customers.
- The old Ben Franklin Building purchased by the city as a form of political payback for a large sum. Open records request for exact amount delayed.
- Tax Boards funnel money to councilman Werlinger’s family or associates continuously through the years. Buildings or property sold almost immediately processed and repeated for funds. This is a violation of City Charter.
- Mayor Gomez receiving a portion of City Managers salary as acting City Manager, a violation of the City Charter.
- Kent BrunetteCoty receives over \$1500.00 a week, and is only required to work 15 hours a week.
- City contracts almost never posted or broken piece-mill to undermine the bidding process. Often given to close associates or next of kin. A violation of the City Charter.
- City employees often intimidated to go along with top administration.
- City policies are hidden from public view.

- City Manager, City Secretary, Economic Development, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Financial Officer all are paid huge salaries with no accountability.
- City employees work in an intimidating work environment. Those who complain are often retaliated against.
- No viable grievance or complaint system. In other words, grievances often go ignored.
- There are numerous litigation lawsuits pending.
- Police Department in shambles.
- Purchases often made by City for personal use.
- Checks and payment wrote without proper authorization.
- Housing residents discouraged from making or filing complaints.
- Relatives of councilmen Gomez and friends of Brunette dominate tax boards until they are exposed.
- Biased Robertson County news only print slanted stories who they prefer to favor.
- Dr. Bastani a Hispanic made a presentation of facts concerning tax board members in violation of state codes that was never reported by the local Robertson County newspaper.
- Presentation by former Mayor Milton Johnson of council members or relatives of council members serving on Tax Boards, a violation of City Charter, never reported.
- Murders of several local citizens never properly investigated as stated by news District Attorney Coty Seigert.
- City Attorney Russ having a "contract" and then billing the City extra for litigation costs.
- Using City and grant funds to renovated projects as the Train Depot; proposed old Ben Franklin building as a Convention Center and others that has produced zero or little revenue for the City.
- Several properties sold or transferred to councilman Werlinger or his family.
- Million dollar restaurant built during Mayor Gomez's tenure as mayor. Ask one of the local car dealers "Scott," sure he could tell you a few things about how these guys manipulate the local Tax Boards.

I could write a book about the corruption...“Citizens wake up!” Don’t forget several years ago **One Million Dollars** went missing from **City Funds!** I think all these same folks Gomez, Brunette, Werlinger and others were in our local government.

These are facts! Check out my facts against Mr. Brunettes lies. Citizens, get it through the Freedom of Information Act. **They are afraid all citizens will be treated with respect and have an opportunity.**

Take a look at other cities compared to Hearne, right in the middle of thriving cities and towns. Over sixteen years of madness, corruption and continued public embarrassment is about to come to an end! Imagine that! This is what they’re afraid of, a town for all citizens, not just a few! Again, these are facts...check them!

It is my prayer that we are not all cowards to allow this type of madness to continue. It’s not about race. It’s about something called morality, honesty, integrity, and compassion. These qualities seem to matter little. They do to a few. Here’s hoping others will stand up and be counted saying no more! **I love my town and all its citizens!** I’m no coward! That’s why I still stand! **This letter may cost me my life** but, I refuse to live in a town filled with madness, of bigotry, racial bias, police intimidation, fraud, and other garbage!

Mr. Brunette’s so called rhetoric that he tried to misinform the public are filled with half-truths and flat out lies! And that’s a word I don’t use lightly! I’ll stack my information up against his any day. Most of all he would question the integrity of honest citizens. Who’s only fault is being victims of living in a city of corrupt leaders who victimize and intimidate citizens who do not have the resources to bring them to account. Dr. Fred Bastini brought him to bare and Mr. Brunette threw a temper tantrum in City Attorney Bryan Russ’s office. Telling half-truths and lies on another is called liable. I challenge any of the so-called leaders to challenge my **FACTS!**