

CITY OF BASTROP

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-31

**RESPONSE TO MR. TUCK**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS,  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER ON  
BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO JOE  
GRADY TUCK, ATTORNEY AT LAW**

**WHEREAS,** during the Citizens Comments portion of the Bastrop City Council meeting conducted on March 8, 2022, attorney Joe Grady Tuck submitted a letter to the City Council at the dais and made public statements; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Bastrop finds it to be reasonable, necessary, and in the public interest, of the community to provide a collective response.

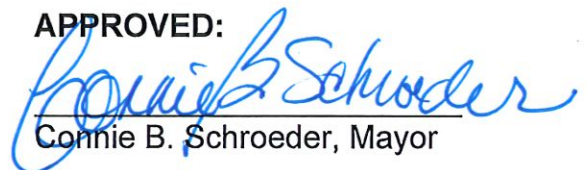
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop:**

**Section 1:** The City Council hereby approves the attached letter and authorizes the mayor to sign the letter on behalf of the City Council.

**Section 2:** The meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, TX,  
on this, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.**

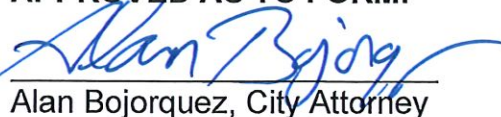
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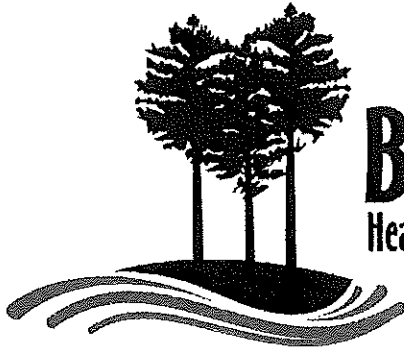
  
Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Ann Franklin, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney



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March 22, 2022

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**SUBJECT: Your Communications to the City Council regarding Jimmy Crouch**

Mr. Tuck:

This letter is in response to your letter (dated March 8, 2022), which you handed to the City Council at the dais during the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting conducted that evening. The Bastrop City Council has authorized me to inform you of the following.

It was inappropriate for you to pressure the City Council (directly during a public meeting and indirectly through the City Attorney Alan Bojorquez) to publicly discuss the pending criminal matter against your client, Jimmy Crouch. This is an active code enforcement case that is scheduled for a bench trial before a visiting judge from the City of Elgin with the involvement of special prosecutors from the City of Austin. The City Council does not interfere in pending prosecutions, and we are not inclined to converse about them with opposing counsel. We trust our court system to resolve such issues justly.

As the defense attorney for Mr. Crouch, you have the opportunity to plead your case before a judge. Your accusations about what did or did not occur with permits for your client's construction project are unwelcomed by the City Council. Furthermore, the City Council is not receptive to your unfavorable characterizations of city staff. If you have legitimate complaints about city employees unrelated to your client's upcoming criminal trial, you can submit those criticisms to the City Attorney for review by their boss, the City Manager Paul Hofmann.

Finally, the City Council wishes to inform you that we have the highest regard and the greatest level of confidence in both our City Manager and City Attorney. While you are entitled to your opinions, the presentation of your March 8<sup>th</sup> letter was simply rude. We expect more professionalism and decorum from members of our community.

Sincerely,

  
Connie Schroeder, Mayor  
City of Bastrop