

2022 Voters Guide

Cambridge City Council (vote for 2)

Aaron Berg

What are your qualifications for the job? “After working for 11 years in law enforcement in North Dakota, I relocated to Cambridge with my family in 2014. I spent the next seven years working in education with the Cambridge-Isanti Schools and the Rum River Special Ed Co-op. I currently serve as the vice-chairman of the Cambridge-Isanti School Board, which has allowed me the opportunity to sit on numerous county, regional and state boards.”



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What is the most important issue facing Cambridge City Council? “The increased costs of goods and services are passed along to consumers, and that ultimately affects every family’s bank account. ... Additional and affordable housing in this community continues to be affected by the global economy. And these economic conditions have a trickle-down effect that will take a collective government approach to manage.”

What do you hope to accomplish on City Council? “Having a degree in planning, and being a city planner, I think it’s important that we promote the development of our industrial park. We need to assist our current businesses and industries, being partners in redevelopment and upgrades to help them grow and expand, which will help grow and expand our tax base.”

What do you hope to accomplish on City Council? “Cambridge has a beautiful downtown right now. We have businesses that are starting to prosper again after the pandemic, and I think it’s important for Council as a whole to work with those business owners to make sure they can still have every opportunity to prosper. We’re working with downtown businesses to see what we can do to make the downtown attractive, perhaps even become a destination.”

Joe Morin, a fourth candidate for Cambridge City Council, was not at the Candidate Forum.

Bob Shogren

What are your qualifications for the job? “I have 15 years of service on the council; from 2002 to 2014 and from 2018 to now. Over those years, I



Bob Shogren

worked with Council to bring in new businesses. When I started on Council, we were in a dark time financially, but we worked together to balance the budget and pay the bills.”

What is the most important issue facing Cambridge City Council? “The city is the same as families and businesses in that they have to work within their means just like the rest of us do. I think taxes have been a significant concern for people who live here. But Cambridge is continuing to decrease the tax rate, although it’s hard to see the savings your leaders are helping to accomplish. We need to continue to decrease the tax rate.”

What do you hope to accomplish on City Council? “Back in 2021, the city set some short-term goals to reach their vision for the city. I believe that, when they were set, we hadn’t at that point seen the levels of cost increases and inflation that we have recently. I would like to revisit some of those goals and see if there’s anything that can be tweaked to save money.”

Amanda Wisner

What are your qualifications for the job? “I’ve lived in this area since 2007, and it is important to me, as a homeowner, to see just how the



Amanda Wisner

working of the city are done. I have wondered about taxes, and I want to see for myself where our money is going. I have no background in politics; I would like to come in as a fresh set of eyes.”

What is the most important issue facing Cambridge City Council?

“One of the biggest issues are the different zoning issues for businesses in the downtown area. I’m curious why things are the way they are. As the city continues to grow and expand, I want to look and see if there’s a way we can bring the downtown and the outer areas together.”

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Isanti County Sheriff

Lisa Lovering

What are your qualifications for the job? “I am the Chief Deputy of the Isanti Sheriff’s Office. I received a bachelor’s and master’s degree. I worked my way up through the ranks from a part-time dispatcher to the first female deputy in Isanti County. Eight years ago I was appointed as the Chief Deputy.”



Lisa Lovering

What is the largest public safety issue in Isanti County? “The biggest problem I see is mental health. Mental health seems to be the basis for all of our issues; if we have drug abuse or issues in the jail, the basis is with mental health. In 2021 I started a program for the mental health of our deputies. I want to partner with other groups and the faith-based community to get into our jails and provide more mental health services.”

What do you hope to accomplish in the Sheriff’s Office? “There are a lot of problems I would like to accomplish as Sheriff. One thing I have heard is that people want [government] to invest in public safety. Well, put your money where your mouth is: We’re not getting the funding we need in the Sheriff’s Office to provide the services everybody wants.”

Wayne Seiberlich

What are your qualifications for the job? “I have an associate’s degree and a bachelor’s and received a number of certifications. I also was a member of Braham City Council, so I learned budgeting, policy and grant-writing. With the Sheriff’s Office I’ve served in the jail, boat rescue, and as a training officer.”



Wayne Seiberlich

What is the largest public safety issue in Isanti County? “In my opinion the biggest issue we have is with crime, and law enforcement has to do something about that. We can fix some of the problems with drugs with drug courts in Isanti County. Recidivism drops 35% to 40%, and we can save on average \$6,700 per person with drug courts.”

What do you hope to accomplish in the Sheriff’s Office? “My vision is simple: I want to create an environment where the Sheriff’s Office is seen as a member of the community, not just a police entity. I want to continue to gain public trust, and coordinate efforts between different law enforcement agencies to achieve public safety.”

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