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Libi Uremovic

Audit XVI - Beaumont Police Department

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Budgets are broken into specific departments to track the revenue and expenses. Each department has its own budget. All of the department expenses should be in their budget and no other department transactions should be listed in another department. The Beaumont City Police Department Budget shows massive amounts of irregular transactions.

The Beaumont Police Department has the largest budget in the city. The 2012-13 budget lists projected expenses FYE 2012 at \$9,975,000 total: \$8,500,000 for personnel, \$1,300,000 Maintenance & Operations, and \$175,000 for Contract Services. For the last two years there has been no budget allocation for Vehicles & Equipment.

The General Ledger recorded a total of \$9,033,414.30 expenditures for the Beaumont Police Department broken down into the following accounts:

- Salaries \$4,807,891.63
- Overtime \$275,885.60
- OT Credit \$125,499.66
- Sick Leave \$197,884.70
- Holiday Pay \$268,847.45
- Vacation \$425,122.30
- Comp Time \$168,183.34
- Cigna \$545,736.87
- Kaiser \$180,232.51
- Dental \$77,697.91
- Disability \$18,265.34
- P.E.R.S. \$210,240.79
- Unemployment \$11,746.17
- Deferred Comp \$166,176.87
- Vision \$8,029.59
- Life Insurance \$4,885.92
- Work Comp Non Tax Earng \$39,036.39
- Medicare \$90,368.49
- FICA \$744.00
- So Cal Edison \$48,867.69
- Bea Ch Valley Water Auth \$10,836.84
- Gas Company \$1,300.97

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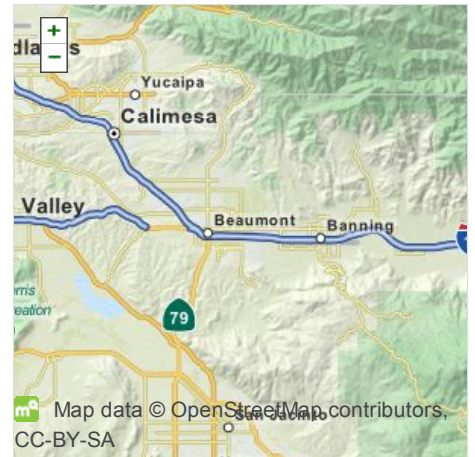
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Wages & Benefits:

Wages and Benefits total \$7.5 Million, but that is not accurate. As I've stated in previous audits - the city is attaching additional expenses to payroll. Cigna is \$545,736.87, but the funds are diverted to pay for other expenses. Health & Fitness totals \$33,500 but \$20,500 is a plugged number and of the remaining \$12,900 fitness expenses \$1,326.20 is for employees in other departments and \$1,675 is for people that are not on the city employee rooster in any department.

The City lists Police Education expenses at \$33,766; but \$14,000 is plugged numbers and \$2,100 is people from other departments or not on the City employee rooster.

Building Supply & Maintenance:

These expenses are comprised of monthly maintenance costs: \$1,531.20/month for janitorial services, \$130/month for the alarm system, and \$58.25/month for Cintas. There is another category for uniforms, so I assume this is for the rugs.

Maintenance expenses run a couple thousand per month until the 1st of the year. January expenses total \$5,900; February was \$9,900; and March was \$12,500. these additional expenses include electrical, plumbing, and \$1,600 for locks.

The General Ledger also records a total of \$7,130.25 to 'Kreative Kube Office Furniture. The General Ledger shows two entries for \$2,842.50 on 02/10/12, but the Check Warrant Register only shows one check issued for \$2,842.50. On 02/24/12 the General Ledger shows a \$1,445.25 entry, but the Check Warrant lists the check at \$1,360.00.

There are many coding errors in the police department. The City has another account labeled 'Building Maintenance', but has items such as 'Sun Badge Co.' - which is part of the uniforms, not the building. The 'Sun Badge Co.' is also found in other accounts.

The City lists tow fees totaling \$3,600, but these fees are the private citizen being towed by the police, not expenses for the police department itself.

Diners' Club transactions total \$30,318.43 - \$8,295.95 listed under 'Contract Services'. Even simple transactions like 'car wash expenses' are found in multiple locations.

Also note that this audit only includes expenses listed under the Police Department – account '01-4050' and does not include their personal loans which is listed under '01-0000'.

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I have still not received the 2012 GAAP Audit to see exactly what was charge to the Police Department, but the City's projection of \$9,975,000 is incorrect.

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Ken

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4:59 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2013

Is a "plugged" amount inserted to even out possible discrepancies?

