

Anything two people know is not a secret

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Is the City trying to evict Legion Post 6 baseball team from Powers Field?

Arrogance knows no bounds.

And there are none more arrogant than attorneys. At least many of them. While few carry a success average as high as Carlos Gonzalez' batting average, many behave like they bat 1.000. They don't.

So, when the city attorney drew up a lease for use of Powers Field a few years ago and granted almost unilateral control to Post 6 Baseball, that attorney surely knew what he was doing. Didn't he? Didn't he know about the federal - public - dollars that were used for construction of the field and what strings came attached to that money? He should have.

Those restrictions came to light a couple years ago and there was a great hue and cry about the unfairness of the lease. Most of us thought it had been resolved. We knew that another team, the Connie Mack Mustangs, shared the field with Post 6 and that the Grizzlies owner had said he had no interest in playing there - that he had a good working relation-

ship for use of Pioneer Park and he would stay there no matter what changes were made to the lease for Powers Field.

But with a fairly new and uninformed city attorney desperately trying to save face, trying to salvage some part of his legal reputation, the issue of the lease has resurfaced.

A reliable source has told the Cheyenne Herald that the current city attorney was going to introduce a resolution to terminate the Powers Field lease between the City and American Legion Post 6 Baseball.

Why now? Why again?

Probably because this attorney has nothing to do and is trying to burn some time on an issue where he will get his keister handed to him.

He claims the Legion won't negotiate. But, he has a reputation for misleading the council members. He doesn't have to mislead the mayor. Mayor Maybe believes everything an

attorney on the city payroll tells him. Trees? If they say it, it is the law.

The Legion signed a 15 year lease. How have they breached it? The City has to claim they have breached the lease by following it. Because the City entered into a questionable lease, they should have a unilateral right to terminate it? Nice try.

This is not the first time the City has tried to breach a valid lease with a baseball group. A similar lease revision was attempted with Cheyenne Junior League Baseball a few years ago. A letter from Bill Hill, now a Wyoming Supreme Court justice, stopped that effort in its tracks.

The City believes leases are for their convenience, for their protection. They can't wrap their collective minds around the proposition that a lease, a properly written one, is for the protection of both parties. When the City finds they screwed up the terms of the lease, they believe they can terminate it without consequences. That isn't likely to happen

with this one. The Legion group played an important part in fundraising activities that led to the development of Powers Field. Promises were made to donors - promises that the lease would protect their interests. If the City breaches this lease, donors will not be pleased.

The ballfield at Lions Park should have been enlarged and upgraded but neighbors whined. The new, multi-million dollar Powers Field, a state-of-the-art baseball diamond was too extravagant. Taxpayers put a great deal of money into the facility. Mickey Powers put substantial money into the field. Donors contributed less, even counting in-kind donations which are usually exaggerated in value. The State also directed funds to the ballfield.

The City now does the scheduling. Another baseball group shares the field. What else does the city attorney want? A guy who doesn't know whether a baseball is rubber or leather is in search of a solution. To what problem? Play chess, Dan.

A single Legislative Session can undo what was accomplished over decades

Wisconsin, that bastion of radical progressivism (and my home state) is proving to the country what a single elected body can do to legislation that had been adopted over years - by many, many legislators.

A newly elected Republican governor in Wisconsin is leading an effort to take away collective bargaining rights from teachers. He's trying to break the union. He couches his action as though it includes all public-sector unions but it does not. Fire and police unions are exempt. Those unions backed his candidacy.

He has used an analogy of Ronald Reagan's action against air traffic controllers. Reagan did not fire the air traffic controllers for wanting to GO TO WORK - he fired them for NOT

working. Wisconsin teachers are not threatening a work stoppage. They are protesting that they will lose their protection, their job security - much like teachers in Wyoming objected to the removal of tenure which is their only protection against vengeful administrators like Jim McBride, Ted Adams and Darrel Hammon.

There has been no report that Ronnie the Toe Dancer objected to Scott Walker claiming his father's mantle. Maybe that will still come.

The Wyoming Legislature is now one-party rule. Throw in the five state elected officials and three federal offices all being held by Republicans and mischief is there for the making. Some of the radical measures making their way through our own

Legislature compares to the one being ramrodded in Wisconsin.

For Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker to make an exception for two large public unions that supported his candidacy while going after another that did not smacks of revenge and hypocrisy. Not unusual in politics.

Power runs in cycles. When one political party controls, they enact and/or change legislation to suit their stands. When the other takes back control, those changes are reversed. Fortunately, it is not often that such radical shifts in the political winds occur. But they do and great damage is done by extreme reactionaries for what often involves religion - not good legislation and certainly not good governance. Righteousness.

Does Wisconsin have huge budgetary problems? Yes. Did the teachers cause those problems? They contributed to them. Wisconsin's Assembly consists of 60 Republicans, 38 Democrats and one Independent. The Senate has 19 Republicans and 14 Democrats. One party dominance begs for mischief and mayhem.

The governor before Walker was a two-term Democrat. The economy caused the fiscal problems in Wisconsin but Walker thinks his budget woes were caused by teachers.

The law change to take away rights from the teachers union does not apply, of course, to private-sector unions. Where will it end? In a huge catastrophe. Wyoming legislators are creating similar messes.

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