

Council Expenses Unaccounted For

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Nobody's getting rich with the money he's making as a La Crosse city council member. The stipend is two hundred bucks per month. it's been that way since 1976. But there's also an expense account. 150 dollars per month. To pay for expenses. Copies. Gas. Postage. That kind of thing. We've learned that the accounting system for that city council member expense account is virtually non-existent. If council members are okay with paying taxes on it, they just get a check for 150 bucks every month, no receipts required. They can submit receipts for actual expenses. The finance department tells us, not one council member is currently doing that. The council votes on a doubling of pay for members this week.