

Response to Mr. Bovey Article on 4/26/14 Regarding Appeal

Mr. Bovey's article was [replete with misinformation](#) without addressing the key issue: 79 Llano citizens were denied their property rights because the City Manager knowingly misrepresented the law.

City Council approved \$18,000 in unnecessary legal fees protecting Brenton Lewis from possible misdemeanor and felony charges stemming from his behavior. He had 9 chances to justify his legal assertion or correct himself. Instead, he stood by his knowingly false statements, committing aggravated perjury – supported by Mr. Bovey.

I did not sue the City. I used a legal process requesting a judge's opinion of a city's legal action. Judge Garrett did not follow that process so I asked the appeals court to make Judge Garrett act properly. Council spent \$18,000 to stop that appeal. The City wasn't required to participate in my dispute with Judge Garrett. No money was as stake. If I prevail, the City merely has to justify their zoning law interpretation.

If Council did not understand the zoning laws, the Texas Municipal League lawyers or the Attorney General would opine – for free.

So why did Council decide to protect Brenton Lewis? Everything the City Attorney spent was discretionary and unnecessary.

This is just one of the many ways the City is wasting your money - \$300,000+ for fountains, \$60,000 for a website our high school students could build, \$6,000,000+ for a sewer plant that 6 years later needs to be rebuilt, and more.

And in the fall, they want a \$20,000,000 bond issue Mayor Virdell says will double your taxes.

The City is awful at spending your money wisely. \$18,000 on unnecessary legal fees is just another example.

My suggestion to stop the waste and violation of property rights is to replace all City Council incumbents, City Manager, and City Attorney.

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