Reply



Libi Uremovic

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5:58 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2013

no, i mean plugged as in the transaction was entered without any actual expense or valid reason....

for example - health & fitness reimbursements at listed as follows:

01/27/12 - 179.94 to grant zemel - he turned in his receipt and was reimbursed for his health club dues...

but on 05/04/12 the city plugged a \$20,532.02 transaction to the police dept's health & fitness expense expenses - which makes their yearly expense jump from \$12,900 to \$33,500

workers' comp accounting code is 01-2050-3029-0000, but on 07/26/12 the city plugged in another accounting code - 01-2050-3022-0000 - labeled it 'worker's come' and attached \$313,895.00 to the police and a total of \$515,000.00 to payroll in various departments ...but the money was transferred to the bank that holds the bond debt ...

we hear the mantra every day about calpers and high health care and retirements packages, but it's not true ...and what adds insult to injury in beaumont is that the city is also giving government health care to private citizens which further escalates the bills...

i've requested the health care and diners' club bills, but i haven't received them yet....

Jackie

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5:16 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2013

Anyone go ask Castaldo questions last night? Like, where is the free food, hehe.

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Libi Uremovic

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6:11 am on Friday, April 5, 2013

did anyone go to the 'meet and greet' with the councilmen..?

Judy Bingham

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5:26 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2013

So what part of Mr. Kapanicas ' budget can we believe is truthful with screwed up accounting like this? Or is that part of the "smoke and mirrors" ? I would think that the fact that they have hidden payments from the public for years should be enough to land them all in jail. But as Mayor Roger Berg exclaimed when citizens asked Council to get rid of Urban Logic Consultants,"We have to keep these men!"

Looks like the Police Department is the new black hole !

Reply

Tom Thum

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12:39 am on Monday, April 8, 2013

The police department is way over funded for little in return to the citizens. I have lived in

numerous towns across the country and have never seen such a lazy police department as i have here in Beaumont. The City itself is a joke, its the good ole boy system in every area. The BUSD is a joke as well. I could list all the problems in this so called city but it would take me days to do it. The fact is the local government is run by individuals who have no clue or just want a title and don;t care. There is alot thlat can be changed but never will be. Just as there are individuals in the city government that don;t care there are several several citizens who don;t care.

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Washy

4:10 am on Monday, April 8, 2013

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I totally agree. Friday on Oak Valley Parkway one of our motorcycle finest was "exceeding expectations" by sitting in the driveway of 109 Oak Valley Parkway on his motor cycle texting. I was doing 50 up the hill and was passed by two cars (mind you I was 5MPH over already) he never moved. So I turned around and parked at the top of the hill, he sat there texting for over an hour. Never once pulling anyone over or even being a deterrent to speeding. I watched a cop (not sure if it was the same one) do the same thing in Noble Creek lower parking entrance just sitting on bike, texting, talking on phone and whatnot for more then 45mins while I was at the dog park one day a few weeks ago. About seven months ago one of Beaumonts finest in a cruiser hit my fence while driving and texting in our mobile home park. Reported it to Commander Beard only to never hear a word from them again. I guess them pulling my fence back up was enough for them. But my fav dumb ass cop move has cost me some vandalism. I witnessed one of my neighbors break into another neighbors home. While they were "investigating" they told the little punk who turned him in. That night I two tires and there were scratches all over my car I keep my expectations of the cops in this town very low so they can exceed them!



Libi Uremovic

5:02 am on Monday, April 8, 2013

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washy, i blame lack of leadership for poor job performance of the line workers....supervisors have to lead by example...

there's a lot of bills for 'vw repair'...does the police department have a vw....??

in the past it would be unheard of for an american government agency to purchase a foreign vehicle, but times change...

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Washy

6:46 am on Monday, April 8, 2013

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Libi is it for VW repair or for repairs at Dicks VW? Dicks is one of the best mechanics in the area.....He used to just do VWs but does work on all cars



Libi Uremovic

6:54 am on Monday, April 8, 2013

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yes, it is dick's vw repair...

the police dept spends \$4,000/month on 's.a mobile car wash'....is that the best car was in town, because it's obviously not the cheapest....



Washy

3:52 pm on Monday, April 8, 2013

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It is not a car wash and inmates (or work release people) are supposed to be detailing the cars! It is strictly a mechanic (as far as I know)



Ken

5:40 am on Monday, April 8, 2013

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Hey Washy...I got a ticket on my bike, from motorcycle cop, for "riding opposite traffic on shoulder or abbuttment". Which happened to be the sidewalk between the off ramp and on ramp going South on Beaumont Ave. Was going to Dennys.

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Washy

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6:42 am on Monday, April 8, 2013

Ken my son got a ticket for riding his skateboard in the street (going with traffic) on a section of OVP where there is no sidewalk. The judge threw it out. Well at least we are safe from you Ken and your backwards riding LOL.....Did you fight it.....there is no way for you to safely cross from the West side of that freeway to get to Denny's no crosswalk there....The only crosswalk(s) to get from West side to east are up by 5th and down by 1st.....

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