



COVE

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES?

Delbert "Del" Little:

My strength as a mayoral candidate rests within my extensive experience gained from working for federal, state and local governments as well as my volunteer activities. I have supervised many subordinates, conducted trainings and coordinated work activities. I have practical experience in development of work plans, writing of ordinances/resolutions, and researching statutes and other legal documents.

I have worked with multiple government agencies including regulatory and funding. I have held productive meetings with community groups to reach a consensus on sensitive issues. I have served as a city councilor for a small local community and helped with the development of a progressive water rate ordinance to ensure there were adequate resources

within the fund to avoid transfers from other sources. I have worked with communities processing funding applications, producing contracts, processing pay request, evaluation planning and construction documents.

As a code enforcement person, I have conducted inspections, issued request for abatement of nuisances, and developed a right-of-way permit process. I assisted the city planner while working at the City of La Grande in revising planning ordinance and conducted plan reviews for development within the city to ensure compliance with applicable zoning codes. I have experience with infrastructure improvements as part of the workforce as well as overseeing contractors work.

My weakness is the short amount of time living within the community of Cove and being familiar with its citizens.

weeks away from moving city hall and all city services to our new location. Our current location will be the new home of the Elgin Museum.

We continue to work with our federal and state legislature and hope to gain additional grants for various projects including upgrades to the Opera House. We have restarted ordinance enforcement and animal control that has proven to be very successful, especially in conjunction with our Municipal Court which has been in place for over a year now.

Our partnership with Elgin Parks & Recreation has brought about many upgrades to the community center facility. We have restructured the Hu Na Ha RV park and the Elgin transfer station, which are now operating in the black.

Jon Rutherford:

Since I have lived here, I have seen things change in this town, and not necessarily for the better. These changes were not decided by the masses. Nothing here is. Decisions are made by one or two individuals. This will change if I am elected. The townspeople will have more say on what goes on in their town. It is true you can't please everyone, but I believe everyone should have more knowledge and a say in what happens here.

WHAT CAN YOU UNIQUELY BRING TO THIS POSITION?

Allan Duffy:

I have been able to bring local groups and organizations together for the betterment of my community. I have formed a great line of communication between the city council, city employees and community groups by including reports from many entities within the city at council meetings — it helps immensely to "be on the same page." We are communicating better throughout the city. I was just recently elected to the board of directors of the Oregon Mayors Association and look forward to bringing Eastern Oregon / Elgin concerns to the state level.

Jon Rutherford:

Rutherford did not respond to this question.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITY AS MAYOR?

Delbert "Del" Little:

My first priority will be to ensure a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming council members and the mayor so the public is not impacted by the change. Then I would see that the council is informed about the status of current projects as well as those soon to be addressed. This includes an understanding of the city budget and obligations required to keep the city functioning. I plan to find a way to increase citizen awareness of city activities and seek more public participation in council meetings. I currently volunteer my assistance to the city to develop a new sidewalk ordinance and reviewing other such documents. I will continue that work, regardless if I am elected.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE COVE FACES?

Delbert "Del" Little:

There is no single challenge the city faces — there are more than I can address within the limits of this article. But to mention a few I would have to say man power and financial limitations. The city has a limited amount of revenue in which to fund needed activities. It only has two full time and two part-time employees. I feel the work load far exceeds their capabilities to accomplish tasks within the hours and resources available to them as it stands today.

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Allan Duffy:

I am a proven leader and have been able to lead the council and bring many groups and organizations together to move Elgin forward. Together, we have accomplished a great deal of infrastructure projects and have brought the city back to financial stability. One area that could use improvement is communication with all Elgin residents. We do use social media, the newspaper and radio spots but there is always room for improvement.

Jon Rutherford:

My weakness is that I am not a politician and maybe that I only have a high school education.

Although I believe I make up for that in strengths, I am one of the working class people who live in this town. I have many of the townspeople on my side; therefore, I believe I would be able to get more involvement from the people of Elgin, which is exactly what this town needs.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK ON, OR CONTINUE WORKING ON, IF (RE)ELECTED?

Allan Duffy:

We are currently working on a federal block grant of \$3.5 million dollars for upgrades to our sewer collection system. We have just recently applied for \$200,000 from the ODOT small city allotment for

2019 for continual upgrades of city streets. Also in progress, we are working with Elgin Schools District for a Safe Routes to School grant. We are near completion of the utility installation for Indian Valley Estates, the largest annex to Elgin in 30 years. We are

Terry Clinkenbeard:

I have lived in Imbler for more than 30 years. I know the community and what goes on here. My weakness: I am not a politician.

Teressa Dewey:

I believe my strength is my public accounting background and experience with public meeting laws. As the city of Imbler's water system ages, it is critical the city manages their limited funds wisely to insure the ability to make necessary repairs/upgrades. It is also important public entities are transparent and insure the laws that govern them are being followed. I believe my experience would serve the city well in both of these areas.

I believe my weakness is confronting individuals on issues. I am not a confrontational individual. However, I have learned over the years there are times when issues arise and won't be resolved on their own. In these cases, it is necessary to address the issue head-on in order to find a resolution.

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT IMBLER'S ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES NEED TO BE CONSOLIDATED?

Terry Clinkenbeard:

I do not believe the animal control ordinances should be consolidated because we live in such a rural farming and ranching community. I think doing so would be a direct attack on our FFA students and members of our community who are raising food for their families. You can be certain if ordinances are consolidated that it will be taking away our freedoms, not expanding them. The reason many people live in Imbler is because it is a small, rural farming community, not an urbanized big city.

Teressa Dewey:

I believe Imbler's animal control ordinances not only need to be consolidated but also reviewed and updated. The current ordinance that covers the majority of the city states only that residents may not have more than three dogs and may not have pigs. We have fairly large lots in the City of Imbler. However, there needs to be some reasonable limitations to the amount and type of livestock/animals/fowl allowed within the city limits. This is necessary to insure all patrons can enjoy their home and property without the nuisance that comes with too many or certain types of livestock/animals/fowl. Having only one ordinance for the entire city would eliminate a lot of confusion that currently exists.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO PREVENT SPEEDING IN THE IMBLER AREA?

Terry Clinkenbeard:

There needs to be more speed signs and police patrol.

Teressa Dewey:

I do believe there is a problem with speeding, especially as drivers enter and exit Imbler via Summerville Road. Improvements have been made in that area within the last few years with the addition of a crosswalk and signage. However, the only way to combat this issue is with increased patrol from the Union County Sheriff's Office. I believe if city officials reach out to the sheriff's office and ask for increased patrol in that area they will work to keep our community safe.

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