

From: Rolf, Lynn (CI-StPaul)
To: marilynmauritz@gmail.com
Cc: *CI-StPaul Contact-Council
Subject: RE: 2023 Jefferson Avenue
Date: Monday, November 9, 2020 6:09:35 PM

Marilyn,

The Public Hearing Notice and your payment crossed in the mail. Please disregard the Notice because your payment has been applied.

Thank you,
Lynn

From: Marilyn Mauritz <marilynmauritz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 3:03 PM
To: *CI-StPaul Contact-Council <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: Even as when I called and found out the whole things was a mistake....

2023 Jefferson Avenue St Paul MN
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On Wed, Nov 4, 2020 at 2:50 PM *CI-StPaul Contact-Council <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Please tell me your address.

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From: Marilyn Mauritz <marilynmauritz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 2:48 PM
To: *CI-StPaul Contact-Council <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Even as when I called and found out the whole things was a mistake....

I had been ready to send this letter.
Now that this increased revenue notice for our garbage hauling has been given, I want to send it regardless.
I guess the true legacy of Chris will live on in a time.

I pay all bills not only on time but early...just to be sure.

You can check my credit rating which I believe is at least 815.

I was aware that this didn't have to be paid immediately and must have waited too long, somehow confused as to just how long I had. I wrote a check on October 1st which I mailed to you in the envelope provided and it was processed on October 16th from my bank.

Oct 16, 2020	CHECK CHECK # 2050 <u>Check 2050</u>	-\$146.18 \$306.16
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If it were a smidge late, it was by confusion of the date due to be sure.
Two "furthermores" and some other stuff:

1. Furthermore.....My check is for both alley and street cleaning and lighting. I have lived here 10 years and have only witnessed an alley repair once where a truck with a bunch of guys tossed out tar in seemingly needed spots in my alley, never once witnessed it being swept and there is a light in the middle of the alley which adds greatly to our security but has been publically funded by my next door neighbor! As for the streets, we already know of a D+ rating and even very recently, I nearly disappeared from the face of the earth around Grand and Fairview, traveling south on Fairview and into one of the many potholes still in existence!.
2. Furthermore.... A \$46 dollar penalty of what I owe is a very stiff penalty which seems to be a tad excessive for someone who has paid this on time in every one of my 10 years of paying this tax; albeit a few days' late this year out of simple forgetfulness;

Some other stuff:

I walk and drive around St. Thomas often. It is a beautiful campus and one of our great colleges in the Twin City area and nearby where I live. as well as St. Catherine's and Macalester. I notice the awesome St Thomas edifices they have been in the process of constructing for most of this year in this time of economic uncertainty and loss.

Yet, they pay nothing for streets or lighting. They claim to be "non-profit" and such claims fly in the face of disbelief but for a tax prepared statement to make it so.

Am I to assume that Coleman's failed attempt to make them responsible came back to me in increased taxes that next year?. Most everyone I know, thinks they should pay their fair share. Why should we pay for **their** use of streets and alleys?

I have a great idea! Instead of sending out fines to the good people who do pay to support this work, why not put together a better piece of legislation that works and welcome them to the responsible users.

Put it to a vote of the population who use and unfairly bear the burden of this old and outdated concept? After all, profit or not, they use the city streets and are lit by the

city lights, that is ridiculous not to mention incredibly unfair.

It's like going after the little ones whom you can menace and squeeze 1/3 more of their money owed, instead of going after corporations whose lawyers are clever and fineagle out of their overt responsibilities.

I have not been a big fan of the city council from earlier days of watching their supported purchase of the Lowry Medical Arts building and further enhancing their supposed financing of its improvements through big grants hidden in a "miscellaneous bills" label in order to pass without oversight; and watching the then council member, Norm Coleman, slouched in his chair with tassel loafers propped on the magnificent old table around which they sat rubber stamping the mayor's programs having been brought aboard by him and showing up once a month to do so and not being in or available by returned phone calls with the poor secretary being the only one who seemingly earned her income.

Furthermore, the then Mayor Coleman, self-aggrandizing his way to stepping up into a Governorship, was creating all these programs which were then funded by the St. Paul Property taxes with the most exciting one having to do with the way he put so many garbage haulers out of business and made a bad contract with Waste Management and left that mess to one of his appointees, Melvin Carter, whose tenure was off to a very bad start because of it.

Now this clever means to gain extra tax revenue when you promise to keep the taxes as is; reminds me of Pawlenty's promise to the public of no taxes which was paid for by increased revenue from every single fee on the books.

The use of a threatened high fine used to terrify the taxpayers' voting on the upcoming garbage issue is seen again. That's not very nice.

Why don't you leave me alone and gather your costs from those who aren't paying and never have been?

Thanks for reading all this (if you did). Please don't harass me with additional payments for forgetfulness and being a few days late as a result! I am one of your seniors living alone in my home on a fixed income and trying to stay in this city I love.

Marilyn Mauritz
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