

Hot Dog Feed
garbage day 9/18 - saturday

Introduce myself. Contact info on the table. Home most of the time. Great respect for those with the endurance to live here.

3-1/2 years ago, Chris Heisler put together a citizen meeting at the community center. There was a lot of talk about change. And then the talk turned of recall.

Here we are again, just having come out of a recall. Having another meeting because things aren't any different.

Did you believe what was written?

What did you believe would happen?

What did it serve?

What has happened since the recall. The offer was made and rejected.

I don't think I know everything. Each step I have made I believed I was right at the time. Because of what I do, when I fall, its just more public. Even this is a kind of social experiment. I hope it works. But, if it doesn't, there will be people out there who will point out that it didn't work.

A month ago, the mayor was tasked with negotiating the agreement for an interim administrator. The contract was supposed to come back for ratification by the council August 12th. Now, the city is trying to decide if they are even going to let people see the contract. Or the surety bond this guy is supposed to have.

My issue with Joe Wrabek using a phony degree isn't about Mr. Wrabek. He seems like a genuine fellow. But, the degree mill he bought his from, and then put on his resume is a ding in the armour of character. Either he did it will ill intent, thinking he was going to pull one over. Or he didn't have the knowledge to know you don't respond to phishing emails. Regardless of how you feel about the action, I want you to remember this person is responsible for recruiting, and deciding which applicants make the cut, for our next administrator. So far, what I have seen from him is sloppy work and denial of access. Didn't we already have that? Didn't we already decide that was not what we wanted.

This isn't a sides issue. No one has to pick a side to move Lafayette forward. There is no new Lafayette and an old Lafayette. Granted, it seems lately that if you don't agree with some, your issue isn't a priority. So, what do we do about that? After we are done here, lets talk about the rumors. One of the easiest things you can do to be positive here is to have someone prove what they are saying to you. I don't even want you to take what I say at face value. Question with a critical mind.

The council is having a meeting on Monday at 6:30. There is, yet, another executive session planned. A session to determine what records people are allowed to see.

One way you can make an impact is to show up. Stay for as long as you can stand it. You will have to leave for the executive session though. They continue to conduct your business without you there.

Over the next few months, you will meeting a number of people running for council. If they come and talk to you, I want you to pay attention to how much they pay attention to you. Anyone can tell you there thoughts. But, the character will be in how much they listen to your concerns without tripping over you to fill in your blanks.

Our utility bills are raised because they can. Can't do anything about it.

But, how come we don't see how much goes to debt? And how come when some debt is paid, it doesn't go down. 10 years ago, Lafayette was ½ the size and the rates were ½ the price. So, a very rough estimate is they are collecting 75% more now than they did 10 years ago.

The lawsuit was settled. But, that isn't coming back to us. That's going back into the fund.

A utility district could be formed. Then rates could be regulated.

One idea someone gave me was to disband the city. And start over.

LOC and OCCMA – why do we pay them to hurt us?

We aren't the only city with issues. It isn't a small town issue. But, we don't have anything here to band people together as a community. No rec center, no senior center, no pool, no library, no skate park, no community garden. What things would you like to see here?

Jean – budget committee – rubber stamp. Plan for projects and infrastructure needs. Cut the fat.

Everyone wants Lafayette to be a positive place. It helps us emotionally and financially. We can't sell in a no good town.

What kinds of services or activities do you want to see?

Think about what effort you are willing to put in to see it happen?

I am offering my time to help coordinate things. I would like to get together in three months to outline what your plans are. Provide a list of items for you to prioritize and gather information on how to make that happen.

We need a way to notify people to get back together. You can check the website and we will post the details of the day, time and location.

I have made a list of items that people have said in the past about things they want for Lafayette. Please look over the list and make additional suggestions.

There are handouts for people to take with them. Talk to your neighbors. The effort will be well worth it.

I really appreciate you coming.

Thank you