

Curtis responds to Brynes' allegations

CITY MANAGER

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meeting last week, Brynes appeared before the council again to raise additional questions and object to being cut off at the previous meeting by current City Manager Taylor Brown.

"As a point of interest on the Prospect Development Ordinance #1011, the public hearing notice states any interested person may appear and be heard," Brynes said.

"The question then becomes, what authority does the city manager have to tell the city council not to allow citizens to speak, as he did at the last meeting?"

"What authority does the city manager have to state that a public hearing is not for citizen input, but only for citizens to state if they are for or against an ordinance?" Brynes asked.

"Mr. Brynes, if you remember, I let you continue to talk. You still got your time," Mayor Alan Hall responded.

"No sir. Absolutely not," Brynes replied.

"I remember making my statement, but I remember you continuing on with your comments," Hall said.

"You begin to wonder if there is something the city manager is trying to hide if he doesn't want public

input. That is what the public begins to wonder. In our world today, the public just does not trust government. Why give them more ammunition to not trust us?" Brynes asked.

"The following are some of the things that begin to boil when this happens: Is any member of the council, city manager or anyone else associated in any way with this project, been given or promised anything of value from Prospect?" Brynes asked.

"I have not," replied several members of the council in turn.

"Cal Thomas, who some of you probably know, has a family member that is about to pass, so he could not be here, but he called me to ask me to ask these questions," Brynes continued.

"Does the city attorney represent Prospect at present or in the past? Why not request Prospect provide a performance bond?" Brynes asked.

"In closing, Councilman (Ward) Ketring, not too long ago your fellow council members lost this city over five million dollars. One, two, three," Brynes said (referring to council members Alan Hall, Venita Woodfaulk and Shirlee Hampton), "by not listening to members of the public.

"They totally refused

to consider anything they said. This scam was called BioNitrogen. You would think they would be more careful in their actions in the future," Brynes concluded.

The council moved on with the agenda without addressing Brynes' questions or comments, until later in the meeting, when City Attorney Ray Curtis responded.

"As to the public hearing notice and what authority the city manager has to tell people not to speak, if I recall correctly, the direction given was to address the written ordinance, and the speaker at the time (Brynes) advised he had not read it," Curtis said.

"As to raising questions about if anyone has anything to hide from the public and the public begins to wonder and it undermines public trust...the flip side is raising accusations and allegations as a former city manager, that are unfounded and unsupported by any type of evidence to date, which ironically tends to undermine public trust," Curtis said.

"Why give the public more ammunition? That is a great question. Why stand at that podium and raise those unfounded allegations and give people reason for more public distrust?" Curtis asked.

"Has anything of value

been promised to the council? You (the council) answered that.

"Is the city attorney representing Prospect, or has he now or ever? The answer is no and no. The city attorney has been engaged in with Prospect and various Prospect entities in the past but only in his capacity as attorney for the Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) and while being paid by TCDA, whose role it is to assist development," Curtis continued.

"As for any direct engagement, the answer is no," Curtis added.

"As to allegations that there was money

lost because the council refused to listen to the public and refused to hear them out...that is just an over simplification and mislabeling just for a sound bite, frankly," Curtis stated.

"In hindsight, would the council have done something different? Sure. But, is that an over simplification to support an allegation today? It sure seems that way," Curtis concluded.

After the meeting, Brown stated that while he felt the accusations did not deserve a response, he is not associated with the project and has never received nor been promised anything by Prospect officials.



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LEGALS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 2022-178- CP

In Re: The Estate of: GENEVIEVE D'ANTONIO NERVINA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GENEVIEVE D'ANTONIO NERVINA, deceased, whose date of death was March 6, 2022; File Number 2022-178-CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 620, Perry, Florida 32348. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's Attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is: May 4, 2022.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 2022-177- CP

In Re: The Estate of CHARLENE MURRAY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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