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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Philsdean@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 5:07 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
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Your Name	Phil Dean
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Street	5584 Red Leaf Dr S
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State	OR
Zip	97306
Message	<p>The continuing increase in fees (proposed \$10) to be added to water bill) are getting out of hand and need to end. Not only is the water bill already laden with fees that are beyond pale, Many citizens do not see any benefits of the cost. For example my family moved into our home back in 1986 and were told by city employees that we would see street light with in 10 years, we'll I have lived here for 33 years and have no street lights and pay a fee to help pay for the cost to maintain and for electrical cost. My water bill is mostly base cost, even when we are out of town for over a month our bill is over \$55 and now you are deciding to increase it by another \$10... Some people live on fixed incomes and must manage our budgets to meet our needs, the city seems to be unable to manage a budget within the bounds of what you receive, you are unable to make hard decisions on what are necessary cost and what social programs need to be cut; it is not the function of the city to deal with social programs your job should only fire, police, infrastructure,, enforcement of public health issues. Social engineering is not the cities responsibility and the cost of such programs should not be placed on the backs of your citizens Enough is enough Respectful Phil SDean</p>

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From: Bob Elliott <robert.eugene.elliott@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 6:59 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Letters to the editor: City council's monthly fee, burning trash, climate crisis

Hot off the press. He should have mentioned the Mayor and two councilor's who voted to take it to the voters. Many citizens have the same feelings. Only one line left on the utility bill to add the next "fee", I hope. Bob Elliott.
Check out this article from Statesman Journal:

Letters to the editor: City council's monthly fee, burning trash, climate crisis

<https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/opinion/readers/2019/09/27/letters-editor-statesman-journal-city-councils-monthly-fee/2392159001/>

Sent from my iPhone

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of feby@qwestoffice.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 12:08 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
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Message	<p>This is a copy of a letter I sent to Cara Kaiser and am now passing on to you in the event she does not share it with you. Thank you for finally getting back to me. I was more than disappointed to find you voted in support of the 8% tax. So I'll ask you this question—just how long does the city think it can continue to raid the citizens' wallets until finally there is no more money to give, especially since it never seems to get to where it is allotted? The city has never made any attempt to cut anything in a truly meaningful way. Yes, I agree that fire and police are most needed, although the police do not do a good job at all. Too often we find them parked over in the state fair lot yakking. Not what we are paying them for, is it? We have a great fire department and they deserve to be funded fully. However, these items I list now need to be totally cut/eliminated. 1. The Senior Center. Why on earth is the city is paying for this entity is anyone's guess, but it needs to get out of it and let it go private. 2. Parks. Again, why does the city think it must provide parks? These, too, should be privatized. 3. Cut library days back to five permanently and hours. 4. Cut massively the budget for public works. I have been trying for years to get Peter Fernandez off his hands and get our sidewalks and roads repaired to no avail, even though he wrote us all a letter a few years back telling us they were doing a survey of sidewalks here and would be repairing those damaged. A few more years went by, and when I contacted him again was informed that the survey cost \$500,000 and there was no money left for repairs. And it remains so to this day. Considering what this man receives in salary and the water debacle last year, he should at least be fired. And since there is no money to do the work (supposedly) his department is supposed to be doing, there is certainly no reason to give them more. This department needs a massive employee cut since the few you see out are not doing anything except digging holes in the streets that they then fill back in after apparently doing nothing, or moving water meter boxes from parking strips to sidewalks. Didn't need moving; they just did. It's called make-work. And for this kind of work they send out a crew of six so that four of them can stand around while the other two dink around. Also, we are paying additional taxes on our utility bill for streetlights and sidewalks. Now the question, where is this money really going? And is the \$8 tax going to pick up the overage on building the police station we didn't need? Somehow I suspect it is. 5. Freeze employee wages for two years, and have them pick up more of their benefit payment. We are all having to take more responsibility for paying benefits (our family pays \$1400 a month out-of-pocket for insurance), and these people need to do the same. Many of us haven't had a pay raise for years, but city employees get theirs regularly. To say we are disappointed in the city council would be an understatement. You people seem to think we have vast resources to pay for every project you throw</p>

	out there. It must stop, and stop now, and it's up to all of you to do the right thing for once. Start thinking about the people and not how to keep molly-coddling city workers. Cheryl A. Eby 1960 Garfield Street NE Salem, OR 97301
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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of jonesg222@gmail.com
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To: citycouncil
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Message	I was disappointed at your decision to raise utility taxes on homeowners without putting this to a vote of Salem residents. You should make the case to voters before taking more of their money. Evidently, asking the people you represent for more money is too risky -- easier to just take it. If your argument is that you were elected to make decisions, then maybe it's time for a new council!

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Amy Johnson

From: KATHY LARIMER <longshot614@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 29, 2019 7:49 AM
To: citycouncil
Cc: longshot614
Subject: Operating Fee

I was reading on the Next Door Neighbor about the new Operating Fee. I am against any new fees. I understand the City has problems with revenue. Building statues to politicians could be one problem at 10,000,000. The money could have been used for a bridge that has been needed since the 60s.

Measure 5 and 50 were from the people to government to live within its means. Instead now politicians believe we can pass an ordinance to raise 7M plus because we cannot operate without it. So that makes it okay to be socialist about it and just pass it government knows best. The City needs to live within its means. If it cannot live within its means then it needs to go back to the people in the form of bond measures to get more money. But a democracy dictates that the populace knows what is going on.

I reviewed my utility bills and they are already heavily taxed through franchise fees, stormwater runoff, water base...you have added fees to so many things.

If I understand they Councils position it will continue to tax and spend both in bond measures and ordinances. The populace does not stand a chance until a new Measure 5 or 50 are passed and returns your revenue positions to 10 years ago.

One last thing stopping Costco from building is nothing more than favoritism or being afraid of that neighborhood. I hope that the LUBA sends it back overturned and Costco can build. It is obvious that politicians paid and unpaid never tell the truth it is all about more. More power, more money and not listening to the electorate.

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