## LETTERS TO SANTA

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Dear Santa claus.

I hope you are doing good! I wan+ a hover bourd, and iphone 14, a slime bucket, a ferret, and a diamond rins.

tappy Chris+mas!

Sincerely. Nevaeh Whiddon

i hope you are ok with stuff and the thing i want are a kirbu and Forgoten Land and jump froce and a roblox 81f+ card. Mary

Mechai Pace

Dear Santa,

Chris+mas.

Dear San+a.

I hope you, the elves, and Mrs. San+a are doing well. can you please set me a PS5, 2k23, Madden 23, and a phone. You are the kindest man in the world. Another thing about you is that you are a learder and you always make sure you set the job done.

sucessful. I hope you, your wife. and the elves don't crash, I hope you can make i+!

Sincerely, tayshaun johnson

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well and the elves to. I hope your 8ifts that you bring me are good. Will you set me some kG merch and some camoflage. I love you santa

Sincenely, Kayden Coulliette

Dear Santa,

I hope you are good and what I want for Christmas is unspeacakbol merch. I also wan+ minecraft merch. I want a mesa udan toy. I also want a dog toy for my dos. I aso want some marvel and star wars figures. I also want pokemon stufes. I hope you and Miss Claus a varry Marry Chris+mas.

Sincerely, jace tran

Dear San+a.

I hope you and your elves are doing well. I wanted to write you a letter today because it is Chris+mas season i+ is Des. 9th. I really miss you and the things I want for Christmas are a dollhouse, slime, clo+hins and a cracle+ makins ki+, hoverboard, and slo+h s+uff, earings, and a phone. I hope you set your cookies.

> Sincerely. Aubreonna Lutane

Dear San+a.

I hope you are doing good with the elves. I found want I want my srandfather to come to me. And for Christmas I want to sive my older brother whatever he wants. And thats all I want for Chris+mas. You will always be in my heart. I hope you see this letter soodbye.

Sincerely, Disha thakor

Dear San+a.

I hope you are doing well in the North Pole with Christmas and the presents. I would like a phone, leso, and crayon set with a coloning book. I wish you, Mrs. Clans, and the elves a very very happy Chris+mas and happy new

Sincerely, Isabella Chewning

Dear San+a,

I hope your doing well. I wrote this letter so I can tell you what I want for Christmas and I want is a bike, hover board, some shoes, and I want a happy life. Happy Chris+mas!

Sincerely, justice Walker

Dear San+a,

I hope life is soins sood in the North Pole. today i am writeins a letter to for Christmas. I would like some airpods, phone case, purse, clothes and a lot of jordans and my nails and toes, and a apple watch, and that would be all it's a little expenise but i belive in

Sincerly, Cayden Dixon

Dear San+a,

I hope you have a good year. Plese 8i+ a +rampolie and vbucks. I hope your reindeer are in good Get some more elves to help you. I want grat for Crismas.

don't crash, I hope you can make it!'

Sincerely, Hunter Heflin

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well. tell My Elf to be good and to clean up her mess. Her name is Sparkles. Ok I want a new phone, hoverbord, clothes, my BuBa to set out, rolox sift cards, claw clip, paint pens, a new phone case, and a pony. thats's what I want for Christmas. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sincerly, Kiley May Kinsey

Dear San+a.

I hope you are doing well. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? three thinks I want for Christmas are posca markers, a bike, and a buccaneers hoodie. I hope you have a merry Chrimas and a new

Sincerely, Emma Boatwright

Dear Santa.

thow are thinks soins? i was a good boy, i really want a good

condition, there a sood Christmas. Christmast to all boys and sirls and preants all for me and thats ìt.

Sincerely, quentin Nash

Dear Santa,

I hope everything's going well. San+a, I also have some+hinks I want for Christmas. A PS4 and something else, a computer/ laptop. Also a new same for my switch! any same! so can I also all that for Christmas?! I hope you have a Grea+ Day!

Merry Chris+mas and Happy New

Sincerely, Bren+ Cormier

Dear Santa.

I hope you're doing fantastic with the Elves. One thing I want for Christmas is 100 or 200 pack posca and alchohol markers. the second thing I want is 2 squishmallows. the +hird +hins I want is a smart watch, the fourth thing I want is a big glood of slimy slime. Happy Holidays and happ new year! Sincerely, Noah Miller

#### You are very nice, and you're very Average retainer tor area governmental attorneys is \$53,000 work until 5 p.m. and can't of course, I also told you

## **ATTORNEY**

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 could lead to him reconsidering his decision to resign.

At the city's recent Dec. 13 meeting, Brynes made a motion to retain Curtis as city attorney, change the city's meeting time and arrange the agenda so that any item needing his input would be placed first on the agenda.

Brynes also initially proposed allowed Curtis to leave the meetings early, adding, "if something needs his attention, the city manager can present it to him and he can discuss it at the next meeting."

However, Mayor Shirlie Hampton disagreed.

"The only problem I have is Ray leaving the meeting (early). We may need him here. That is the only objection I have," Hampton said, adding that it would help if the city had less on its agenda.

"That is partly our fault for only having one meeting per month (the past two months)," Councilwoman Diane Landry pointed out, adding that when the city returned to two meetings per month meetings should

not last as long. Councilman Ward Ketring objected to moving the meeting start time, stating, "What time? I got a lot of push back about the 4 p.m thing from constituents. I can make the 4 p.m. meeting, but I have got a lot of push back from constituents. They say they

make it and can't Zoom in while at work."

"I have been in thousands of meetings," Brynes responded. "They all talk about we will have more participation if we change (the meeting time) to the morning or change it to this. But, they only show up when they have a problem. Then they will be there."

