



**Friends of Carefree**, just when I thought the Administration could sink no lower, a fierce, orchestrated, and carefully choreographed personal attack was launched against Councilman Farrar by none other than John Crane, Les Peterson, and the Town Attorney, Michael Wright. The latter attempting to perform his best imitation of a TV trial lawyer parading before a jury. Near the conclusion of the debacle, Councilman Krahe took a stroll through the audience while pontificating on the situation. He'll object, but it's on video. Only council members Orico, Hatcher, and Kroyer (attending via telephone) had the good sense to remain silent. Everyone is probably aware that this is **election year politics** at its worst ever, yet some out there will probably swallow the plot.

Strategically, the mayor had waved the 3-minute speaking rule, presumably so that Crane, he, and the attorney could go on and on with their theater and without regard for wasting our time with their antics. Their theater could have easily been performed in Executive session, sparing the public from their embarrassing drama – but that was the political point wasn't it gentleman?

The lawsuit filed by Crane against the Town of Carefree, the mayor, the entire Council - mentioned by name, and the Maricopa County Supervisors - mentioned by name was decided in favor of Crane, who was awarded \$9,835 in attorney fees – we now know the cost of character in Carefree for some individuals. At least the County Supervisors were served with notice of the suit against them – our council members were not.

According to court documents, the final judgement was handed down in Superior Court on May 24. In various court documents, Crane's lawyer argued that Carefree's **voter mandated Term Limits** was invalid because the State Legislature has not expressly given certain types of municipalities the authority to impose certain laws/restrictions (my phrasing, not the documents, but I can produce the actual documents if necessary). The judge had issued a permanent injunction against the defendants thus preventing the town clerk from barring Crane from the ballot. This entire process was expedited so that Crane could make the May 30<sup>th</sup> filing deadline. The town attorney stated, during his roast of Farrar last evening, that he mounted a vigorous defense on behalf of the town and the named town representatives – lawyers must have a completely different definition of the word 'vigorous' than Webster. **I will** post documents which demonstrate that defense.

Speaking of defense, after quietly enduring the unending attacks on his character by fellow council members and the lawyer, Councilman Farrar addressed the meeting. Without notes, without hostility, and without a prepared script Farrar humbly addressed the attacks against him. No doubt a video of this entire Call to the Public segment during the council meeting will be made public (mind you, it was a council meeting not a debate or political rally).

**I will** greatly expand on the disgraceful political theater that occurred last evening, covering the allegations made by members of the council and the town attorney. I'll also be exploring the possible interference by a P&Z commissioner in the application process of a developer. All of that will take a bit of time, especially since I must submit an official Records Request to the Town Clerk in order to obtain documentation and correspondence relating to those matters, **BUT they will be pursued**. AND yes, Lyn, you can take that to the bank because I'll make the time, especially for you.

God Bless America, and Carefree too. Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.

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