

Fact Check #3

Sewer rate increase

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This is false:

Yup...*"This is false."* Mayor Nexsen wrote that just a few days ago to repudiate the claim of a pending sewer fee increase. And he also wrote; "...a vote to *"do nothing" never occurred! We are working on solid solutions..."* End quote.

Fact...Duped and hoodwinked:

Amazingly, from the minutes of the February 19 city council meeting, "*Mr. Cassens said essentially the City has settled on; 1) Do nothing, leave rates as they are.*" And 5) "*Refinance debt pushing payments over longer period of time..."* And, Nexsen just wrote; "...a vote to *"do nothing" never occurred.*"

But, Cassens then continued...quote; "... *in the future, to keep the fund healthy, the City will need to implement a sewer rate increase in the three percent range.*" Check for yourself, the minutes of the city council meeting on February 19, 2013

You know as well as I that Nexsen runs city hall with an iron fist. Cassens never says anything in a council meeting not specifically managed by Nexsen.

A few months later, Fitch Ratings in a July 19, 2013 press release on Lake Havasu City's wastewater bonds, stated that our "*rates will increase 6.2% in FY 2014.*" That information came from a city financial report and city staff.

Yup...the mayor's seat and that of three council members are up for election on November 4, 2014. Will they give us the good news on the day after that November election? Can you trust these politicians to give you the straight-up facts?

We are working on solid solutions!:

Yup...that's another Nexsen quote of just a few days ago. "*We are working on solid solutions..."* That was also the big news from Nexsen and city manager Cassens on October 4. They went to Washington to try to stretch out sewer debt repayment over 40 years with federal help.

After that news hit the front page of our local rag, Jack J in an email wrote; "*Just a few weeks ago, it didn't take Obama's people but three days to refuse Brewer's request for emergency funding for the Yarnell fire disaster. And with Havasu being a hot-bed of Tea Partyers trying to impeach Obama and close the government over Obama-Care, you can bet they wouldn't send Nexsen a bucket of warm spit if the entire town was on fire. Does Nexsen really think Havasu folks are that dumb...to think Obama is going help him fix our ugly sewer system debt?"*

Nancy D wrote; "*Good heavens...40 years means in my lifetime, I'll never be free of the debt of this crazy sewer system! My daughter, who'll get my house, will be thrilled with the fact that we saddled our kids with our stupid sewer debt.*"

And Richard G wrote; "*Surely everyone is aware of U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva, from Tucson. He's a died-in-the-wool, national level ultra-liberal Democrat. (Nexsen gave him a \$750 campaign contribution.) I think Nexsen is leading LHC towards an example best exemplified by big government in Washington with piling debt on the backs of future generations. His proposal to bury Havasu in 40-year sewer bonds is scandalous. Take a look at this and maybe you can understand his infatuation with big-government Democratic ideas.*"

Hmm... Nexsen claims to be a Tea Party conservative and belongs to all the local Republican clubs. But...he gave a \$750 campaign contribution to "*ultra-liberal*" Grijalva? Can you believe anything Nexsen says? Like..."*a vote to "do nothing" never occurred?*

Let the tax payers vote on the issues:

The city has prohibited my four proposed initiatives on sewer fee issues from going to the taxpayers in November 2014. But, I'm not quitting and I'll take those rejections to court. That case should be filed shortly. Why did Nexsen prohibit my four major sewer fee issues from going to the voters next November 2014? Is it because he's running for a third term as mayor?

I need your help with this effort. To volunteer, please contact me: Email dbu@dbuhomes.com Cell 928.716.3014.