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**Libi Uremovic**

### Audit XIII - Beaumont Electric

Posted on March 14, 2013 at 11:00 am

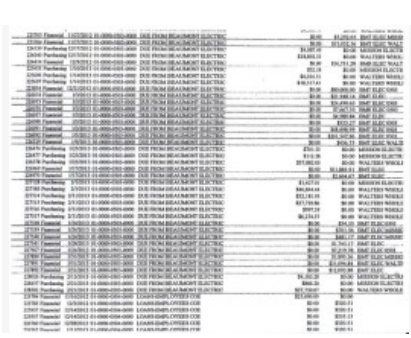
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Beaumont Electric is portrayed as a private-sector company that receives contracts from the City of Beaumont through the bidding process. Bids include all parts and labor. From July, 2010 through February, 2013 Beaumont Electric has been paid \$863,000.

#### Accounting Code 01-0000-0503-0000 – DUE FROM BEAUMONT ELECTRIC

The City has set up an account that allows Beaumont Electric to purchase supplies and charge them to the City and Beaumont Electric reimburses the City 'later'.

Because Beaumont Electric has been involved with the City for years it is unknown how much is owed; but from 07/01/10 – 02/21/13 Beaumont Electric charged \$2,677,974.89 in supplies and paid back \$2,331,555.02. This leaves a **balance due of over \$364,000.**

The debt was up to \$600,000 in December, 2012, but for 'some reason' Beaumont Electric paid back \$390,000 in January, 2013.


California Public Contract Code:

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- (b) To ensure full compliance with competitive bidding statutes as a means of **protecting the public from misuse of public funds.**
- (c) To provide all qualified bidders with a **fair opportunity** to enter the bidding process, thereby stimulating competition in a manner conducive to **sound fiscal practices.**
- (d) **To eliminate favoritism, fraud, and corruption in the awarding of public contracts.**

There is no way possible that the City of Beaumont can claim their bidding process is fair when they are bankrolling specific Contractors.

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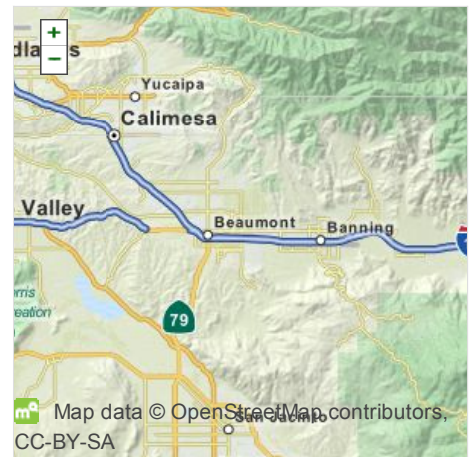
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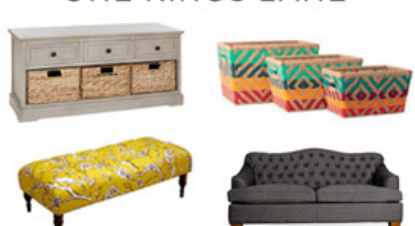


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Beaumont Electric is located at 877 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Their website is generic. This is not a legitimate company.

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**Libi Uremovic**

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11:20 am on Thursday, March 14, 2013

the photo shows the general ledger 'due from beaumont electric'...the left side column is payment made to vendors 'walters wholesale electric', mission electric'... the right side column is payments made by beaumont electric to the city ..

the next account is 0504 - loans-employee coe...and shows coe's \$25,000 loan received on 11/16/12 ...

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**Jack Smith**

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2:33 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

Roger,

what is going on here? does anyone know for sure? isn't this insider good old boy thing going on a little too long and much too far?

Please shed some light on the subject. Transparency is the watchword.

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**Angelwings**

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2:40 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

Maybe I'm a bit slow...or whatever...but when I put in the address you said for Beaumont Electric in the search line of Googles map

877 W 4th St

Beaumont, CA 92223

Directions

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At this address:

Beaumont Electric

Beaumont Shooting Range

Urban Logic Consultants

but you all already knew this right?

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**Libi Uremovic**

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3:33 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

yes i noticed they all share the same address block...and they'll probably all share the same cell block...

does anyone know who owns the property with the magic address..?

**Gene Lowe**

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3:10 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

Doesn't Beaumont Electric consist of Jim and Stacy Love, who used to own Loves Sporting Goods down on 6th? That's where one went to get their school gym outfit and order lettermen's jackets. When did they become professional electricians?

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**Buddy**

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5:30 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

Its this kind of situation that the city hypes as "streamlining the process". As you notice, that means they don't put things out to bid, and simply give the bulk of city work to friends. We are all supposed to then trust these people that they are not taking advantage of the situation. Yet we see that loans are not paid back, and that money fronted is paid back whenever. This is simply not professional. If its your money involved you can be as laid back as you want, but these are public funds the City is dealing with, which means they should stop playing buddies and start acting like grown ups. I have never heard of a city having an open tab for a contractor, that's bad enough, but for that contractor to have debt owed on that tab? Beaumont has been busy making an image of itself as savvy business people, but when one sees how they actually have been doing business it falls under the category of spit and paste.

