

Candidate for Mayor: William L Lytle

I am seeking the office of mayor because of my love for this community. I have lived here all my life and hold this community and its residents in high regard. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity. Hopefully, I have been able to do so in a positive and professional manner. I would see some of the projects we are working completed, as well as being a part of the future growth of our community.

I believe that I am qualified to serve as mayor because I am currently serving in that capacity. As stated above, I am a lifelong resident with a great love for our community. The mayor's is not only to preside over meetings, but also to attend meetings on behalf of the city. I feel that I have the personality and experience needed not only to preside over meetings, but also to present our city in a positive light at all times.

The three policy issues that I feel are most important are budget, infrastructure, both new and maintaining and upgrading existing and economic development. I feel that these are all key issues for a growing community like ours.

We have areas in place for future housing, retail and commercial growth. We have a dedicated planning commission that reviews and makes their recommendations to the city council for their consideration. The city works closely with Franklin County Development Council in exploring commercial and retail opportunities.

Growth requires infrastructure. In that regard the city has installed and upgraded many water and sewer lines, as well as acquiring a second source of water. We have also installed two new sewer lift stations over the last two years.

We are also experiencing a revitalization of our Main Street. It is my hope that we can balance commercial, retail and housing and still maintain the small town feel that we love.

We currently have a great staff in place. However, as the city grows so does the workload. All of our departments will have a heavier workload. More employees will be needed to provide the services that our residents expect.

Growth means more permits and inspections. It also means more infrastructure to maintain. I definitely feel we will need more help in these areas in the future.

At this time I don't believe that we need a city manager. We have a very competent staff in place to handle the growth that we are currently experiencing. However, in the future, should this issue come up we need to give careful consideration as to whether or not the benefits outweigh the cost.

In closing, I don't believe all of these questions can be adequately answered in the one hundred words that we were given. If you have questions I would be glad to discuss them with you.

Thank you for your time.
Bill Lytle
Candidate for Mayor