

On Wednesday, March 8, 2017 4:00 PM, John Naron <citymanager@cityofhearne.com> wrote:

Ms. Castilleja,

Thank you for the kind reminder on budget amendments. I can assure you that before this fiscal year is over with I will come to the council with the necessary amendments. You were one of the council members who failed to show up to pass a budget that included all the items that you are so interested in addressing. Though we reverted back to the old budget, there are numerous areas that need the attention of a serious and focused council. Unfortunately, our agendas are littered by items that obviously do not have the majority vote of the council and our often repeats of failed agenda items. As long as this certain members of this council are focused on my undoing, obviously not the MAJORITY wish of the council, then it will be difficult to conduct real city business.

I would ask that you check your sources before you relay accusations of wrongdoing.... Your statement that the city's former attorneys altered the contract with the city's financial investigator is uncalled for and untrue. Your implications that it was done to place said investigator under my control are also untrue and an attack on the integrity of Sage investigations LLC. Sage is the firm that Ms Harris, Mr. Jackson, and you championed from the beginning. I would also add that the firm was suggested to Mr. Jackson by an attorney that you know and trust... Ty Clevenger. If you open the PDF above you will find mention of his support of the firm. So please carefully review the materials that I have provided. You can certainly ask Linda for the full copy of the July, 05 minutes and a full copy of the Audio Version of the meeting.

I have combed through the invoices from our law firm and have failed to find anything that remotely resembles political motivations on my part. I can attribute thousands of dollars to indirect costs associated with accusations made from Ms. Harris and Mr. Jackson. The municipal court and the Stem and Johnson cases should also be mentioned. YOU might want to reconsider putting your name on letters are sent to various news organizations that defame a respected municipal law firm in Texas. What if they were to sue our city for baseless claims that could cost them business in the future?

I would be more than happy to address your concerns in person. Feel free to call Linda and set up an appointment to come and talk any time you like.

Best Regards,

John Naron
Interim City Manager
Hearne, Texas