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**Judy Bingham**

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6:10 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

Buddy, might you be referring to the other Redevelopment Agency loan to Councilman David Castaldo that he claims to be paying back? I think we have seen how he is paying this loan back, haven't we? He actually claims this loan on his FPPC 700 form and yet according to the 2010 audit, it was forgiven the year he was elected to City Council. So who is telling the truth? Is Castaldo really paying \$424.00 a month to the City (and if not to the City, to whom?)  
Interesting that both David" Karl "Castaldo and Jim Love served on the Planning Commission.

**Judy Bingham**

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5:40 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

Jim Love through his company and wife, Stacey (Pass Area Families for Good Government), received two acres of land from the Beaumont Redevelopment Agency in 1998 in return for building two industrial buildings. According to the DDA these buildings each house ten tenants that Jim Love is collecting rent from. One of the tenants is Urban Logic Consultants. Most of the documents signed by the Redevelopment Agency was done so by Councilman Roger Berg and Shelby Hanvey.

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**Susan Marr**

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11:02 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

Sounds like a deal that more people should have gotten wind of. Go to a city and ask for some of its redevelopment money, use it to build yourself a business, then pay it back with some of the profits. Much better than a bank loan for it sounds as if the city doesn't really hold the borrowers to complete repayment of the loan, or in the case of the shooting range they worked out a barter system. Unless these deals violate the law, although it doesn't sound very kosher, what really can be done? Politicians always favor their contributors, and unless we get some serious campaign finance laws in place, it will remain that way. What, you people actually thought that the leaders of Beaumont are any different than those in Washington? They're all the same, but for some reason people refuse to acknowledge that it happens in front of their faces.

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**Nancy Hall**

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11:08 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

.In past years we found tons of questionable invoices from Beaumont Electric to the City of Beaumont. In one instance back in 2008, the city went to bid for old town street lights. 16 potential bidders each paid \$150 for the pre-bid walk. The bid called for street lights and security cameras, but the plans that were sent to the bidders were merely a street map of Beaumont. When bidders called the planning dept. for more information, they were told that the city didn't have any more than what was given. No information as to how far from pull boxes to street lights (amount of cable), locations etc..  
Interestingly enough, only one bidder bid the job and got it. Beaumont Electric. When we contacted the other bidders, they told us that there was not enough information to bid the job. Another interesting fact is that the city of Beaumont has been paying Beaumont Electric for years to produce CAD drawings of the city's street lights and their locations. Those drawings, technically belong to the City of Beaumont. So the only bidder with the drawings and information

available to him was Beaumont Electric and he got the job. City Council pulled the bid to review it and then awarded it to Beaumont Electric. The security cameras were installed by Beaumont Electric 3 months before the RFP went to bid. The street lights were installed within 3 wks after the bid was awarded. They take 6 wks to order and the hours that were charge for the installation were twice the norm.

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**Susan Marr**

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11:20 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

What I just say? Our city is no different than Washington. If you are friends with those in office, you can write your own ticket. Aside from you guys, no one cares. Beaumont is typical Americana, as long as there is no huge scandal plastered on the front page of their newspaper, they could care less how things are run. Just look at how many people ever run for office here. I think I've seen just one random person per election, other than the same ones who run every single time. Other cities have lots of people challenging the incumbents for all the offices. Not here. Its really strange.

**Nancy Hall**

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11:11 pm on Thursday, March 14, 2013

Between 2005 and 2010 when you called the city and had questions regarding electrical, you were referred to Jim Love.

The Beaumont shooting Range is owned by Stacey Love's brother I believe. That whole strip of businesses on 4th street is a complex owned by Jim Love. Urban Logic consultants was renting from them or sharing I guess. At one point, Urban Logic (ULC) was receiving wastewater treatment parts addressed to both ULC and the City of Beaumont and storing them in the warehouse at 877 4th Street. Another concern was that when we started asking questions about the amount of work being given to Beaumont Electric, this business was no longer listed in the warrants (checks), but we did find them working at the city's wastewater treatment plant under J.F. Shea and for Moody construction (City bids). We also heard of several contractors who were forced to use Beaumont Electric or not get there projects (C of O) Certificate of Occupancy, so they could open. It seems to me 'the plot thickens'.

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**J.C.**

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12:27 pm on Friday, March 15, 2013

Beaumont sounds like a cross between the mafia and the deep south. Why anyone would want to move there over Redlands or Loma Linda is beyond me.

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**margaret bragg**

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12:32 pm on Friday, March 15, 2013

Susan, I have heard many tales from people who have decided to either run for office or fight back in other ways. They were strongly discouraged from doing so. Apathy is part of the problem, threats are the other.

