

Hello City Council,

I look forward to your response or an acknowledgement of the topics in this letter.

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I have grave concerns over public comments Stormie Mitchell (SM) made online and associated implications. If any of her recommendations to members of the public were to come to fruition, I believe this could result in financial resources being stolen from our city, the loss of our community autonomy, and have negative impacts reducing the abilities of everyday individuals to participate in our government. As a city council member, who speaks from a position meant to support this community, I cannot see how these online comments can be ignored. Her comments may be unfounded or lack the appropriate context, but if I have concerns there may be another who does.

In SM's online comment she references advice from "a friend" on how to "possibly stop or halt the city". As part of the process, she laid out a list which includes possibly taking legal action in the form of a civil lawsuit and municipal oversight/state intervention. My concerns to this are:

- SM is pushing individuals to go after lawsuits against the city – our city, which includes her. The community has set resources and as we struggle on how to support EMS we know our means are limited. Lawsuits are time sinks and are expensive on all sides; I see a council member actively supporting an everyday individual potentially taking on the financial burden of a lawsuit for her agenda with the purpose of wasting time and city funds. Where is the benefit in this?
 - My concern is furthered over the fact that the city has had to consult a lawyer to respond to SM as a council member.
- Municipal oversight from a state agency or state intervention is a loss in our community autonomy, it is as simple as that. If we lose our autonomy we will be at the whim of bigger government. I see a council member that supports dismantling our community.

Finally, SM posted the following in response to a comment regarding suing a surety bond of anyone who takes an oath of office – SM "...wow that could impact those folks that have access to base to work. Yikes that could be a real game changer for some. Interesting". This may be my largest concern.

- I have concerns over the acknowledgement, understanding, and perceived support of suing city council members with further implications to their careers. How is any local community member supposed to want to step forward to serve on the city council, especially if they have a career and family? Then comes the part of who pays if such a lawsuit is brought forward, is it the city? At what point would an individual council member have to reach out for supporting legal advice at their own expense? I see this thought process and support as having the ability to limit who can participate in our local government to those with deep pockets or outside financial backing.
 - And at what point does SM turn such a thought process towards members of our community not serving on city council as a means to limit participation?

I have questions for this city council based on the above. While I have listed my concerns, I readily admit that I am not a lawyer and maybe we are set up in such a way that these concerns do not need to be.

- 1) Have we already used city funds in legal fees because of SM, and if so, how much?
- 2) Regarding suing the city or a council member, in such a scenario are there financial implications to the city or are we set up in such a way that our city funds would be protected? Could there be personal financial burdens placed on a council member if sued?
- 3) Does the city council have a means of reprimanding SM or is it limited to the community performing a recall or voting her out?
 - a. I see a council member that supports mentally, physically, and financially hurting Delta Junction rather than support it. And what if an everyday person takes on the burden of a legal lawsuit because of SM's call to action and lands in financial trouble because of her? The harmed individual will have no means of recourse in this hypothetical situation.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "J. Smith" or similar, written in a cursive style.