

## Candidate for Mayor: Jeremy Slabaugh

- Why are you seeking this public office? (100 words or less)
  - o I believe that Kansas governments are swamping residents and businesses with out-of-control taxes, and I want to make a difference. For more information on the outrageous Kansas taxation check out my website at <http://freefranklincountyks.org>.
  - o After a budget hearing I heard a current elected official tell someone, "If you don't like the taxes here, you should move somewhere else." That statement makes me wonder, are these officials supposed to be serving themselves, their buddies, and the local govt employees, or are they supposed to be serving the people? Is it our hard-earned money that we give to the government in exchange for a service or is it their money to rip out of our pockets to do whatever the heck they want with?
- What do you believe makes you uniquely qualified to serve in this position and most distinguishes you from your opponents? (100 words or less)
  - o I'm committed to do what's best for the city of Wellsville by making data driven decisions using logic and reason.
- As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (100 words or less)
  - o High taxes, lack of accountability, and lack of representation
    - I believe our taxes are out of control. During record inflation, the city government raised taxes 18% in one year with only vague answers on where the money was going, while employed individuals are scraping by with meager 1 or 2% raises and those on a fixed income are just expected to cough up more and more money every year to cover their insane tax bills.
- As the city considers future development projects, describe your views on how Wellsville should best manage and balance growth (100 words or less)
  - o I believe that the city of Wellsville is a great **small town** to live in and raise a family. Shooting for the stars and punishing citizens with backbreaking taxes to support unrealistic growth expectations would be a disaster. I believe that the government should be run more like a business. Every day businesses manage sustained growth while controlling spending.
- Describe your position on whether proper staffing is in place to handle the growth that is coming to Wellsville; if not, what changes do you suggest? (100 words or less)
  - o I believe that governments across the entire state of Kansas are bloated, just look at the data on my website. I believe it is possible to provide government services without swamping residents and businesses with excessive taxes.
- City candidates: describe your position on whether a City Manager or similar position would be appropriate for Wellsville or not. (100 words or less)
  - o While I believe that leadership and oversight can be a good thing, I don't think we need another overpaid government executive like the Franklin County Administrator who is being

compensated \$[172,327](#) a year. Before making any decision I would want to see the job description and supporting evidence justifying the position, especially comparing Wellsville with other small towns with 2,000 citizens.