

Smithfield Election Forum

Questions



1. What previous experiences have prepared or qualify you for City Council service?

2. Why are you running for City Council?

3. In regard to planning and zoning matters, how do you want to see your city grow and develop?

4. What do you think is the most pressing concern for your city right now?



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The following experiences have taught me the value of hard work and helped to qualify me for service on Smithfield City Council: 4 years as Smithfield Planning Commissioner, 2 years as Smithfield City Council Member, BA Entrepreneurship- Utah State University, Smithfield Chamber President 2013-2014, Business Networks International President/ Director Consultant, 20 years in the building and construction industry, former HOA President and Utah League of Cities and Towns/Utah Local Government Trusts Workshops and Conventions.

I am running for city council because I feel I have a civic duty to give back to the great community I live and raise my children in. Smithfield is a great place to have a business and raise families, therefore I support any effort that strengthens the moral fabric of society, especially when it helps maintain and strengthens families. As Smithfield grows, I hope to connect the citizens in a united effort and help Smithfield continue to thrive.

In participating with planning and zoning matters for 4 years, I feel the need to see Smithfield have a sustained growth model. The general plan will help guide Smithfield through growth, but what we really need is more input from the residents in the planning process. While growth can be a good thing, we need to make sure basic infrastructure is in place to sustain that growth. Smithfield has great employees/planning commissioners and I plan on working closely with them as the city grows. At the same time following the principles of, "Does it make sense and will it work?"

The revitalization of Main Street is one of my most pressing concerns. That means helping businesses restructure and rebuild. Also, encouraging new businesses to come in. Our commercial growth has lagged behind, but we are starting to see it pick up. Currently, I am assigned over Economic Development for Smithfield City as a Council Member. If re-elected, I plan to continue to work with Cache County Economic Development to draw new, and clean businesses into Smithfield. Let's continue to be "Utah's Health City." I feel I can help stimulate the growth of the commercial sector and on Main Street



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Employment at Hickman Land Title Co., experience working with water and real estate. I served on Smithfield's Board of Adjustments, on the County Landfill Siting Committee (as co-chair and chairman), serving on the Cache Highline Water Canal board and as the chairman of the Cache County Boundary Commission. I have volunteered as a coach for youth sports and as a scout leader. Serve with the Smithfield Lion's as Vice President. Graduate USU - business degree.

I have been asked by a broad section of citizens to run again. There is a learning curve on items the council makes decisions on. I have a unique background, from my USU education, work experience and work with various levels of city and county governments. I spend a lot of time doing my homework on the issues that come to the council. I would like to continue serving the citizens of Smithfield.

I get stopped and asked a lot of questions in the grocery store. Most of the time the questions are concerning growth and housing, including the question: When are we going to stop the growth? Some of those asking are not originally from the valley or the state. We have the largest families of any state. A few years ago over 97% of the growth in Cache County was internal (our own kids). People have said we are putting too much pressure on the schools. The city is not causing growth, we are trying to plan for it.

Economic Development and planning for the future are the two most important things. Sales tax is one of the most important revenues for cities. The increase of online shopping has caused major concerns for cities. We need to attract more commercial so we don't have to rely on property taxes. The council needs to plan for new roads, for cars, buses and maybe a future light rail in the valley. We need to adjust our thoughts and attitudes to use less water. We are the second driest state and have the second highest water use. We are nearly reaching capacity.



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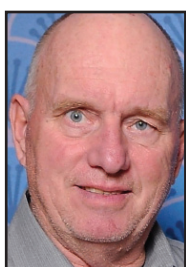
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I have served on the Smithfield City Council for the last four years and on the planning commission for two years prior to that. I have only missed one scheduled meeting in those 6 years. I have attended state and city conferences including Utah League of Cities and Towns and Cache Summit. As a city councilman I have been actively engaged with the Smithfield Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation and the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce.

I believe that citizens need to serve their community. Smithfield is a great place to live and I have found it extremely rewarding to understand the inner workings of our local government. I take very seriously the responsibility of making choices that are in the best interest of the citizens of our city. Sometimes those decisions have been tough but I have always weighed the issues and voted for the greater good for our community.

Currently our planning commission is working on a new Master Planned Community ordinance that focuses on multiple use and smart growth patterns for new subdivisions to be built in Smithfield. I believe that carefully planned growth that provides affordable housing is essential as our city continues to grow. We need growth that will maintain the current small town atmosphere as well as provide homes that meet the needs of our younger generation. We need to continue to attract businesses to our community and plan for growth in our commercial zones.

- My main concern is another traffic light at 1000 South Main Street. We need to make traffic in front of local businesses in that area safe.
- We need to provide safe walking and bike trails in our community.
- Our city will continue to grow and we need to encourage that growth with careful planning. Decisions made now will impact the look and feel of our city for years to come and need to be made with goals in mind that will benefit not only the present, but the future citizens of our community



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I was employed by Smithfield City for 22 years as a building official, and as an advisor to the planning and zoning commission. I have become very familiar with the day to day operations of the city, how the city finances and budget work, and how the city council's responsibilities relate to the city's operation and finances. I am also currently a member of the board of directors of the Highline Water Association.

I have lived in Smithfield for 41 years, and worked for the city for 22 years. I've grown to love and appreciate this community and the people who live here. I feel it is time for me to give back to the city through service on the city council.

Over the past 25 years Smithfield has experienced a tremendous amount of growth. The city has planned for this growth with input from citizens and city staff by creating a general plan. I'm in favor of following the general plan instead of allowing outside developers to influence the development and growth of the city. I would also like the city to continue to encourage businesses to locate here. This helps with our tax base.

One of my concerns is preserving Smithfield City's water rights, and developing future water sources. I have spent the last 15 years as a board member of the Highline Water Association. I understand the growing need for water here in Cache Valley, and feel that I can help Smithfield prepare for their future water needs.