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**Runaway**

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9:36 pm on Friday, March 15, 2013

So Beaumont is full of cronyism. I never bought the show the City has been putting on anyway. All this small town crap, when I can now go the whole day without bumping into a single person I know. What a load. They just sell the small town crap to explain why, once again, its just the same few people making all the money. You can give some of that money to as many charities as you want, it still doesn't clean that black spot out.

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**Jeremiah Price**

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6:42 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

Concerning the \$364,000 still owed by Beaumont Electric for the period of 7/1/10 - 2/21/13. Without taking sides on this matter, is it possible that the remaining balance is for supplies purchased within the last 60 - 90 days? Extension of time to pay is common practice in the construction world. Another thing - if every little piece of work needing to be done was put out with a bid process, what would be the cost to residents of the city compared with the way it is done?

Bid processes cost a lot of money and time. Be careful what you wish for - sometimes the result is not what you think it would be.

Jeremiah

Reply

**Libi Uremovic**

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7:11 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

i can email you the spreadsheet that shows the dates of purchase, amounts, suppliers, and when beaumont electric paid...the records if have start with 07/01/10 - and on that date there's \$51,745.07 owed, but there is no vendor name so that amount is at the least the amount due as of 07/01/10...

the next journal entry is dated 10/17/11 - beau elect pays off \$6,327.90....10/17/11 beau elect pays off \$31,758.24 which brings the amount due down to \$13,658.93

from november, 2011 to february, 2013 the bill never goes below \$50,000 ... the debt goes over \$100,000 in february, 2012 and over \$1/4 million in march...the debt goes up to \$600,000 in june, 2012 ....tops out at \$700,000 in july...hovers between \$300,000 - \$400,000 all summer and goes back up to \$700,000 in october and remains at \$1/2 million until january, 2013 ...

let's be very clear - absolutely illegal on every level because it's taxpayer money....

look at the city as if it's your personal home or business - you need electrical work done...a private contractor tells you that they will do the work, but you pay for all of the supplies yourself and the contractor will then give you for an invoice for parts & labor and you will pay them for labor & retail price of parts AND THEN they will pay you back for the supplies ...

**Jeremiah Price**

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1:09 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2013

Libi -

Thank you for the schedule of payments - that is important. Was there any payment after Jan 2013? In your article you said the balance was at \$364k - or were you rounding that to 1/2 million? To be fair on this you would have to show purchase dates vs. payment dates and know what the credit extension is. What they are doing is legitimate - many entities retain a contractor to do ongoing work and maintenance projects and allow the contractor to use an account to purchase. This is done to avoid the mark-up that most contractors charge on parts and supplies. By using the City account it actually saves money and time. This is common practice - I work that way myself with established customers. I prefer them to establish an account for me to purchase on as it keeps everything aboveboard and unquestionable. Not sure this is quite what you are describing, though, and it disturbs me that Beaumont Electric is reimbursing the City for purchases they are making. These purchases would have to be for unrelated supplies and parts - a City account would be paid directly from the City to the supplier for parts and supplies BE used on City jobs. Something really queer here.

Jeremiah

**Libi Uremovic**

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4:02 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2013

'...What they are doing is legitimate...'

no, not legal in any way, shape, or form....you can do what you want with your own money but there are very specific laws regulating government contracts..government contracts are so regulated in this state they have their own set of laws -

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calawquery?codesection=pcc&codebody=&hits=20>

'...Was there any payment after Jan 2013?...'

last payment was 01/31/13 for \$12,093.88 and last purchase was on 02/21/13 for \$27,750.07 leaving a remaining balance as of 02/21/13 of \$346,419.87...

there was \$11,883.91 and \$2,664.67 received on 01/17/13 from beaumont electric, but it was coded to 'cash' not 'payment due beau elect' , so i don't know if it was to pay off the debt or for 'something else'...i've included it on the spreadsheet with the other cash transactions ...

for example: i have an invoice from beau elect dated 07/02/12 for the city pool...the city is charged \$473.98...\$225 for labor and \$248.98 for parts...at that time beau elect owed the city \$600,000 for parts ..

the city is paying for the part wholesale then paying for the parts again retail...and they're still not being reimbursed ...

'... I work that way myself ...'

seriously?

you purchase the parts for your contractors then let them sell the parts back to you and pay them AND THEN they pay you back the wholesale price of the parts ....maybe...??

