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Arnold v. City of Stanley

Supreme Court of Idaho, Boise, February 2015 Term - February 26, 2015 - P.3d - 2015 WL 797971

Citizens filed a complaint seeking to have action taken by city at city council meeting declared null and void, arguing that the meeting violated Idaho's open meeting law. The District Court granted summary judgment to the city. Citizens appealed.

The Supreme Court of Idaho held that:

- As a matter of first impression, citizens were not adversely affected by the alleged violation of the open meeting law and, therefore, did not have standing to bring the challenge, and
- City was entitled to attorney fees.

Citizens were not affected, as required by statute, by violation of open meeting law, and, therefore, they did not have standing to challenge action taken by city at a city council meeting that the citizens claimed adversely affected their property rights, where citizens had made no attempt to attend the meeting, and had their comments read into the record at the meeting, and the only alleged violation was an early start to the meeting and failure to amend the meeting notice to account for that change.