

Letters to the editor for Feb. 25, 2019

Ill-conceived ideas

I have owned my home in the city for over 40 years. Despite every effort I make to conserve, my utility bill has never been higher and it will apparently climb more because of city mismanagement of GRU.

Commissioners talk about a "living wage" but they refuse to adequately fund police positions and salaries, leading to officer shortages that put everyone at risk. Commissioners choose to focus on illusory problems that are not even within their authority, and City Hall is dominated by one mindset, resulting in no meaningful consideration of other views and leaving those who believe in fiscal responsibility with no voice.

Ill-conceived ideas that threaten the quality of life in our neighborhoods with noise, over-development, and uncontrolled alcohol and drug use distract from the real needs of our city. For these and many other reasons I urge voters to elect Robert Mounts to the City Commission.

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