### Jeremiah Price

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7:45 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2013

Libi - I don't think you read my reply closely - I detailed how long-term contracts with government or large entities often work, and then agreed with you that this is not what is happening here. I'm on your side. A municipality can use a contractor for ongoing project work or have a maintenance contract which can cover a period of years. The initial contract must be put out for bid, however. It looks like that was probably done, but in a crooked and corrupt fashion. Unfortunately, unless you can prove illegality in the bidding process through the courts you are beating a dead horse here. And yes, a City or company can have accounts with accepted suppliers which they can allow their contractors to purchase on. That is often done, as I explained, as a control over what is purchased and as a means of keeping parts and supply costs at wholesale rather than allowing a contractor to purchase on their own and then invoice with a mark-up. But as you describe it, this is not what is happening and I am trying to figure out how BE ends up paying back the City for parts they use for City work. (part 1)

Jeremiah

### Jeremiah Price

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7:46 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2013

(part 2) - As you suggest there is something really wrong here - it sounds like Beaumont Electric is using City accounts with suppliers to purchase supplies and parts for jobs other than the City work and then reimbursing the city. This is not illegal, but it is very poor practice and actually amounts to a loan to one business that is not available to any and all qualifying businesses, which may be illegal. It may go deeper than Beaumont Electric . It may be that The City is billing for parts and supplies charged to an account and overpaying BE on the overall project - and then BE pays that overpayment back to the city as a reimbursement for parts and supplies. I'll let you take it from there! Thanks, Libi, for the time and commitment you give!

Jeremiah

### Nancy Hall

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5:58 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

Jeremiah I understand the bid process quite well as my husband is a CM and I was in a similar industry for a number of years.I also have a background in contracts and negotiations. I believe the greatest problem with Beaumont Electric has been the nepotism over the last 10 years. They have been given business unfairly.They have participated in dealings beyond the gray areas. The city has been paying him for CAD drawings (electric circuitry throughout the city since 2003) and when bids come up, the city has no drawings to share with other bidders.In 2005 the city went out for a per bid item bid. Each item was listed and guaranteed over a specified # of yrs. We are well past that time frame. Also see my post above.. some of the work was completed before it went to public bid. this is why BE had to get the bid. So sad.

### Jeremiah Price

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9:22 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

Nancy - you are exactly right and thank you for your very good explanation. They operate behind a shell of legality and hide what is really going on which is nepotism and cronyism. And the courts back them up and find in their favor because municipalities and large businesses are the hand that feeds them and keeps them in power and in office. I am in

the process with my company of legal action over that very thing, which is why I attempted to be involved. Anyway, thank you and I am going to shut up on this subject - it is obvious Libi doesn't want to share her turf unless someone buys in and somehow advice from personal experience appears to threaten her. I can tell you know how things work - legally and illegally - maybe she will listen to your guidance. I admire her efforts and commitment - not too many people other than us old "protest generation" relics know how to take it to a corrupt establishment and it is nice to see someone who cares about right and wrong. But her attitude to others needs some adjustment if she is ever going to be successful. Thank you for your courteous and very insightful reply!

Jeremiah

### Judy Bingham

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6:55 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

How about Police Chief Coe who makes around \$232,000 per year plus benefits and still needed to borrow \$25,000 in November! Not to mention his previous loans from the taxpayers-You and I- better known as the "Bank of the City of Beaumont". Personally, I am tired of working hard in an honest business to keep these crooks in the style to which they have become accustomed. I guess Coe and City Attorney Aklufi, the extortionist, missed the \$7000 cash they were given every Monday from the medical marijuana shop on 6th Street by Art Moreno. Where did all that cash go?

What has been allowed to happen in this mafia-modeled town is SCANDALOUS, but the charade continues on. Go to [www.beaumontgate.org](http://www.beaumontgate.org) and sign the CleanupBeaumont.org petition. Isn't it way past time to TAKE OUT THE TRASH!

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### Washy

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7:04 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

The MMJ money for some reason went to border patrol!

### Jeremiah Price

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1:15 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2013

Washy and Judy -

Probably someone needs to check with this Border Protection (not patrol) Agency and see if they ever received any such payment. I really doubt they did - it is a convenient sounding story. First off, fines are ordered by courts - and I know of no court order requiring Oak Tree Collective to pay a fine. If it was a Federal thing then it would have fallen under the DEA and they would have been shut down and not allowed to continue to operate by paying a "fine" to stay in business. Sounds like protection money to me - the same way the mafia operated.

Jeremiah

### Washy

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1:25 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2013

I stand corrected on the name of the agency thanks. Jeremiah the fines were not "court" ordered they are the "standard" fine for any business in the city doing business without a license and operating permits

### Jeremiah Price

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2:10 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2013

Washy - I wasn't trying to correct you, just wanted to get the actual name out there for anyone who has the ability to check if they ever actually received anything. They are called many things (some of them not so nice!)!! You are right about the reason for the fines - that's the same point I was trying to make. No reason in the world for that fine to be diverted to an agency that has nothing to do with Beaumont business. I think we both smell a fairly large decomposing rat here! Oh, and you weren't wrong, either - it did used to be called the Border Patrol! (Until they stopped patrolling and started flying model airplanes and calling it patrolling).

Jeremiah

**Washy**

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4:10 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2013

Jeremiah I did not think you were correcting me. I too want the right name out there for anyone who might be reading and also investigating....

