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Letter To The Editor

The City of Desert Hot Springs is not a secret FBI charter. It’s not even a bank whose job it is to hold and protect Americans’ money. When our economic rights could be violated by City mismanagement, or fraud, we have a right to know the score.

There have been a number of financial boondoggles here which now necessitate far greater transparency and accountability from our elected and appointed city staff.

From their naïve behavior over the past few years, the City Manager, the City Council, the Police Chief and a number of department heads all need to be looked at to insure the city books are in good order. The bad decisions these folks have made gives us pause and gives us warning many things need to change.

Just for example, I’m blown away by just why City Manager Rick Daniels and Police Chief Patrick Williams never saw fit to vet the veracity of event promoters at the center of hundreds of thousands of dollars in resources lost by the city for a local festival which has never taken place, but was planned to happen over two years ago. The outcome of the fiasco is still uncertain. The City Council has done no better. It is past time for a clean sweep of City officials who have chosen to keep residents in the dark about their own presumably “dark” secrets. Subpoenas should be issued to the city for withholding crucial documentation concerning its affairs. Our well-being as a city depends on it.

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