"It would help staff too. They would not have to stay up here until the wee hours of the night," Landry added.

"Thank you," Perry Police Department Chief Jamie Cruse commented.

"We are broadcasting on YouTube live now," Curtis pointed out, adding that the city could put a link on the city's website to allow the public to participate via Zoom or watch the YouTube video.

"We have put it in the capital improvement plan and budget this year to get a little better technology – we only have one mic picking up now - so we should have some better tech here shortly to catch the volume from everyone," Curtis added.

"Have you rescinded your resignation?" Ketring asked.

"I announced on the record I would rescind it and stay until you made a decision on whether or not to hold interviews with the applicants you have, or whether or not to do something differently. I talked about changing the meeting times, and

Division, the address of which is

when I announced my resignation that you should also anticipate increasing the retainer," Curtis said.

"For the nine years I have been attorney the retainer has been about 43% of the average, which is \$41,500 our surrounding counties, and we are at \$18,000," Curtis added.

"Verbally, yes I have rescinded my resignation, but I defer to the council if they decide to go with another option. I am fine with it either way," Curtis

"I would like to see you

stay. I would like to see the

meetings start at 4 p.m.," Landry commented. "I would like to see you stay through the meeting. "You are at \$18,000 something now. Would

you consider accepting

\$36,000?" Landry asked. "I absolutely would. But, I would like in the coming years to get to the average of what is around here. It may shock some people that go 'Oh my goodness, you are going to double the retainer. But, the flip side of that is for nine years I have been working for 43% of

"And if I asked any meetings, but I think if

member of the public or anyone else if they were willing to work for 43% of the average for that position for nine years, my guess is they would not so politely tell me to pound sand,' Curtis commented.

"I have tried to be a good soldier for the city, but at some point especially with inflation the cost of running my firm has jumped. Just like everything has for everyone else. To do something for 43% of average is not....I could take that time and add additional clientele who would pay above average," Curtis added.

"As much as we have invested in you, I would like to see us keep you," Landry said. "Even if it takes the extra. That is my feeling."

Hampton asked for a motion, but was reminded Brynes had already offered Landry suggested Brynes

amend his motion to include Curtis not leaving meetings early and the annual retainer adjustment. "That would be part of a

new contract," Brynes said. "Yes, presently the ontract includes attending

we are starting at 4 p.m. generally other than budget time - especially with two meetings per month – generally we will be wrapping up meetings within an hour and a half or an hour and 45 minutes and that would be putting everyone, including staff and you, getting home to their families at a reasonable hour," Curtis said.

Brynes agreed to amend his motion to remove any mention of Curtis leaving early, changing the city's meeting times to 4 p.m. and to increase the compensation from \$18,000 to \$36,000. "I can second that

motion," Landry stated.

The motion was approved by a 4-1 vote, as Ketring stated he would do a "line item veto" only because of the 4 p.m. meeting time, "because I promised people I would not go with it, so I am voting no.'

After confirming the new meeting time would begin in January, Brynes also asked Curtis to prepare a letter for the mayor or city manager to sign, thanking the two applicants who submitted proposals for their interest.

area attorney retainer fees compiled by Curtis in July 2022, the average legal retainer in Perry, Taylor and surrounding counties was \$58,611.

The legal retainer for other nearby governmental bodies included: City of (\$26,500).Monticello Jefferson County (\$140,000), Lafayette County (\$60,000), City of Madison (\$12,000). Madison County (\$45,000). Dixie County (\$70,000). Suwannee County (\$138,000), Taylor County (\$18,000) and City of Perry (\$18,000). Excluding the highest

\$140,000) and lowest (City of Madison - \$12,000) produced an average annual retainer of \$53,642. Curtis' Prior to resignation at the Aug. 29 meeting, the city had

retainer (Jefferson County -

budgeted \$32,000 for legal services in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 budget years. Over the previous three years, Curtis billed the city an average of \$26,406 per year for professional legal

services, including a high of \$32,866 in 2019-20 and a low of \$20,982 last year (2020-21). The city paid According to a graph of Curtis \$25,372 in 2018-19.

# LEGALS

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The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above

Copies of associated documents are available for public inspection at the Planning Department, Administrative Complex, located at 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida

referenced public hearing.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes their testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR **TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA** PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2022-676-CP, IN RE: ESTATE OF VIVIAN MCCRANIE,

Deceased. The administration of the estate of Vivian McCranie, deceased, File Number 2022-676-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Taylor County, Florida, Probate

108 N. Jefferson St., Perry, Florida 32347. The Name and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's Sally Florida Bar No. 102816, PO Box 2026, Perry, FL 32348, Telephone: 850-584-3812

attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent, or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is December 23, 2022. Personal Representative Pamela Redifer c/o Sally Roberts, PO Box 2026, Perry, FL 32348, Attorney for Personal Representative: Roberts

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER **Perry Water System** Chemical Monitoring Public Notice

## What happened?

Our water system did not meet the requirements of a drinking water rule. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the August 2022 monitoring period, we monitored for Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs) including Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5s), however, our results indicated that resampling was necessary for HAA5s due to quality control processes with the laboratory. Therefore, we cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water at that time for HAA5s.

## What should I do?

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Any customers who are concerned about their exposure to these contaminants can choose alternative sources of water for ingestion.

## What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

## What is being done? The City of Perry is looking into an alternate laboratory.

For more information, please contact <u>Jerald Lee</u> at (850) 584-7940 or contact the Department of Environmental Protection, Potable Water Section at 904-256-1700.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by our water system: **Perry Water System** Potable Water System ID: 2620208 Date distributed: December 22, 2022