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Subject: Item on tomorrow's City Council Agenda

Good Morning to you both!

When reading the paper today about the agenda for the City Council meeting tomorrow, I see that the council will hear the first of three required readings of the proposed ordinance to increase Mayor Perrin's professional services line item by \$50,000 to cover the added cost of litigation and the pay for interim COO Roy Ockert for the rest of the year. The article states that the mayor's office continued paying Ockert through professional services, rather than through the salaries line item. Mayor Perrin's original budget only included \$30,800 for professional services.

My questions to you both are:

1. There is over 6 months left in this year, why don't we move Mr. Ockert's fees, starting today, over to the salaries line items section of the city's budget instead of paying for it out of the mayor's office?
2. Is the proposal to increase the mayor's professional an additional \$50,000, which would be a total of \$80,800.00. Or increase it to \$50,000?
3. We seem to pay a lot of extra attorney fees in this city. Several weeks ago you remember that there was the attorney, I can not remember his name that came up from Little Rock to talk about the building on Main Street. When Chris Moore asked this qualified attorney several questions and he did not know the answers. I'm sure his services were not cheap! In the article today, it states that there was depositions in a lawsuit filed by Erick Woodruff, former information systems director, that has put pressure on the budget. My question is why do we need to increase this professional budget when we have a paid qualified City Attorney, Carol Duncan working for us already?
4. Last question. Where does this extra money come from?

This really concerns me because we hear that the city is running out of money and there might have to be job cuts this year if things don't improve. We have to be aware of each dollar spent and this is a lot of money!

Looking forward to your response. Have a good day!

Thank you

Patti Lack