

The Voice



“But, It Was Legal, Your Honor!”



Four of eight Bell City Officials and Council members arraigned before a judge after the “Bell City Fiasco.” Bell City officials awarded themselves high salaries and benefits which were kept hidden from the public until two unrelenting LA reporters brought them to light .

District Attorney, Cooley, stated that, “Being paid excessive salaries is not a crime, but, *illegally obtaining those salaries is a crime.*”

How did the city officials obtain their excessive salaries? Prosecutors allege the subjects misappropriated more than \$5.5 million. Most of the funds were kept hidden from the general public and the only oversight was provided by the Council itself.

On an equivalent scale we have been told that PCM has awarded their staff \$5.2 million dollars in

Incentive Bonus monies and the only oversight that was provided was by PCM. There never was a vote by the Mutual Boards to specifically allocate monies for this purpose.

LWV Resident/owners concur that, “Being paid excessive salaries may not be a crime, but, *illegally obtaining those salaries is a crime.*”

Spending those monies without Board approval or knowledge, can certainly be construed as misappropriation of funds.

Should the Bell City Residents have accepted the action of the council who willingly reduced their salaries from \$100,000 to \$8,000 a year after the exorbitant salaries became public knowledge? The council was willing to forget the past and live with a reasonable

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