**Libi Uremovic**

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7:42 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

i requested a copy of the 2012 financial report that is prepared by the city's gaap auditors... it's been 9 months since the close of the books and the auditing firm was at the council meeting last month assuring everyone that the books were sound and the only way an auditor would know that the books were sound would be to have completed their audit...

...but the city says there is no 2012 gaap audit available....how can that be...??

the gaap auditors should have received the information over 7 months ago....it was made very clear that \$30,000 is charged for the gaap audit and that a team of auditors work on it....

the gaap audit should be completed by the end of the year....it is the information from the past year that determines the budget for the future year..

the city has presented their 2013-2014 budget, but they do not have the actual costs listed for 2011-2012..

Reply

**Judy Bingham**

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7:56 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

Alan Kapanicas, City manager, and our own "financial genius" also has magic powers to see into the future. His shell game continues into another fiscal year. I can hardly wait to hear him lie once again to City Council about the 14 million surplus and what do they want to spend for their pet projects? Tuesday night should be yet another fairy tale. The gig is up!

**Judy Bingham**

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7:47 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

Libi, Washy says the 100 of thousands in cash went for something called "Border Patrol". Did you run across anything like that in your audit ?

Reply

**Washy**

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9:48 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

Several blogs back (one of the first) it came to light that the MMJ money went to border patrol

**Libi Uremovic**

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10:16 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

i'll look for it when i close the books

**Libi Uremovic**

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7:54 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

'...How about Police Chief Coe who makes around \$232,000 per year plus benefits and still needed to borrow \$25,000 in November!...'

people have wondered if this was 'deferred compensation'...it's not - there's another accounting code within the departments for deferred compensation - 01-2050-3026-0000 -

01 = general fund, 2050 = police budget, 3026 = deferred compensation

the personal loans are 01-0000-0504-0000 ...0504 = coe's personal loan account..

these loans are hidden between sewer fees and franchise fees - parts of the general ledger that normally wouldn't be looked at because they are routine transactions...



but if anyone does look it's right there in black and white ...irrefutable and inexcusable...

Reply

**Washy**

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10:30 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

[http://banning-beaumont.patch.com/blog\\_posts/wow-beaumont-city-hall-loves-the-diners-club](http://banning-beaumont.patch.com/blog_posts/wow-beaumont-city-hall-loves-the-diners-club)

Ken talks about it here Check#076245 (on) 7-6-11 (to) Customs and Border Protection (amt) \$664,000 (for) Oak Tree Alternative.

Reply

**Ken**

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11:48 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

TY Washy ....I did write Customs and Border Protection...and they pretty much said check Accounts Receivable...which is as far as I got...

Reply

**Ken**

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11:59 am on Saturday, March 16, 2013

And next weeks Council meeting calls for another \$12 million in Bonds (refunding a past issue, tho Ive not tracked down the original issue amount)...But ".....any excess proceeds from refunding outstanding Bonds less Admin, UW discounts,etc etc fees..." were to be deposited in the bond pool investment fund. HEY isnt that where they supplement the General Fund from?..BUT they have VERY clearly written language regarding the bookeeping and balances and payments and discounts and all the whys and who dunnits available to.....The City Manager (Trustee)\_ and Financial Adviser.....who fill in the numbers mentioned previous.....BOT NOT AVAILABLE for you or me to inspect.

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**Libi Uremovic**

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4:09 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2013

next year's budget doesn't account for the \$15 million bond payment they will have to make and the city plans to 'find' \$10 million....but they are still ignoring the fact that they're budgeting \$28 million, but they spend \$57 million last year....not likely they will be able to cut their addiction in half....

**Libi Uremovic**

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6:06 am on Sunday, March 17, 2013

'.. This is not illegal, ...'

it is so insanely illegal it's shocking ....it's so illegal it supersedes all of the 'not illegal' grey areas that make fraud and favoritism in contract law difficult to prove...

maybe you don't know the law, but your finance director, city manager, & city attorney are paid to know the law... and they are paid to make wise business choices and effectively utilize the taxpayer dollar...

aside from breaking every contract law on the books - the city is \$284 million in debt ...it's taking out long term debt and floating private sector companies ... and not even the principle is being paid back...

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**Jeremiah Price**

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8:09 am on Sunday, March 17, 2013

(Part 1) Libi, your saying something is illegal when it is not does not make it so. I am tired of you talking people down and acting like you are the only one who knows what time it is. You're talking to a project manager who sets up accounts for contractors, businesses, non-profits, etc.. I've tried to show you where to look but you still keep beating your dead horse and talking down to people and acting like you know things that it is obvious you don't to those who actually do. You might fool the people on this board, but you don't fool me. I've dealt with this corruption stuff in contracts and business relationships for over 30 years, so don't try telling me what is legal and illegal. There is corruption within the contract here, but the contract to do the electrical work for Beaumont and the setting up

of an account for the contractor to purchase from City accounts is legal. Any judge or lawyer will tell you the same. The two parties are allowed to set whatever conditions they want concerning purchase accounts as long as they don't defraud the public. You have not shown that - they have purchased multi-millions of parts and supplies and paid for them (last payment in Jan) and now have an ongoing or outstanding balance. As long as the purchases and payments offset each other and are entered properly in the accounting there is no legal issue here, although the morality of how they became the prime contractor and remain so is very questionable.

