

We have watched almost every council meeting for several years. NEVER have we seen them as disrespectful, unprofessional, rude, flat out nasty as we have seen the last few meetings. We understand that these times have become hard to deal with for many including the public. However there is no reason why they can't be, at the least, professional. ALL of the positions, Mayor AND Council have been elected to do what they believe is good for the community.

Mayor Holston: You seem to want to challenge Councilors Spliethoff, Kinyon and Hollett when they have a question or comment. You do not wait to see or ask them if they are finished prior to giving your opinion. And seems like your opinion is more important than theirs. The proper way to take the floor back is to wait till they say they are done OR ask them if they have anything else. We have even heard a "point of order" called several times in the last few meetings and you continue to talk. Roberts Rules must be followed which requires you to STOP, HEAR THE POINT OF ORDER AND MAKE A RULING ON IT. IF THE RULING IS NOT ACCEPTED, COUNCIL CAN APPEAL IT AND ALLOW THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON THE MATTER. (Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition) You are no more important then the Councilors are. It should be a mutual respect where we all work together.

Council: We also must ask that you be respectful, however difficult it may be. It may require you asking for a short break to calm the conversation down since Mayor doesn't seem to want to stop and let you finish. The packets are out to you early enough that you should be able to possibly write down the question you have so it won't take too much time. When you are done, please relinquish the floor back to the mayor.

We know sometimes we bring the baggage from our days in with us to meetings. AND we realize that we can get extremely frustrated with each other. Name calling and criticism is unacceptable. Have we all done it when frustrated? Of course! Do we get anything accomplished with it? Absolutely not!

Please. Let's start trying harder and better at getting things done together. This goes for the public as well.

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