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[City council does it again, clamping down on your speaking.](#)

Hello my fellow Americans. I know that it has been some time since I have blogged. But what the city council just did with public comments at the city council meeting deserves a public comment from me. Bllaaahhhh. What a joke. There are some valid points made as well as idiotic ones. The fact is, council DOES WANT TO LIMIT THOSE THAT WANT TO SPEAK to them. The meetings are too long. Whahh Whahh. What a bunch of cry babies. You are absolutely wrong Mayor Schilling that this will not impede public comments. It will indeed and you know it. You have been on council long enough and have been there when it used to be at the end. The longer people have to wait to get their turn to speak, the less likely they will show up to speak. They may have kids. They may have to get up early to go to work. They might even be working the midnight shift or are working evenings and are taking some time off to speak to you. Before they were sure to get done speaking before it got late. Now, they don't know how much time it will take.

I did say there were some valid points. The point of the public wanting to speak on regular business items is valid. Why not compromise. Advance all regular business items that people have signed up for. [Ask if there are any other regular business items that individuals want to speak on but did not sign up]. Deal with those. Then have Public Comments on items not on the agenda. Complete those then go back and finish the rest of the regular business items and so on. But this council won't do that, would they. I know that Councilman Wade Flemming would be against that. After all, he has publicly stated on several occasions [especially when I used to attend the meetings and spoke often] that a few residents speak too much at meetings and monopolize the time. Whahhh Whahhh. That reasoning alone should be reason enough to boot this guy off the city council this coming November.

What needs to be done is have 10 people show up each week and speak their 5 minutes during public comments on why they need to put it back where it was or [if you like my compromise] compromise and give those individuals that took time to come and speak on a regular business item to speak first and then those that took the time to come to speak on non agenda items. Not everyone is a regular public comment speaker. If this were to happen each meeting, they might change it. But knowing this council, they would change the time limit to one minute for public comments.

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