**Jeremiah Price**

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Now I'm done with this - you go on and play Ms. know-it-all hero and take your shot at me. You could do so much good if you would just stop all this stupid flinging accusations around that you know nothing about and stick to auditing the books as an accountant would. You've done good work but you know nothing about choosing your battles or keeping quiet until you have a case against them solidly locked up. I think you are more interested in the accolades and glory of being an investigator than you are in actually making a case. I have not seen a single legal action come from all this - and that is because no lawyer or DA or Attorney General is going to touch it with you spilling the beans weekly and daily and compromising their case. I will apologize to you if one is ever filed because of your work. I know you will never apologize for being wrong or not knowing something because so far I have never seen you be wrong - that just doesn't happen in your reality.

Jeremiah

**Washy**

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8:45 am on Sunday, March 17, 2013

I could be wrong but I think what she is saying is illegal is the fact they are buying the parts with the cities money and then recharging them for the same parts again (because they haven't paid their bill) but at a higher rate.

**Libi Uremovic**

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9:23 am on Sunday, March 17, 2013

you've never asked to see the audit reports to examine the data yourself... how is it that you've come to your 'they're innocent' conclusion when you've never looked at the information..???

...if this was legal it wouldn't have been hidden in the books...and every one of them knows that it's illegal or they wouldn't be scrambling and trying to cover their tracks now...

your mentality represents the reason our communities, state, and country are in economic ruins...whether it's on a individual or national level - people have developed the mentality that running up massive debt instead of living within ones' means is acceptable...

in canada there is no walking away from your debts - a canadian can declare bankruptcy & receive financial relief, but they are still obligated to pay all debt they incurred even if it means deducting it from their old age checks....

your city has \$284 million debt with no way to pay...your county has \$16 trillion debt with no way to pay...

you keep saying: 'it's ok'...no, it's not 'ok'...

**Judy Bingham**

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9:38 am on Sunday, March 17, 2013

"You could do so much good if you would just stop all this stupid flinging accusations around that you know nothing about and stick to auditing the books as an accountant would. You've done good work but you know nothing about choosing your battles or keeping quiet until you have a case against them solidly locked up." Jeremiah

Libi, isn't it interesting that women who talk too much and have opinions are constantly told they would do so much better if they would just keep quiet. Some men in this town just seem intent on teaching "lessons" to us about when to keep quiet? I am frankly tired of their lessons, all designed to oppress those willing to tell the truth about the reality of Beaumont, California. WE HAVE BEEN TOO QUIET FOR TOO LONG

Reply

**Judy Bingham**

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10:16 am on Sunday, March 17, 2013

One thing I learned a long time ago during a Title IX complaint that I brought against multiple school districts with the Office for Civil Rights, is that all we have on our side is the truth and the law. By the way, I received National recognition from PEER- Project on Equal Educational Rights in Washington DC, for my efforts. I am used to being told how to behave, but some of us follow our own path and feel compelled to clean up Beaumont and beyond in spite of the advice and abuse we have received from men in power and the women who blindly follow their lead. How provincial Jeremiah and who are you protecting? All your friends?

Reply

**Jeremiah Price**

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12:56 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

Judy, Libi and Washy -

(Part 1) I was going to be done with this and still am, but I wanted to clarify a couple of points. First, to Washy: Several times in posts to this article I have made it clear that I too think there is something wrong with this process - just not where Libi is looking. This isn't about Beaumont Electric being paid - it is about Beaumont Electric PAYING for parts they either bought from the City or charged to the City's accounts. By Libi's own accounting they appear to have been doing this since they became the primary contractor and have kept the bills paid over several years within a fairly normal 60 - 120 credit extension. I have no problem with that - as I have explained, that is normal business. What I see is that we have no guarantee that the city isn't inflating the invoices to Beaumont Electric and overpaying them - and then Beaumont Electric pays the money back to the City, whereupon it disappears into certain people's pockets. Judy - why do you bring up that tired old feminism rant? I wasn't dealing with Libi as a woman or a man. If it had been a male I was conversing with I would have said Mr.Know-it-all. What I said has nothing to do with her femininity and has everything to do with objectiveness and focus. For the record I very much respect her (and you) for what you are doing here and I actually would like to know both of you personally. (See part 2)

Reply

**Libi Uremovic**

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3:40 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

'... just not where Libi is looking....'

unless you are prosecution you have no idea what i'm looking at because you've never asked to see the information...

aside from everything that makes it illegal - for the city to legally pay for the supplies they would have to offer the same consideration to all contractors - so the offer would be in the bid advertisement...

