

Transcript from Feb. 13, 2012 conversation between Janie Griffith, Clayton Adkinson and Mac Work

Janie Griffith: "My name is Janie Griffith, and I don't know if y'all are following the DeFuniak Free Press or not. In one of their comments that they made, it was about the minutes being not read, or the questions not being made during a public comment, and I just don't know. According to the Sunshine Law do corrections have to be spoke at a public meeting or not?"

Clayton Adkinson: "I'm not sure I... Do you mean the council addresses the agenda at a regular meeting here?"

JG: "No. Because in the past, according to what they have in this article, it said that '...since November 14, no changes have been made to the minutes during the council meeting.'

CA: "I'm not sure what you mean by that. I mean, if the council had no changes, there were no changes. If the council... she typed them, they are adopted in a public meeting just like we did tonight. If there are no changes, there are. If one of them talked to the clerk before that, they can do that. If they correct anything before that, it's not a..."

JG: "It isn't anything that has to be... Any corrections that are made do not have to be..."

Mac Work: "It would not be a violation of the Sunshine Law to talk to her."

CA: "No. Not a violation to talk to her."

JG: "And you can make whatever changes without it being...."

CA: "As long as they're approved at this meeting tonight, that's what matters."

JG: "And so then, the citizens don't know what corrections were made."

CA: Unintelligible. "I disagree with that."

JG: "I'm just asking."

CA: "Citizens know tonight what corrections this council made to approve these minutes. These minutes that are approved tonight are the official minutes of the city. These are the ones that accurately represent what went on at whatever date that meeting was."

MW: "I don't know where this is going..."

JG: "I was just asking."

MW: I want to make it explicit that I have never called her and changed a thing."

JG: "I was just asking 'cause I don't know."

MW: "The mayor wants to say something."

Harold Carpenter: "Ms. Griffith, the council members get a draft copy of the minutes. They review those minutes, make their corrections on those minutes, bring those minutes to the table here at the council meeting. That draft that they've got is created by the clerk to be the official minutes of the city. That's the way."

JG: "Ok. So what's printed out and is on the agenda is what the original minutes are..."

HC: "When it comes to the council. But we've made some corrections tonight. Those corrections will be made by the clerk, and that will be the official minutes then."

JG: "Ok. That's what I wanted to know. Thank you."

HC: "Thank you."