

Edit Referral

H-24-107 Referral Information

Hotline ID: H-24-107

Date of Submission: 3/7/2024

Entity Type: Local

Entity Category Type: City/Town

Entity: Lind, Town of

Sub Entity Name:

Category: Payroll/Personnel

1-2 sentence description of concern: Stop the mayor from ignoring council. Council removed a position and Mayor Paula Bell continues to have the employee come to work.

Report Issued: No

Reporting Type: Hotline Letter

Report Number:

Investigation Contracted: No

Contract Number:

Contract Name:

Billing Time Code:

Costs:

Public Records Request: No

Flag For Annual Report: No

Substantiated: No

ARRA: No

Action: Closed

Hotline Contact:

cc:

Referral Date:

Action Taken: No

Response Date:

Report Date:

Follow Up Date:

Date Closed: 3/12/2024

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Hotline ID: H-24-107 Date of Submission: 3/7/2024

Submission Method: Web

Submission Type: Citizen Staff:

Author(Last, First): Snead , Denise

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Home Phone: 5092304832

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email: dsnead73@hotmail.com

Can Contact: Yes

Contact Preference: Mobile Phone

Anonymous: No

Waived Confidentiality: Yes

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What state or local organization is involved?

Please identify the specific concerns you are hoping the audit will address.

Stop the mayor from ignoring council. Council removed a position and Mayor Paula Bell continues to have the employee come to work.

Please provide a detailed description of the assertion or outstanding achievement, including who, when, where, what, how and how much.

On Feb 27, 2024 council voted to remove the position of code enforcer to save money. Bell refuses to allow the council to speak with the Town Attorney, Bell has continued to have Henry Thomes work on feb 28, Feb 29, March 4,5,6,7, This is theft of town funds

How did this issue come to your attention?

The residents and council have all seen him and one council member verified it at town hall on 3/7.

**What employee(s), contractors, etc., were involved in the assertion or achievement?
Please include employee titles if possible.**

Ex code enforcer, Henry Thomes

Please provide the names of any witnesses to the assertion or achievement, if possible.

Robert "London" Dew, Jim Weideman both councilmembers

Please provide any additional details or comments that would help us understand your assertion or achievement.

Paula Bell refuses to allow Council to speak to the town attorney

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Activity

Log

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Entry Date ▼	Log Entry
03/12/2024	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'. Action changed from (not set) to Closed.
03/11/2024	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
03/11/2024	Per Tina, this is outside our authority --gillisj
03/08/2024	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
03/08/2024	Sent to Tina for further review --gillisj

From: [WA State Auditor Hotline](#)
To: ["dsnead73@hotmail.com"](mailto:dsnead73@hotmail.com)
Subject: Washington State Auditor's Office
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:56:00 AM

Dear Mr.
Snead,

Thank you for contacting the State Auditor's Office Citizen Hotline regarding the Town of Lind. We take our job of holding government accountable for the use of public resources seriously, and we have carefully considered the information you shared in your hotline submission.

We have determined this issue is outside our audit authority as defined by RCW 43.09. Therefore, we consider this matter closed. We recommend you take these concerns to the City Council.

Sincerely,
Hotline Management

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