AND

...the account would be with other business activities for the project, not hidden ...

aside from the whole scam company issue - the beau elect debt shows that the city has not offered fair contracts for their projects and yes it's a big legal no no in this state...

'...Judy - why do you bring up that tired old feminism rant?...'

because it seems to be women doing all the work and men sitting on their 'it's ok to steal' sidelines doing all the criticizing...and it's getting old...

you've sat for years watching a few people in this town struggle to control the corruption ...that's why no one is impressed with your 'expert opinion' on how everything should be done...

**Nancy Hall**

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11:19 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

Jeremiah,you said "What I see is that we have no guarantee that the city isn't inflating the invoices to Beaumont Electric and overpaying them" . Actually in some of the invoices we collected during a public records request or Beaumont Electric, we found several double payments. It was not a case of the city billing BE but instead a case of BE billing the city. Jim Love also charged the city to drive around at night and discover which lights might be out in the city. He billed the city \$2500 for that service. We also discovered "task order".

these are pretty interesting where the city gives work to preferred contractors on a task order that should have gone to bid

**Jeremiah Price**

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6:40 am on Monday, March 18, 2013

Nancy - don't get me wrong, I don't believe for a minute that Beaumont Electric are good guys. I believe the exact opposite - that they are in bed with the city managers and council people. I think it is a money laundering operation and that all this overpayment is returned to the city (and whoever is behind this operation) through the payments for purchases of parts and supplies. My only disagreement with Libi before she started in on me was that she doesn't understand common practice in project and maintenance contracts and was making herself look bad calling something illegal which really isn't. Sure, they got that contract "with a little help from their friends" but it isn't illegal - it happens all the time from Hesperia to Timbuktu. What concerns me is the leeway that such contracts leave for graft and corruption and embezzlement - and in a city like this you can bet that is being fully taken advantage of. A far greater illegality of which she appeared to be unaware. Before all this blew up that is all I was trying to do - lay out a mechanism I have seen before where specific contracting companies are put in business and kept in business simply to wash money. She has the ability to check that out - I don't.

Jeremiah

**Washy**

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6:50 am on Monday, March 18, 2013

I do agree with Jeremiah in the fact the word "illegal" is thrown around often without quote of law or statute that is violated. I do believe that within the sloppy bookkeeping/coding, within the unfair bidding practices there are illegal activities going on but I don't think all things unethical are illegal. I do think Libi has uncovered enough to show somewhere there is money being taken. But I don't think all the who's taking what has been uncovered and I don't know that it can be at this level.

**Jeremiah Price**

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1:11 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

(Part 2) It is the way it is being done that po's me because it takes the value of what she is doing and diminishes it to where it can't be used in court to take them down, which is supposed to be the primary purpose of all this. No DA, AG or lawyer will touch it because number one she makes herself appear vindictive and obsessed rather than objective and rational. Been there, done that - Libi is almost a carbon copy of how I used to be before I grew up and learned that there is a time to reveal things and preparation is what wins in court. Stirring things up and trying them in the media and in the court of public opinion serves no purpose and lessens the useability of all her good work. And if you think we are dealing with Justice and Truth in the courts you are sadly mistaken. We are dealing with greed and corruption - and those both use the law and the courts to serve their purpose. Legal and illegal are what the judge says they are - and municipalities, counties and large entities are the hands that feed them. For Libi - I apologize for getting hot - it's just that every time I try to help and put my opinion on the board to work together with you, you appear to blow it off without consideration and talk down to me like I need to be educated in fields that I was working in probably before you were born. That is a complete lack of the same respect you demand for yourself. That doesn't excuse me for doing the same to you and I apologize.

Jeremiah

Reply

**Libi Uremovic**

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3:45 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

'...It is the way it is being done that po's me ...'

then why don't you do it yourself instead of standing around watching everyone else work...?

we're not 'working together'...judy's paying for most of the audit and i'm doing most of the physical work...i've not received any money from you to pay for the audit ...

judy - have you received any money from jeremy price to pay for the audit that 'we' are working on 'together'...apparently he's under the impression that he's paying for half of it himself...

**Jeremiah Price**

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4:46 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

This is the kind of stuff I am talking about - you make my point. FYI - I am not a resident of Beaumont. I am a businessman who chose to locate elsewhere because of the corruption and graft. I owe you nothing - my life was just fine before I met you and it will be after you as well. You can have your fame as the hero - maybe it will boost your self-worth a bit. I guess you feel everyone owes you for what you have chosen to do - how pathetic is that? I already have my lawsuit between my business and the City - I don't need to jeopardize it by being associated in an amateur attempt which so far has gone nowhere and isn't likely to. By the way - how much are you charging for admission into your world? How much does it cost to belong and to comment and to work towards the same end? I'm curious!

