

I wanted to join the Town Council because I felt it was being led down a dark road that was focused on party lines, personal gain and retribution and I refused to sit back and watch that happen. It is a dis-service to the voters that put their faith in the elected officials of this town. As someone who has dedicated a lot of their time to this town in more ways than just on the council, I want to express my indignation and sadness for the insults and harassment that has gone on far too long for too many good people that are working for the taxpayers of Prospect.

The constant badgering of town employees and elected officials that is revenge and vendetta driven is unacceptable and should not have to be tolerated by anyone. While we have a duty to listen to and serve all residents, there also is a level of respect and professionalism that has been earned by those who serve or work for the Town of Prospect.

While all of us may see things differently from the Mayor, we are part of his team and thus here to support and help him in his duties of governing our town. Prospect is growing around us and as such, so are the responsibilities put upon him and all other officials that serve. Remember that voters of Prospect elected Bob Chatfield to lead and elected this council to assist him. If you're working to see Mayor Chatfield fail, you're not working for the residents of town. Everyone, especially the Mayor has earned a level of respect that needs to be displayed.

I would like to remind council members of our duty to the taxpayers and residents and what I believe are the expectations that we should stand by and strive to surpass. If you don't want to be considered as night-time government, then don't just show up every other Tuesday to voice an opinion or make a statement in hopes you will look dedicated in the eyes of the public that are viewing or listening. If you are generally invested in what is best for our town, demonstrate that every day by being involved in the processes and not putting on a show Tuesday night's in front of the cameras.

I am outraged and insulted by the accusations recently put forth in a submission of correspondence and furthermore, am disappointed in my fellow council members that play into the behavior and have THANKED individuals for their disrespectful comments and communications. I can assure you that if the current harassment and insolent behavior continues, an attorney will be contacted to discuss possible charges to be filed. I also expect that my place of employment will no longer be listed in these inaccurate insinuations during bloviations to the council. If not, additional legal action will be put into place. Personal gain and political tendencies for your own party are detrimental to the town and an injustice to the residents that voted you to this position with assurance you would do your best by them.

Some of you have been council members for almost as long as the Mayor has been elected to office. As a newer member of the council, it infuriates me to be "reminded" that I can recuse myself from a vote if a conflict of interest arises. I know full well where my ethics and decision-making lie and it is what's best for the Town of Prospect, all of its employees, its residents and its visitors. One of the wonderful attributes of this town is the tight knit, family-oriented community we have and support. A challenge is that there is little chance of not knowing or being related to someone that is involved in some aspect of this town. If you are here and ran for office for the right, virtuous reasons, then you should be able to make decisions based upon that and solely that. If you can't, or they are political or personal driven, then I encourage you to take a hard look at your position and make the right choice to remove yourself from this board. The Council and taxpayers cannot afford to have decision-making based upon what seems best for one person or an individual party. Members of the council, I implore you to dismiss rantings of jaded and resentful individuals. Please begin formulating your own thoughts and opinions as to how we can move forward and be successful for our residents and not coast on someone's stained and tainted coattails.



I think a great starting point to get our council on track and continuing to look to the future is to develop, adopt and follow a solid mission statement, correlating with long term goals that are realistic in achievement and bi-partisan in nature. I look forward to the opportunity to continue working as a team with this council, the Mayor and the taxpayers of Prospect to ensure we uphold our oath of office and serve to the best of our abilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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