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Libi Uremovic

## City of Beaumont Audit - General Fund Bank Statements

Posted on December 20, 2012 at 9:44 am



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I requested from the City of Beaumont all of their Bank Accounts from 07/01/2010 to Present. I received only one – the General Fund Bank Statement. From these documents I found the following irregularities:

### ONE BANK ACCOUNT – TWO CHECK BOOKS:

The City of Beaumont has two (2) checking accounts running through their General Fund Check Register, but only Ratifying one set of checks through Council. The checks Ratified by Council and shown with the Agenda are a five digit range: '81143'. But the General Fund Bank Statement shows that another set of checks with a six digit range: '521143' are also run through the General Fund.

For the Year End 2011 the hidden checks totaled \$320,180.57; FYE 2012 they totaled \$432,697.80. From 07/01/12 – 10/31/12 \$156,617.50 has been issued from the 2<sup>nd</sup> checking account.

There are at least two dozen checks issued monthly from the 2<sup>nd</sup> account. Most of the checks amounts are repeated. Several of the amounts are for '\$21.31' – which looks like a life insurance premium. Other repeated check amounts range from '\$690.00' to '\$1,902.93'. Other checks are issued randomly from small dollar amounts to several thousands. The largest check was # 511288 paid on 07/09/12 for \$23,467.41.

### CBUSOL TRANSFERS AND CASH DEPOSITS

The City of Beaumont has stated that there are only two (2) checking accounts: the General Fund and the Payroll Account. But the General Fund Check Register shows transfers of money with the detail notation: 'WIRE TO CITY OF BEAUMONT'.

On 08/27/10 a transfer of \$7,945,683.25 was made. This dropped the balance of the General Fund from \$11.5 million to \$3.5 million. On 12/22/10 the General Fund drops below \$600,000, and a \$1,000,000 cash deposit is made.

On 01/19/11 the General Fund went in the red when 'Los Angeles Engineering' cashed a check for \$556,795.00. The Bank Account closed <\$ 164,000.00>.

01/20/11 a \$2 Million deposit was made.

I found a total of 17 wire transfers shifting large sums of money in and out of the General Fund. The most recent was 08/28/12 when \$8,357.859.22 was wired through a SBUSOL Transfer to 'The City of Beaumont'.

### VISA CARD ENDING 3423

There is an VISA card being paid through 'ACH DEBIT' instead of issuing a check to pay this expense. FYE 2011 charges total \$397,042.98. FYE 2012 total \$253,397.44. From July through October charges are \$113,548.31.

### CASH WITHDRAWALS

In the last two years there have been 25 entries totaling \$20,274.59 listed only as 'WITHDRAWAL'. The withdrawals started small; in the year 2011 there were a dozen withdrawals totaling \$2,358.22. From January through October 2012 there have been 12 withdrawals for amounts ranging \$780.00 to \$2,000 and totaling \$17,881.00. No one should have authorization to make cash withdrawals from

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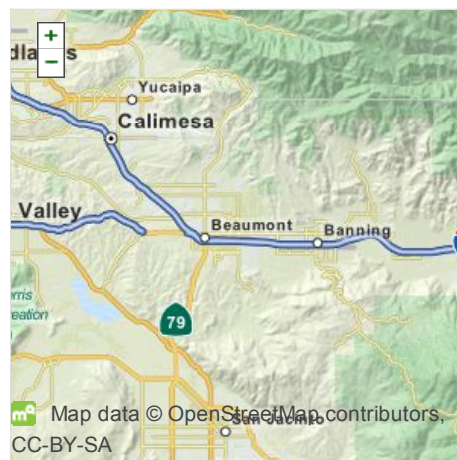
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if anyone would like to see the spreadsheets of the data email :

<http://libionline.net/contact.html>

i tried to email the councilmen, but the city only lists a dump email account

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**Anthony**

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What's this all mean? Is this just someone not knowing how to do their jobs, or is there really no records of where our money went?

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**Libi Uremovic**

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the money trail is there and it could be that every transaction is legitimate...

...except the double check books hitting the general fund account...nothing legitimate or human error about that...

the mayor was looking for federal violations of the law - he can start right there....lots of state and federal banking laws apply....



**Karl**

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3:35 pm on Thursday, December 20, 2012

Lady you is dum: I have looked at your information and you don't know what you are talking about. You need a life. You should go back to selling T-Shirts on the beach as what say makes no cents. Haw Haw Haw. Murry Christmas.

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David, David, David. don't you have a bulb that needs replacing about now?

**Karl's designated driver**

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9:33 pm on Friday, December 21, 2012

Karl "DC", you is sad, so sad. Haw haw haw, doesn't youse buddy brian need another "like" from youse on facebook ???, let these peoples alone. they just counting. someone gots too- you keepa crying, they'll tell you when you can get up, K?



**Ken**

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is that SBUSOL or as I suspect CBUSOL (CitiBusinessOnline)?



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yes, cbusol - thanks buddy



**Ken**

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CitiBank's " new user interactive demo" for CitiBusiness Online...well lets just say it could be a very handy tool, or not.

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6:05 pm on Thursday, December 20, 2012

a 06/29/11 memo states 'CBusOL Re # 091114', but the big money shifts have no memos...does anyone know where this money goes..?

08/28/12 - \$8,357.859.22 wired out of the general fund...

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**Ken**

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what the hell did I do with that \$8 mil?

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**Nancy Gall**

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Sorry about the dump email accounts. I had my real email and cell phone number posted because I wanted citizens to be able to contact me, but the rest of the council didn't do this.

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**Debbie C.**

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2:44 pm on Friday, December 21, 2012

I believe I know why SoCal Edison sent checks to the City. One of their programs is too help Cities to reduce their electric "footprint" by sending out staff to check out buildings to see if they can be updated with more energy efficient heating/cooling, lights systems, etc. They will go over the monthly electric expenses, suggest new equipment, give all information on rebates and incentives, and almost do everything for you. All you need is just one part time clerk to pass along this information to those who make those decisions. Those checks are probably rebates.

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**Claire Frémont**

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6:10 pm on Friday, December 21, 2012

This is either the worst accounting I have ever seen, or a deliberate attempt to muddle the accounts. Either way, someone needs firing or prosecuting.

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