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Mayor: Council woman Rogers

Ms. Rogers: Yes, I have something. In my continued research of city attorney costs, I've identified some serious concerns. Major .. excuse me. Mayor LiVecchi has stated that he has directed all of our city attorney's work assignments to date. The mayor alone approves all invoice payments and directs the finance departments to cut the checks. He has also stated that he does not read the detailed summary components of the invoices. I find it very difficult to understand how he can assure himself that the attorney is doing what he has directed, carefully using his time on the clock without reading the summary or summary statements. ...

[Melodee Hallett walks out.]

Mayor: I guess my question to you is ..

Ms. Rogers: .. I need to finish. ...

Mayor: I had, we had an uh ... we had an attorney ... a previous attorney that we didn't question anything with him at all. We had ..

Ms. Rogers: .. Let me finish. .. Let me ...

Mayor: ... we had zero .. zero summary. And now you're questioning the fact that I talked to Mr. Kahn twice a day, if not three times a day, in meetings with him all the time ..

Ms. Rogers: .. Let me finish. Let me finish ..

Mayor: .. So, uh ...

Ms. Rogers: .. let me finish ..

Mayor: How much longer do you have?

Ms. Rogers: I have .. I have something to say, and I have a right to say it.

Mayor: Can I have a copy of that?

Ms. Rogers: Let .. let me finish what I have to say.

Mayor: Well, if you're going to be accusing me of something, I would like ..

Ms. Rogers: I'm not accusing you. I'm stating what ...

Mr. Bowers: Mr. Mayor. Point of order.

Mayor: Continue.

Ms. Rogers: You gave me the August accounts receivable report on September 25th, 20 days after that document was sent electronically to the city. There were 24 matters listed. I found only three detailed summaries included in the attorney invoice master files on your laptop computer. I asked you about the 21 missing summaries, and you said you would check with Mr. Kahn. Mayor, you have approved payments of these documents and the checks have been cut and sent. I'm especially troubled that the August payment was approved without a complete invoice in the City of Salida's possession. I did read the three detailed summaries that were sent, and was particularly interested in one that was titled .. it's matter number 272 titled Elected Official Public Statements. According to the number twenty .. thirty .. 272 detailed summary, Mr. Kahn focused on the public statements of two elected officials, Councilmember Dr. Cheryl Brown-Kovacic and me, Eileen Rogers. For six months of 2017, February through July, our municipal attorney evaluated and critiqued printed information in The Mountain Mail and in the .. on the internet, as well as any statements we made during ...

Mayor: How much longer do you have, Ma'am?

Ms. Rogers: .. He appeared to be searching for anything that would be construed as misleading or untrue in order to ...

Mayor: [Bangs gavel] Okay, let's go to next .. let's go to the next member. Uh, You've had an opportunity .. You've had .. time and time again to meet with the attorney and you refused to do it

Ms. Rogers: Oh, ..you have only asked me once ..

Mayor: That is incorrect. Okay. All right, let's .. uh .. let's go to .. uh .. um .. I don't have anything else .. reports .. uh .. new business.

Mr. Brown: I.. uh .. Mr. Mayor, have a couple of items ...

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