



Grand Haven City Mayoral and Council Candidate Questionnaire

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Office Being Sought: _____City Council_____

**Please feel free to attach a separate sheet if the space provided is not sufficient.*

General:

1. What qualifications/experience do you feel you possess that will enable you to fulfill the responsibilities of the elected office you are seeking?

Chairman of the ZBA

Member of the planning commission

Life long resident

2. Have you ever run for political office before? If yes, please explain.

No

3. If elected, what would be your top priorities and why?

More fairness to all residents,

A new power plant of some type just not the Peak Plant ,and it's location ,checking out all possibilities

Economic Development, General Policy and Transportation

1. Please describe your general economic development philosophy for Northwest Ottawa County.

West Michigan still has growth room and people to be employed ,how we attract business and develop the useable land will have to be a joint effort with our surrounding neighbors .

2. Do you support the use of tax abatements and /or special tax incentives to create jobs and spur economic growth? Why or why not?

Not normally, it seems there are to many loop holes in those arrangements ,but if done up right i would look at them.

3. What are your thoughts regarding the need for affordable workforce housing?

In the city the land is just not there, to change this the requirements would need to change building heights and move existing buildings. That would be a big change !

4. As we move to a more regional community and in the face of continued fiscal constraints, what are your thoughts on consolidation of services (police, fire, schools, transportation to name a few)?

More the better a have things shared, would make a financial plus.

5. Please provide your vision of what council can do to support Mainstreet DDA and all business districts that are spread throughout the City to ensure there is continuing business growth and new development that generates new tax base.

Loosen up a little [social area as seen in a lot of other cities

Love the downtown main street change since last year and think we should keep it every summer.

They're here for a reason ,they also love this town or wouldn't start a business here.

We should help them .

6. Please describe how you plan, if elected, to work toward funding/controlling legacy costs.

That's a difficult one.

What has been tried or not . i'm not knowing of the last ten years what changed to not be in a better place then it is right now.

I will work with anyone that is with me to correct this problem

7. How would you propose to fund key community infrastructure needs that have been identified by city staff over the next three to seven year's?

If the funding isn't there, the question would be do the people of Grand Haven do they want want higher taxes/ special millage or have them sold

That is what i would like to have the people vote on.

The people have to decide if they want to keep them not the City council, we need to give them the information and let them respond

8. Discuss how mass transit may assist with workforce development and what role local/state government may play in further expanding regional transportation services throughout West Michigan

We have a great deal of people that live north , east and south of us.

This is where we will generate or work force from,I can see in the near future the need for more services

Please attach additional information regarding your community and business affiliations.