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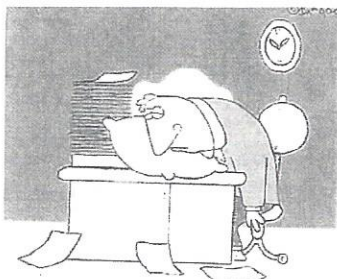


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### SECTION 115.170: DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEYS—SPECIAL COUNSEL

Assistant City Attorneys may be appointed from time to time by the Council, if deemed necessary. The Council may also employ special counsel from time to time as it deems necessary **after first considering no less than three (3) individual names submitted for evaluation.** At least four (4) members of the Council must approve the employment of special counsel to serve a general or specific legal purpose until such time that the nature of the matter or matters is resolved or new special counsel is employed by the Council. Attendance of special counsel at any meeting, other than for a "regular meeting" or "closed meeting" at which the specific matter or matters for which he/she was employed to represent the City is discussed, must be requested in writing to the City Clerk or her/his designee by at least four (4) members of the Council. Said written request shall be given either prior to or during the meeting. (R.O. 2005 §2-128; Ord. No. 2186 §4, 8-6-97)

A council person should make financial decisions with the same thought and care as they would spend their own money. Ellisville council recently approved hiring two outside attorneys- who then hired another attorney-for \$200 per hour each. That is \$600 per hour in attorney fees-while we are already paying a city attorney, who billed Ellisville for \$117,000 in 2012. Aside from that, they approved hiring a public relations firm for \$400 per hour. WOW! We are really racking up professional service fees when we could be fixing streets, putting another police office on the streets, or enriching our parks.



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