

Walt Leonard said we have had all kinds of other problems large and small. He said remember we had to rebuild the Municipal Court they had to rebuild the Police Department, which required all kinds of things. We have had all kinds of trouble with various providers of communications. He said all of this has required a great deal of trouble. He said he supposed somebody could have said no let's not have the attorney do it – but they asked him to do it. He said by in large these things turned out pretty well and he did those. He said as the tabulated and it hasn't been done in a long time there were \$35,000 plus materials and activities that were attributable to claims by Mr. Basham of various illegal activities by the city. He said so his fees over the last few years have been very well justified. The council always voted and approved them and everyone knew about them because he gave details and as far as the etcetera. that was basically an attempt by him and if the council didn't like it they could have changed it – that he discussed with the Mayor – the Mayor was alright with it and the council was apparently alright because they let it go. He said they accepted those billings because he was trying to protect some people and also not give away information that might have been used against the city. He said if that was a mistake he guessed they all made it and they all talked about it. He said Mr. Basham has said he didn't like it but everybody else knew about it. The result of that was that's how those things came from and now he is being hammered for it and apparently his name has been dragged through the mud to other attorney's based upon that and it's being sent to other political people without a proper explanation of what was going on. He said so it appears he is being prejudged – no one has ever sat down and had him discuss this before but apparently people have been taking this information to other people and throwing it out like he has done something really awful and really screwy and maybe nasty – that's not so – and people here knew it – and now all of a sudden it seems to be a big issue and it seems to be more political in reality

Mayor Hunter said other attorney's have commented on the etcetera he asked about it and they said they would refer to a case number or make some reference other than etcetera.

Walt Leonard said that was fine – if someone had asked him to do that he probably could have but those are not necessarily case numbers and if you look at his billing you see each one of them has. He said he didn't just say etcetera 2.03 hours. He said he wrote – Personnel so forth and etcetera. He said he told them why he was doing that basically he just didn't any information to people that didn't necessarily need it. He said if anyone would have ask he probably would be perfectly happy to tell them – most of the time the Mayor knew perfectly well of what he was doing. So again these were all in his bills each month which the council approved specifically and everybody as far as he knew understood it. If you didn't then somebody should of asked him. He said if nobody has asked before now he has been defamed.

Mayor Hunter said he has been asked about it before – he has asked him about it.

Walt Leonard said and he has told him exactly that, He hasn't gone into as much detail as he has right now – he presumed everyone understood why it was being done and not one has ever claimed that the amount of work supposedly involved was not done and if it was that would be a fee matter which the city one approved month by month and two if you didn't like it the contract specifically said that is how you're supposed to do it. He said if he is being hammered now because they didn't follow the contract there is a problem.

Mayor Hunter said he has watched when he was still misled — he watched as Councilman Basham was basically any effort he did was thwarted by other Council Members so he can understand why people can't bring up these issues. He asked Walt Leonard if he remembered passing that contract. Do you remember getting that contract passed?

Walt Leonard said yes

Mayor Hunter said okay — when Councilman Basham asked you do you have a copy so they could see it you said no

Walt Leonard said he had with him a Draft.

Mayor Hunter said that is not what he said.

Walt Leonard said he didn't have the contract he had a draft.

Mayor Hunter said Walt Leonard did not tell Councilman Basham he had a draft. He said Walt said no.

Walt Leonard said he told them later he had a draft.

Mayor Hunter said when he asked Walt Leonard about it after it came out in the paper — those contracts were on your desk right there in front of him — he said Walt do you have copies of those contracts — and Walt said he had a draft.

Walt Leonard said yes a draft.

Mayor Hunter asked why wasn't they were allowed to see those drafts when you were asked about it why did you just say no. He asked those drafts are what they signed that night- right.

Walt Leonard said those drafts as it turned out — he didn't expect them to be signed. He said if he remembered that night they went through in great detail — the Mayor can confirm on that.

Mayor Hunter said he was specifically asking about when Councilman Basham's question to him was do you (Walt) have these contracts and Walt's answer was no _not I have some draft's.

Walt Leonard said perhaps he should have said he had some drafts. He said at that point a draft is not a contract. He said he didn't expect it to be finalized but as it turns out there were no changes.

Mayor Hunter said he could have at least provided a copy for the council to read here's the draft.

Walt Leonard said he possibly could have but that doesn't mean that – we talked about it – he may remember.

Mayor Hunter said he was asked specifically do you have these contracts.

Walt Leonard said he didn't have the contracts – he didn't expect them to be anything other than a draft. He said the draft is what they talked about

Mayor Hunter said the drafts were the contracts.

Walt Leonard said as it turned out yes – but said they talked about the provisions in the contract in great length that night. He said they went through –

Mayor Hunter said he was not talking about going over it in great length – why did you lie to a Councilman when he asked.

Walt Leonard said he didn't lie.

Mayor Hunter said so we are going to play semantics.

Walt Leonard said no he was the lawyer – when he is asked a specific question he answers it specifically.

Mayor Hunter said or joke about it.

Walt Leonard said he was sorry if anyone felt ill help but it was in fact the truth that it was better for Bonnie Black because idiotically they had done the wrong things in terms of that case but it would never had been finished before that trial. It takes a lot long if someone is asking for a jury trial and things like that for it to come to trial. He said the basic fact is they didn't understand exactly what they were doing and they were proceeding on an absolutely horrendous legal theory that ended up with a young girl being left basically out in the cold and no one had anything to do with the scheduling of that other than their normal machinery at the court and the fact that she threw a lot of road blocks to be handle expeditiously.

Mayor Hunter said so if a Council Person in the future wants something from you that you have how do they have to say it in a question to get an honest answer from him

Walt Leonard said you ask him specifically does he have one or is there anything like that. He said the draft that he had with him was simply as a potential thing to look at or use as a tool – it did not turn out to be necessary because they discussed it verbally that night in great length.

Mayor Hunter said again that is not what's in question. He said what's in question is why did he (Walt) lie to the Councilman.

Walt Leonard said he did not lie to him (John Basham).

Mayor Hunter said Walt had something on paper that turned out to be the contracts – John asked you if you have these and you said no.