

## LETTERS

### Keeping resignation secret looks illegal

To the editor:

On July 12, 1994, the city attorney, Jack Crisp, resigned at city council meeting in "non-public session" and this public information was kept secret. The "city council voted to seal news of Crisp's resignation to allow the city time to address certain pending legal issues that would be affected by his resignation to allow by his resignation." This appears to be another violation of RSA 91-A and the Peoples' Right-to-Know in an open government.

We paid Crisp \$388,374.34 from June 1988 to June 1994 as a part-time city attorney and an additional \$276,818.19 to "other" Crisp recommended lawyers to defend the city. It will be years

before we know the outcome of these costly court nightmares that were poorly managed.

There have been reports that he will still be retained during the transition period until a new lawyer is retained. I believe it would be a huge mistake because the files are there for the new lawyer to review and we do not need to feed two lawyers when we have difficulty feeding ourselves.

Those officials who continue to spend freely the taxpayers' hard-earned money should be publicly court-martialed and immediately reprimanded for wasting public funds.

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