

## ***City Council Meeting 10/7/09***

Karen Cox @ 39:42 –

In the middle of August during band camp at the high school Mr. Faria's music door was graffitied terribly with the N word written across it. The young kids were caught and told to pay restitution, this was done from young kids that obviously have heard the word around their house very often well come to find out one of these kids is a very close relative to Joe Souza they targeted Mr. Faria with a racial remark possibly aimed at our Mayor. Maybe the police ought to look into these kids being the ones that targeted Mr. Jones' house, does this sound familiar? I believe that Mr. Jones and the Los Banos Enterprise owe Gene Forte and the Badger Flat Gazette an apology now apparently there are real racists in our small town so we have had Mr. Souza's sister come up to the podium and tell us to be nice don't be so mean and Mr. Souza himself call us racist, stupid and selfish. Well Mr. Souza I am here to say I am not a racist and I am not a hypocrite.

Okay next item I personally sent over 2 ½ hours reading every word on the police department report on the 1.7 million dollar embezzlement obviously three of you conveniently missed something so I would like to address it Maryann Jones was hired on 12/16/04 there was a letter in the file signed by MaryAnn regarding Taco Bell with the same problem many deposits not being deposited dealing with cash also there was one years worth of daily control envelopes backed up in her office as for City Hall here's what's interesting the report states that quote "there was almost no cash deposited for one year" now for a city that has a lot of cash coming across the front desk each day almost no cash deposited for almost one year and nobody caught it there was a lot of re-written deposit slips initialed by MaryAnn Jones since 2004, 103 to be exact she alone balanced the bank statements from 12/15/07 to 4/16/09 there was \$771,000.00 cash taken in April 2009 when she was off there was 5 deposits in her drawer that had not been deposited on 7/27/09 they confiscated her work computer but it only had 2 months of records on it, because her previous computer and records were destroyed. She worked 2-3 sometimes 4 hours a day to cover up her embezzlement she said it was a full time job which means to me she wasn't doing her regular job three people interviewed also pointed to another possible person being involved. This person produced a key to the cash deposit the cash cabinet, but the report states it's not known how she got the key Jones did not give the spare key to anyone prior to leaving, all bank accounts only are Bank of America only now full cooperation would have been to tell the police department what bank exactly all 72 accounts of the City is at. Mayor Jones you know for a fact that there are some bank accounts at Wells Fargo don't you? You were there with Melinda Wallon November of 06 putting your name on the signing of those accounts at Wells Fargo but yet the police department knew nothing of Wells

Fargo bank accounts as of the police report why was this withheld from the investigators? Another area of concern is the statement of Al Silva, Senior Building Inspector/Supervisor when people would pay with a check for a permit Mr. Silva would log it onto a paper and turn them into the finance person at City Hall he signed the paper that he gave so many checks to them, the City was supposed to issue individual receipts for those checks Mr. Silva complained to Chet Jentini, Chet would go to the City and get a few receipts but then the files would file back one receipt alone he never received was for \$100,000.00 where is the \$100,000.00 check when the deposits were given to her the bottom copy was used to enter on an excel spreadsheet and the top copy went to Mary Ann was wasn't that Excel spreadsheet ever balanced? But the main thing again is if she were bonded we would have been paid back 100% now all of you ask for the support of Measure A would we need Measure A if we wouldn't have lost 1.7 Million Dollars if City Hall is not made to change it's current proceedings are we going to need Measure B, C, D exactly what has been done differently in the cash deposits since April 2009? Has the Mayor or Council been shown things have changed is the person handling cash today bonded? Does City Hall balance out daily and make daily deposits to the bank that match? Does the City Manager confirm by his initials that instead of his assistant for the deposits because (MIC cut due to being over 5 minutes)

Mayor Jones @ 44:43 –

Thank you so much for your comments. Would anyone else wish to address the public forum?

Gene Forte @ 44:54 –

Hello Gene Forte Birch Court, I wish I could actually give Karen my additional minutes because I think she was about ready to say a lot more things that are on target. But let me try to bring focus back to a couple of things here, I was born and raised in Los Banos uhh Judge Robert Fellasco a very good friend of my father, Joanie Fellasco his daughter I went to school with first grade through high school, Steve Desalvia. My father would be turning over in his grave if he thought that I really went into Judge Fellasco, Fellasco Building Justice Center and disrespected that court and disrespected the officers of that court. I didn't do that and I have the digital proof to prove it that officers' under Naps, Chief Naps direction, Anthony Parker, Merced County deputy Pesinick, the California Highway Patrol People seized this recorder and tried to go ahead and destroy the information on it, then threw it back down on the ground and let my wife pick it up. They tried to destroy evidence, it's called obstruction of justice so that's your city council there. So what I want to say here now though is, is the Judge Daughrity, Frank Daughrity I'll tell you what glad to see he is retiring cause I would have to obligate myself after his treatment of me in his courtroom and inside the Fellasco court building

was so disrespectful that man should not be wearing a robe. And Judge Daughrity you want to try to hold me in contempt sir, let's make sure we have a court reporter this time do you know that there is no court reporters no audio recording of any proceedings taking place inside of the courtroom during those proceedings where we have Judge Daughrity sentencing people to jail time Mr. Vaughn what do you think of that huh?? I talked to some Attorney's and it's outrageous so but here's what happens I was and Glen Richie same way and by the way Judge Daughrity issued a probable cause search warrant for the parents home of Mary Ann Jones while I think a more probable cause search warrant ought to be done on your place and maybe Raff's okay. But I can't say how splotted up the investigation on Mary Ann Jones is because you folks and no one will ever tell us if it leads right back to you Mayor Jones, I'm not saying it does but if it did no one will ever know. But the thing they really have to deal with right now, they have me caught inside of their throats because those three alleged felonies I supposedly did well those are all back down to what misdemeanors. Misdemeanors \$150,000.00 in bail down to misdemeanors so they assigned me a public defender, we go to the public defender's office, Mr. Marion Santos and I and my wife with a video camera in tow and we're allowed to do that, the public defender's locked us out of their offices and then they said they had a conflict in representing me. Daughrity then sent me over to Dominique Fellasco a criminal lawyer here. Dominique Fellasco has a secretary here call and says we have a conflict in defending you. You know what the real conflict is here the evidence inside of my case is going to break the back of every single public official in Merced County and I'm glad that Supervisor Jerry O' Bannion is here cause I do respect Jerry O'Bannion, I do Jerry in fact you wore my number tonight that's a omen for you huh? And he's going to have to be gone too and he going to have to be brought to the attention the conduct of Larry Morse and a whole bunch of public officials about what they have done to me. With what Karen Cox said yeah you guys do owe me an apology and I see Mr. Pride what a bunch of cra... bull that is... he walks out of the room that's a member of the press that's reporting? Why isn't he reporting upon my follow-up to my arrest, I'm supposed to be a criminal not so... well folks my times up I gotta get back to the Sportsman's lodge with Marion Santos I gotta serve some food there thank God I don't have to sit around here and listen to your blah blah blah blah.... Thank you gentlemen.

Mayor Jones @ 49:04 –

Thank you very much for your comment.