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H-20-337 Referral Information**Hotline ID:** H-20-337**Date of Submission:** 11/24/2020**Entity Type:** Local**Entity Category Type:** City/Town**Entity:** Tenino, City of**Sub Entity Name:****Category:** Accounting/Financial Reporting
Budget Compliance
Capital Projects/Construction
Debt/Covenants
Fraud
Interfund Transactions/Balances
Open Public Meetings and Records**1-2 sentence description of concern:** This started 4/14/20 with the City clerk treasure an Mayor requesting funding be paid in the amount of 10,000 as a loan to WMCA for a 50th anniversary but this "loan" ballooned to 270,400.00 odd dollars? Also monies moved from restricted funds to general budget about 170,000**Report Issued:** No**Reporting Type:** Hotline Letter**Report Number:****Investigation Contracted:** No**Contract Number:****Contract Name:****Billing Time Code:****Costs:****Public Records Request:** Yes**Flag For Annual Report:** No**Substantiated:** No**ARRA:** No**Action:** Referred to Audit Team - Consider Next Audit**Audit Team:** Olympia**Audit Team Contact:** bristolb@sao.wa.gov**cc:** KATIE Gravatt (gravattk@sao.wa.gov)**Referral Date:** 11/24/2020**Action Taken:** No**Response Date:****Report Date:****Follow Up Date:****Date Closed:** 1/7/2025

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H-20-337 Contact Information

Hotline ID: H-20-337

Date of Submission: 11/24/2020

Submission Method: Web

Submission Type: Citizen

Staff:

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City: Tenino

State: WA **Zip:** 98589

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Can Contact: Yes

Contact Preference: Email

Anonymous: No

Waived Confidentiality: No

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What state or local organization is involved?

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

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

John Millard City clerk treasure an Wayne Fournier brought before council in 4/14/2020 a request to loan City monies to help fund a 50th anniversary to the Washington Muncipile Clerks Association. The council approved an amount of 10,000. During or after 4/14. This should have never occurred? Because I believe municipalities cannot loan money. This loan ballooned to 270,000. Only to discover that late an that it is all a scam an wont be paid back to the city. This years budget shows also that the city is moving funds in the amount 174 000 thousand I believe from the restricted sewer fund to the general budget. Also falsified City minutes mist current being this November 11/15/20? When trying to pass Al volorum tax (hope i said that right) in the amount of 12% it failed due to a lack of motion as seen in the taping. However this is not reflected in the minutes? So the agenda packet state for this 11/24/20 upcoming meeting. Where they are bring this forth to council again in a changed amount now 14%. Even though this failed due to a lack of a motion by City council. The minutes don't reflect what occurred during the meeting an recording.

How did this issue come to your attention?

Rumors started flying around our community to look closely at the budget that there were extreme line items an no explanation. Such as the loan amount of 270,000. As a previous council member who resigned years back. Other previous mayors an council members began chatting with me an asking me to look at the proposed budget to see what they saw as well. The wife of a previous mayor Mike Brown. Shaun Brown straight asked an requested PR and John Millard our Clerk Treasure admitted to her that this was true.

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

John Millard City of Tenino Clerk Treasure an Wayne Fournier City of Tenino Mayor

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

Shaun Brown

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

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Activity
Log
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Entry Date ▼	Log Entry
01/07/2025	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
01/07/2025	Emailed citizen hotline letter with results. See supporting documents tab. Ready to close. --carrelll
01/06/2025	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
11/30/2023	Reached out to citizen to let them know we now expect to conduct this audit in early 2024. --sarah950
02/16/2022	Emailed citizen to let them know our schedule changed and that we now expect to conduct this work by the end of 2022. --carrelll
12/30/2021	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
12/15/2021	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
11/25/2020	Left a voicemail for the citizen to inform them we have received the hotline with regard to their concerns and that an auditor will be giving them a call in late 2021 when the next scheduled audit is began. --justint
11/24/2020	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
11/24/2020	Task assigned to 'bristolb@sao.wa.gov'. Team notification email sent to: bristolb@sao.wa.gov,gravattk@sao.wa.gov
11/24/2020	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'. Action changed from (not set) to Referred to Audit Team - Consider Next Audit.

From: [Carrell, Lisa \(SAO\)](#)
To: ["sirenainter@gmail.com"](mailto:sirenainter@gmail.com)
Subject: Hotline Results - H-20-337
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 10:55:00 AM
Attachments: [Citizen Hotline Letter - H-20-337.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Dear Sirena Painter,

Please see the attached letter in response to your citizen hotline submission. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.



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Her, Hers



**Office of the Washington State Auditor
Pat McCarthy**

January 7, 2025

Sirena Painter
149 Central Ave W
Tenino, WA 98589

Dear Sirena Painter:

Thank you for contacting the State Auditor's Office Citizen Hotline with your concerns regarding the City of Tenino.

We recently examined your concerns as part of our audit of the City and would like to share the results with you.

You were concerned with the City making payments to the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) and moving funds from the restricted fund to general fund.

During our audit of this area, we reviewed the City's internal transfers to determine whether restricted funds were allowed to be transferred and evaluated for additional charges to the WMCA. We determined that the City did not use any restricted funds for payments to WMCA and there were no additional charges to WMCA other than those previously identified and reported on in our prior Fraud Investigation report, issued January 13, 2022.

Thank you for taking the time to submit your concern. If you have any questions, please contact me at (564) 999-0882.

Sincerely,

Lisa Carrell, CPA, Program Manager
Team Olympia

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From: [Carrell, Lisa \(SAO\)](#)
To: sirenainter@gmail.com
Subject: Hotline Submission Follow-Up
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8:35:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Sirena Painter,

Thank you again for your hotline submission regarding the City of Tenino. I wanted to reach out because our schedule has changed. We originally communicated with you that we expected to conduct our audit of the City by the end of 2021. That has changed and we are now scheduled to conduct our audit in late 2022. At that time, we will consider the information you have provided during our audit planning procedures. If you have any additional information you would like to share, please feel free to send it to my email.

Thank you.



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