Jeremiah

**margaret bragg**

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5:50 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

Jeremiah, I understand the point you have been trying to make throughout, "play your cards close to your chest". Got it. Beaumont has been playing the keep it quiet game for years, they buy off some, threaten others, and try to use the police force and the courts to intimidate. They hide behind Christianity to prove they are 'good'. I have been watching this mess for years and years and it never changes. At last, with Libi doing this audit, the citizens are now paying attention. There is quick 'mending of ways' happening at City Hall. You may be quite right that Libi is sharing too much info in advance to prosecute the case, but neither local, state, nor Federal Governments have been doing their jobs all these years anyway. As far as I am concerned, the more Judy and Libi scream, the more embarrassing the next election cycle will be, and I don't care if it goes all the way to Washington. The message from the citizens of Beaumont should be clear, "If you protect these bums, you are a bum yourself". What happened in Bell is minor to what is happening in Beaumont, and yet that made National news. If courts and government agencies don't move on their own, all the citizenry can do is embarrass them into it. The whole thing may end with little or no prosecution, but the reign must end, and it has to end on a National level, too. Only informed citizens can accomplish that, you can't maintain that Libi isn't helping people to become informed.

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**Time4change**

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6:29 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

Well said Margaret. I think you covered it all and very well, but then again, this is not news to anyone here, including the "wise"... Looking at <http://cleanupbeaumont.org> it reads: "Thank you to everyone who has participated by submitting the petition! To date, we have mailed hundreds of petitions to the District Attorney and other enforcement agencies. We will continue to mail them as they arrive." I'm glad to see that residents are taking part, something that was never done, thus the current level of corruption. I'm sure that these agencies getting copies will need to make a statement as to what are willing to do about it. Else we can always ask for one.

**Jeremiah Price**

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9:06 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

Margaret - you make a good point and how you describe that they work with the police and courts to intimidate is exactly right and is the basis of my action. I know ahead of time I have no chance to win in the courts here but I am trying to force a venue change which will place them a little more in jeopardy and might force a settlement. You are right - this can be fought in the courts or through the voters. I just don't have much faith in voters - most of them are so busy on Facebook and Twitter that they pay no attention. It isn't doing Libi any good to be so antagonistic to those like myself who attempt to become involved - it isn't just me, she jumps down the throat of anyone who tries to correct her or give her information which might be helpful to us all. Thank you for your courteous reply and sensible talk!

Jeremiah

**Nancy Gall**

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9:08 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2013

Don't forget the use and abuse by code enforcement to keep the outspoken local business people in line. How else could the city give out favors to the crooked ones? This is common practice for Beaumont and has produced some real horror stories-buildings plowed down,small churches harassed, business people with ruined health due to the harrassment... Don't give the current council folks any leeway on this. If I heard these stories, so did they.

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**Libi Uremovic**

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3:23 pm on Monday, March 18, 2013

go back and read the blogs - all i did was try to explain the data ...you drew your 'it's ok that we scam money like this' conclusion without ever reviewing the data or knowing anything about accounting procedures....

...then you started your attack on me ...

go back and read the blogs ...read what's been said about me and judy ... i've never seen you step up to the plate once in our defense....i've never seen you complain when we are being attacked ...

....and you haven't signed the petition ...

you've spent the last 30 years of your life finding ways to pillaging the taxpayer dollar?

i suggest you get off the blogs and go learn to flip burgers because your 'industry' is coming to a close...

if the big girls are too mean for you then you need to remain in your momma's apron folds and stop expecting us hold your hand...

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**margaret bragg**

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3:11 pm on Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Jeremiah, truth is...I don't have a heck of a lot of faith in the voters either, and little or none in courts and law enforcement. It's just that with the way things are going, both in beaumont and the country, the taxpayers really need to wake up or lose everything, and maybe people like Libi can provide the jolt needed. It is one thing to hear the word "corrupt", it is another to see with your own eyes that a little tiny town like beaumont has managed to filch a quarter of a billion with absolutely nothing to show for it, and nobody noticed. Multiply that by America, and you quickly realize Libi should become a franchise!

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**Jeremiah Price**

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3:47 pm on Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Actually if people read my comments I have supported her WORK and commitment from the very beginning. It is her way of treating people who make honest comments disagreeing with her that gets under my skin. You and I appear to agree on the state of society right now. We are being ripped off in front of our eyes and no one stands up and says stop. When you do you are categorized as a terrorist or meddler and thrown in jail for comments made at City Hall meetings. I better not get started here - Beaumont is not even one of the worst - it is simply more blatant about it and getting away with it. Libi and Judy (and yourself, I believe) are doing something very positive here but I am trying to caution that it's value can be very easily destroyed by accusations which are not on point and are maybe found untrue (at least from a legal angle) at a later date. And vitriol needs to be avoided at any cost - and that is Libi's problem and if unchecked it will ruin all the good she does and make her a laughingstock. I don't want to see that happen, but every time I bring it up she can't handle the advice or even accept that I just might have a point or just might have a history of dealing with Federal and State regulatory agencies. I'm going to have to shut up, though, cause defending myself against her just brings it out and comes closer to ruining the good she is doing.

Jeremiah

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