

tapped for \$575,000 the first year, escalating to \$612,650 the fourth year. The picture gets dimmer as the percentage of service calls goes down. At 30%, the general fund would subsidize the misguided venture with \$472, 257 and escalate each year. Enough to open Fire station seven.

Stumbling blocks.

Throwing a monkey wrench into the mix is a company called Priority One. It also wants to operate an ambulance service in Roseville. It and Roseville would have to apply to the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency for approval to operate in the Placer County area. Even if both are approved, the agency would decide which of the three services would respond to calls -- capturing 50 percent of the calls becomes a costly pipe dream.

TAKING ISSUE WITH MAYOR'S TREATMENT OF CITY VISITORS*

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No debate.

Once again, on July 9 Mayor Rocky Rockholm displayed heavyhanded, rude treatment of citizens at a city council meeting. Several people sitting in the audience were stunned by his demeanor, actions and comments. Sitting on the city council is certainly not a job for someone to take on if they do not have the ability to treat people with equal treatment. When Mayor Rockholm flat out said: "We are not going to have a debate like we did at the last meeting", and basically told speakers to ask their questions and (to) sit down, he showed his true colors.

Change needed.

He does not want discussion or comments between the public, the council or staff. Public participation is obviously an irritation to him -- or maybe he is just unable to be civil to people he dislikes personally or simply because he doesn't like what they have to say. Either way, he needs to change how he conducts the city council meetings or he may end up answering to the violations of an individual's First Amendment rights.

The saying, "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely" is so true.

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ROSEVILLE COVERING UP COUNCIL AND STAFF UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

Records hard to get.

In her continuing investigation and review of public documents, Theresa McInnes as an independent concerned taxpayer, has sought complete verifiable records of expenditures by past and current councilmembers and staff. It has not been an easy task even though information such as she has requested should be readily available for public scrutiny. Instead of days as required by state law, it has taken months. Ms McInnes submitted a request in April and did not receive those documents until July. A lot of the information requested was not provided or was incomplete and in some cases, other city departments keep their own records instead of providing them to the finance department to justify expenditures.

Documents blacked out.

After Ms McInnes' lastest request, she was informed, per City Attorney Mark Doane, all documents provided her would have everything blacked out that she did not specifically request. What are they afraid of? What information on PUBLIC DOCUMENTS would warrant hiding information other than credit card numbers? Is it possible the city leadership looked so bad in the April-May FOREfront that those who have yet to be exposed as to extravagances, including Mr Doane, want to make sure future information is hidden from public scrutiny to avoid embarrassing disclosures?

City pays for social events.

Apparently, the rules have been tightened as some people have paid the city for illegal expenditures. There still needs to be a discussion at the city council and action taken to tighten the loose rules regarding travel, meals, retreats, and social events/ functions. Taxpayers should not be required to pay for breakfast, lunch or dinner for council members, staff, or their spouses simply because they say they are discussing city business. Nor should taxpayers pay for social events councilmembers or city staff (along with spouses) they are invited to attend. Nowhere does it say attendance at social and club events are part of a councilmember's duties.

"You need money to make money, but not mine." The Wizard