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Before you make any decisions regarding the upcoming election I would like to invite you, even challenge you to attend a City Council meeting and see our current City Council in action. Should you not have the time to attend a meeting, feel free to pick up the tapes of *any* council meeting! It has been for me, and I suspect that it will be for you, quite an eye opener! In all of my years in public service and with all of my formal education in public administration, I have never seen anything quite like this Council's way of doing business. I think that you will find to your amazement, that the City Council is no longer (if it ever was) governed by the people and for the people. I think that you will see who is really in charge and who really makes the decisions that effect the citizens of this town. The most recent example of this administration and council's blatant abuse of the authority that we have granted them can be found at the following addresses:

http://www.newsregister.com/news/results.cfm?story_no=184104

http://www.newsregister.com/news/results.cfm?story_no=184259

http://www.newsregister.com/news/story.cfm?story_no=184354

I personally attended every minute of the hearing reported on in these articles and was appalled by testimony from one of our City Council members and our City Administrator that I considered to be deceitful at best, if not outright perjury. I am personally grateful to Mr. Leard for having the courage and the willingness to dedicate and sacrifice his time as well as his money to bring to light one of the most serious problems that this city faces; officious ignorance that might be considered amusing, if it weren't so harmful to our city.

It is my belief that the current City Council and Mayor have fallen into a pattern of complacency and "follow the leader"...and the leader appears to be Diane Rinks. I didn't elect her to be this community's leader...did you?

It is time to make a change, a change in City Council, a change in Mayor and a change in Staff. Please take the opportunity to find out for yourself what the people who make the decisions for you are doing. Vote on November 2nd to put into place a pro active government, by the people and for the people...Send the message that we are and want to be more than a city with a sewer!

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