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## Are you doing as well?

In the seven years of the Spiker/Collins/Segrave administration, City spending has increased by almost \$20,000,000.

The final budget of the Pando Administration (FY2001) projected spending to be \$28,627,955. The eighth budget of the current administration projects spending to be \$48,431,616.

Fiscal conservative has become, "If you got it, spend it."

The 69.1% increase in spending has been made possible, for the most part, by voter apathy and increased state contributions to municipal coffers.

If you made \$36,000 in 2001, to keep pace with City spending increases, you should make almost \$61,000 in 2008. Will you? Have you?

The mayor's position paid \$55,000 in 2001, now it is \$75,000 - and it will go to \$95,000 a year as of January, 2009.

City Council pay was \$550 a month in 2001 when it was raised to \$1,000 - where it has remained and there is nothing in the works to increase it in January, 2009.

When you review the increases in pay to City department heads from 2001 to 2008, and the \$40,000 the City's mayor will receive by 2009, it is reasonable to take the position that City Council members should be brought along for the ride. If there are those who are willing to continue to receive the \$1,000, they only have to so advise the Treasurer's Office and their pay can be frozen at the \$1,000 a month.

But you can't take the position that the pay hikes for council and employees is reasonable, yet council members should not receive more than they did eight years earlier. Remember, the pay isn't for any specific member of the city council - it is for the position.

The salaries shown in the table below are not intended to reflect on the worth of the employee. They are shown to indicate how generous the pay raises have been since the SCS administration came into power in January of 2001.

Most city employees, supervisory included, are capable, hard working and deserving of the pay they receive. There are examples, however, to the contrary.

Mike Basom is incompetent and he has lied in open court - to Judge K. questioning him on a very specific matter. His \$29,000 salary increase is not commensurate with either his worth or his work as city attorney. He makes William Talman look like a winner. Basom has lost more legal decisions than the Washington Generals lost basketball games to the Harlem Globetrotters. (Talman played Hamilton Burger in the Perry Mason show.)

His lack of legal expertise has cost the residents hundreds of thousands of dollars - directly and indirectly. He cannot argue in front of the Wyoming Supreme Court - in fact, he avoids litigating legal matters before District or Circuit Court - instead retaining outside counsel at additional cost to taxpayers.

Other than Mike Basom, I defer judgment on the pay of city employees shown to the reader. Make of them what you will.

Some may have been underpaid in 2001 - some may be overpaid in 2008.

The listing below is a selective example of pay increases over the years of the SCS regime. The positions were selected on the basis of this writer being familiar with who held the job at the different times - and for no other reason.

Ken Lewis is shown in the current budget as wearing hats beyond City Engineer and that may help account for his salary.

	FY2001 Salary	FY2008 Salary
Exec Asst to City Council	\$32,295 (Judy Gore)	\$43,260 (Kris Stetter)
Exec Asst to Mayor	\$46,894 (Joe Dougherty)	\$50,402 (Judy Gore)
City Attorney	\$57,182 (Mary Guthrie)	\$79,767 (Mike Basom)
Asst City Attorney	\$50,860 (Mike Basom)	\$63,451 (Claudia Angelos)
Dir of Human Resources	\$45,876 (Rick Abernathy)	\$60,564 (Rich Wiederspahn)
Sr Muni Court Judge	\$67,305 (Paul Galeotos)	\$92,201 (Paul Galeotos)
Jr Muni Court Judge	\$49,303 (Mark Moran)	\$67,281 (Mark Moran)
Dir of Youth Alternatives	\$56,447 (Ronn Jeffrey)	\$77,238 (Ronn Jeffrey)
City Clerk	\$50,602 (Carol Intlekofer)	\$79,767 (Carol Intlekofer)
Deputy City Clerk	\$33,259 (Christy Anderson)	\$59,850 (Christy Anderson)
Risk Manager	\$29,890 (Bill Tennant)	\$51,211 (Bill Tennant)
Dir of Parking/ADA	\$44,105 (Bob Bradshaw)	
Dir Special Projects		\$64,736 (Bob Bradshaw)
Public Works Mgr	\$47,002 (Jackie Smith)	\$79,767 (Jackie Smith)
Police Chief	\$59,703 (John Powell)	\$79,768 (Bob Fecht)
Fire Chief	\$52,740 (Dennis Piester)	\$79,768 (Guy Cameron)
Dir of Parks & Rec	\$63,428 (Dave Romero)	\$73,002 (Rick Parish)
City Forester	\$38,047 (Lisa Olsen)	\$52,647 (Lisa Olsen)
Dir Botanic Gardens	\$38,809 (Shane Smith)	\$53,877 (Shane Smith)
City Treasurer	\$59,054 (Freddie Barela)	\$79,767 (Barb Dorr)
Dir of Accounting	\$48,804 (Barb Dorr)	
Deputy City Treasurer		\$59,850
City Engineer	\$57,232 (Jim Harker)	\$80,344 (Ken Lewis)
Dir of Civic Center	\$47,170 (Dru Rohla)	\$69,833 (Dru Rohla)

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