

**Meeting with Mayor Keith Short, Mayor Pro Tem Adrienne Balkum and Council Member Bryan McNeal on September 15, 2023 at 9am in the City Hall conference room.**

Mayor Short shared his vision of the City and highlights of upcoming things to look forward to. "There are those that don't want to see our City succeed so they tend to want to see us focused on petty things." He would like to see us remedy the problems with viable solutions. He said that he wants us to both work out our issues and have them addressed.

Mayor Short asked, "Bryan what are your concerns?"

For the next several minutes McNeal ranted how I don't care what SHE has to say. "I know how she feels about me. I asked to see the plan and she has not shown me the plan. She mistreated me. She cursed at me and everybody heard it. You chose her over me. I will be your friend after all of this. She is not your friend. She is still the same person from years ago. She doesn't have your six. I got your six. She is not the mayor. She is equal to me. I'm a businessman. She is nothing. I talk to lawyers and they told me what I need to know. She is in your office and people think she is the mayor. This meeting is an ambush! You called for this meeting so that you can ask me to resign."

Mayor responded, "Bryan weeks ago, I called you as a friend to ask you how is my friend doing? And you said to me that you were expecting this call to be about asking for my resignation. I said no. You made a point to say before you went on your cruise that you wanted to sit down and learn from me how to be a better council member. That you were willing to listen. So we agreed for you to apologize to Floyd and Jennifer. You also agreed for me to schedule a meeting with Adrienne and you after you returned from your cruise. Which would have been the day of the council meeting. But you were with Sherre. So I postponed it until today. So that you can manage all that."

McNeal continued, "I know about the secret text messages between her and Mark Kiphut. I have talked to Scott Muckenstorm [Blackland General Manager]. I got your back Keith. She doesn't. I don't trust her. You shouldn't either. If you ask me to resign I'm going to run against you. It's going to be the perfect platform. I wasn't planning to run again. But I will if you ask me to resign."

Mayor asked Bryan, "Are you threatening me?"

McNeal got belligerent, hostile and threatened the Mayor how he was going to make this political because he chose me over him. Started talking in military code about you are supposed to be my brother. We got a code.

For approximately 2 minutes Bryan was unhinged, "Look at the way she is looking at me. Look at her. Look at her!!! Look at her!"

Mayor tried to calm him down and turns to me, "Will you please excuse us? I need to talk to him one on one."

I left the conference room and sat in Mark Woodruff's code enforcement office. We chatted for approximately 30 minutes. We talked about a variety of things.

Mayor gestured to return to the conference room. It appeared to be calm. Mayor proceeded to try to wrap up the meeting like concerns were resolved. Unfortunately, I did not get any of my concerns addressed or had any questions answered.

I asked, "I don't care that you don't like me Bryan but the personal attacks at the dais and what you said in the premeditated letter is not the appropriate time to do that. It's about City business. If you have questions, you should have asked me prior to the meeting so that you are prepared."

Bryan interrupted, "It wasn't premeditated. I read it and you still have not answered the questions."

"Bryan, you planned it with the Naylor's prior to the meeting. And we know that the Naylor's already knew ahead of time because she commented on a post to tune in at 6:30pm. We saw it hours before." I said.

Bryan said, "I can't control what people say on social media. And yea I talk to Sarah Naylor but it was not premeditated. So what."

"Bryan I am not going to argue with you about it-it is obvious you are working with the Naylor's." I asked, "If you wrote the letter and you said you did. Yet, you didn't know the plan or who the engineers were?"

Bryan rashly, "I know what I wrote! That's not what I said. I wrote the letter."

I responded, "Bryan, I'm not convinced that you wrote the letter."

Bryan said, "It's my words. I wrote it all."

Mayor interrupted, "Look when we go into executive session go to the far back office and hash your personal things there. You want to express yourself. Fine do it back there. It doesn't need to be out there like that. Bryan you had military leadership that you probably had to report to that you did not like. But you worked with them. It's okay that you don't like her. You both can at least respect each other. The personal attacks need to stop. If it is about City related questions then ask that. That's the time. You can also ask me or Konrad when it comes to the water related issues."

Mayor tried to wrap up the meeting again.

I asked, "Wait, did you talk to him about sharing executive session information?"

Bryan got upset, "I haven't been sharing information from executive session. Everybody heard you!"

Mayor said to Bryan, "There have been people who have been sharing information from executive session. Not necessarily you specifically."

I asked, "Name me one person who was there that night that actually heard what was said when we were in here in executive session?"

Bryan said, "Everybody in the audience."

I said, "Try again Bryan. There were multiple in the room and none of them could make out what was said in Executive Session. And yes I asked many of them."

Bryan continued, "You told the Chief and attorney to not come in executive session. Chief knows. He even came in here."

I continued, "I said you were very disrespectful. And out of control. You did what you did and you know what you did was wrong. You had no business speaking with Aqua Texas. You are not the Mayor and for going behind our backs is unacceptable."

Bryan smugly said, "I loved it like cake when you cursed at me. It was exactly what I wanted and it tasted good."

I responded, "You are very disrespectful."

Bryan got up to leave, "I don't have to be here. I'm leaving. I am going to disrespect you. And you can't tell me no."

He shook Mayor Short's hand and said, "We are good."

After Bryan left I said to Mayor, "I brought in the comprehensive plan and all of these documents to share to help him. I have done this multiple times with anyone who meets with me. He used to reach out to me and ask me questions and I provided answers. He is so blinded by his hatred of not having the title. That's what this whole thing is about. He wants a title. And because he did not get it he wants to destroy everything."