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## Public Comment Letter

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To: citycouncil@ci.stevenson.wa.us

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Council,

While last night's meeting earned much praise from me for its deep conversations into important topics, not everything was satisfactory, and I am sad I must write this letter.

I am very ashamed of this council's failure to address the situation (perceived or otherwise) of a public official using tax dollars for a personal matter. Though, I am not surprised as none of you even blinked as Mr. Muth described \$176k a 'thimble' of the city's budget ("a thimble into a thimble," I believe were his words, describing the city's contract payment to the sheriff's office).

If you are willing to consider \$176k "chump change" it is no wonder you brush off \$54. Yet, this is taxpayer's money and you are responsible for accounting for, and justifying, each cent spent. And, taxpayers should not be on the hook for Mr. Muth "notifying" the city attorney for EIGHTEEN MINUTES about his personal complaint (especially as a letter had been supposedly delivered that already provided notification). This has the appearance of a public official utilizing public resources for legal advice, etc. on a personal matter.

1) I request this letter be included in your next packet.

2) Whoever puts the meeting agenda together, I urge you to allocate time for this to be addressed. If Mr. Muth is not going to step up and repay the city for this inappropriate expenditure, the city needs to consider moving forward with pursuing reimbursement. Failure to do so is an act of cowardice and failure on your parts.

Zach Quinn  
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