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Letter: How DHS is paying its legal bill

When we read that the citizens of Desert Hot Springs will have to pay in excess of \$77,000 for an outside lawyer's report that is supposed to confirm or deny a complaint by the town's city manager, that he was being harassed by council members, we were outraged. And then, we thought of the film "Forest Gump."

When Forest Gump was asked to explain why certain people did what they did, he would answer, "Stupid is as Stupid does". We couldn't think of a more apt description of the dis-functional conduct of this town's mayor, council members and city manager. Earlier this year they were considering hiring an anger management expert, for thousands of dollars, to help them deal with their insults to one another, that is, until they were confronted with citizens at a public meeting who suggested that if they could not do the city's business with civility, then they should resign and be replaced.

Now, \$77,000 is a great deal of money that DHS can hardly afford. But, we just learned how these governing officials are going to make up this loss. The entrance fee for senior citizens to the marvelous John Furbee pool, that was originally set at \$2, has now been raised to \$3.

— Deirdre and Philip Gittelman, Desert Hot Springs