

Fact Check #7

City increases property tax

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Straight Talk!

Following is a quote from Nexsen's new [Straight Talk](#) brochure, "*City property taxes were lowered by \$1 million in the middle of the Great Recession.*" Meaning of course that Nexsen and his council cut taxes. Folks...I put Nexsen's [Straight Talk](#) brochure on my website to help you do your own fact-checks.

Research the facts:

I did some research to see just what all this tax-cut braggadocio was about. Let's start with a news article on a recent city council meeting... [Council](#), By Greg Moberly, Today's News-Herald, Wednesday, July 10, 2013. "*In other business, council members approved **increasing** the property tax levy from \$0.7332 per \$100 of assessed value to \$0.7381 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. That tallies out to about \$4.2 million levy for fiscal year 2013-2014.*" Here's the link to those [council meeting minutes](#) for your enjoyment.

In a nutshell, as your property values went down your property taxes should also have gone down. But, Nexsen and his city council cronies needed the tax revenues for their "*special*" projects. So, they raised the rate!

What kind of "special" projects did they need the extra tax revenue for?

How about a \$1/4 million no-bid contract to clean beach dirt at Rotary Park? What about the new city parking lot on Mesquite? What about the two new parking lots, entry, signage, and skate facility at Rotary Park? And other recent high-profile city expenditures such as tax incentives offered to the Olive Garden?

Why? Well...Nexsen is running for re-election for a 3rd term as mayor with backing from some wealthy elites. Three council members are also up for re-election in 2014. Don Callahan is helping with Nexsen's Swap Meet booth. (Don wants to be mayor after Nexsen is done with us.) Hmm...they wouldn't get "*political*" with this stuff...would they?

Conclusion:

What comes to mind as we think about this mess? How about... *God giveth and Satan taketh! Praise God.* Job 1:21. Or, this might also fit; *In politics, stupidity is not a handicap.* Napoleon Bonaparte

On a serious note, in any community with an entrenched political [oligarchy](#) based on [patronage](#), you get a corrupted government where power rests with a small clique of the friends and relatives of the leader. Such structures are always detrimental to progress, prosperity, and good government.

This email was sent to about 2,874 people. The entire set is on my website; www.BillUllery.com.

All of the articles will also be published in the Today's News Herald and the White Sheet starting in January.

To get a bit technical, the mass media (such as [Manager Review, Inc.](#) and the [HAVASU 6000, Inc.](#)) use diversified [media technologies](#) that are intended to reach a large audience by [mass communication](#) and include

the [Internet](#) as [online newspapers](#), news [blogs](#), etc. We have a focus on delivering [news](#) to either the [general public](#) or a target public. In our current project as a media outlet, our target public is our city.

I'd like to hear your opinions on such subjects and I need your help. Please contact me: Email dbu@dbuhomes.com Cell 928.716.3014