

# Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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FW: "The truth be told"

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FYI. Please add to public comment on non agenda.  
Thanks  
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**From:** Kent Sawatzky <[kentsawatzky@hotmail.com](mailto:kentsawatzky@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2025 11:49 AM  
**To:** Jill Duffy <[citymanager@bluelake.ca.gov](mailto:citymanager@bluelake.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** "The truth be told"

Good Morning, Jill

Please include this in the next packet for the next City Council meeting December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 as Council correspondence, and in any special Blue lake City Council meeting between today and that regularly scheduled meeting.

Please confirm receipt of this communication.

"The Truth be Told"

There have been many falsehoods spread regarding the honest attempt by Erin McClure to reach a deal with the City of Blue Lake. It is time the Citizens of Blue Lake hear the truth. Historically, the City has been without a lease with Erin and family for over a decade. The City initially offered Erin "Free Water" worth less than \$2000.00 a year. The city insisted that this is all it is worth. The City Manager (Amanda Mager) refused to speak to, or negotiate with Erin while falsely accusing Erin of "Having an infatuation for her". The City paid for a bogus appraisal not based on the "Highest and Best use". This approximately \$32,000 bogus appraisal was then used in an attempt to bully Erin into accepting a ridicules amount for use of her property. The current last and final offer appears to be in the neighborhood of \$750,000 in total value. Erin did not fall for \$2000,00 a year. All Erin wanted the whole time was a fair market value lease. Based upon trust that the City would not try to con her with a bogus appraisal. She made an offer to the city of free water, \$20,000, one time payment, and an approximately \$6,000.00 a year lease payment. This was foolishly outright rejected by Ex-Mayor Jones

and her Council. In the years that followed It became apparent that the City Attorney (Ryan Plotz) was treating this as a "Cash Cow". Frequently Erin's calls went unanswered for months. Multiple things agreed upon in negotiations did not appear when months later a draft was presented to Erin and her paid Consultant. Such things as the promise to pay a small amount to Erin's Attorney to have a final review. The City Attorney first promised that this would be included in the agreement, then said he didn't, and now says he can not remember. This is similar to the issue of SHN's illegal trespass. The Attorney agreed that SHN did not have the right or required authorization to do geotechnical studies or be on the property at all. The Attorney first acknowledged the Trespass was Illegal and instructed them to leave immediately. (A report with the Sheriff was filed, incident # 2408270046). Later, the Attorney stated that SHN had not trespassed. After proof positive was provided, He said he "did not recall". After may years of kicking the can down the road, (While the tank on Erins property was leaking chlorinated water into a fish barring stream at the ratepayers expense), Erin offered to pay for the citizens bills who were having their water shut off, (using the \$ owed her), and to camp in a tent on the City Hall's front lawn until the City did the right thing.

The Cities response was to publish in the public Forum, (Not reported out of Closed session as required) a threatening last and final offer. Clearly an attempt to bully and shame Erin. This was compounded by the lies that Erin had not been negotiating in good faith. All the while it was the City not negotiating in good faith. She was given a 5-day deadline to respond or consider the final offer rejected. This was over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

That "Red Line in the sand" has long since passed.

The City Attorney requested another meeting with Erin on Monday, December 8th, and again Erin made one of her many generous offers, and five days to respond. Once again, the City is dragging its feet. The City Manager Jill Duffy Falsely claiming that a special meeting could not be called, and that they would take Erins extremely generous offer to the Council on December 23 rd.

Erin's offer was not that different than "The last and Final offer" made by the City. Basically, only items that the Attorney had known about many times before, and yet had not included, or represented to the Council. Such as having a licensed contractor install the security gate to eliminate the ongoing problem of trespassing. The City wants to have the same staff install this critical infrastructure that can not even install a safe gate at the Blue Lake Horse arena.

And now there are those with the City threatening Eminent Domain again. This is a very lengthy, (Possibly years). And very expensive, (Possibly hundreds of thousands of dollars) Process. And who wins? The lawyers. Who loses? The people.

This all comes down to a fifth-generation single woman trying to preserve her family land. And a legal firm trying to milk it's "Cash Cow". The Cow is dry...