

MILES ...

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What do you think are the biggest issues facing Cave Junction right now?

Housing and crime. I honestly think if we can take care of getting nighttime law enforcement, that would take care of a lot of our crime. Housing is going to be a little bit tougher. We need to get help from the state to release some of the regulation issues that prohibit us from really getting good, affordable housing.

What's your stance on marijuana?

I personally don't use it. I recognize that it's legal, and so I support the legal issues of it. I have known people who use it medicinally and I'm very grateful it's there for people to use that way. Recreational, you know, hey, it's legal and if people follow the rules, I would much rather have someone use that than a bunch of alcohol. I'm very concerned about our youth using marijuana because their brains are not ready for that.

The industry-- I'm somewhat frustrated in that if they want to be considered a mainstream industry

- and I recognize that they have that right, don't get me wrong - I think they need to step up and be more supportive of some community projects or activities. Join the chamber of commerce, join the non-profit organizations, become a part of the mainstream, do what all the other types of businesses do.

What are your feelings about the wildfires?

No one likes wildfires... and yet, they're here. Each and every year. So I think we need to educate ourselves as to what we can do during the off-season and how we can as a community become knowledgeable. Defensible space... everybody needs to be aware that during summertime we should all be at level one awareness.

What would you do to expand economic development?

That's the 64 dollar question. I would love to see us get this corridor of 199 a really nice look to it so that all of our businesses look like they like each other. I think it would beautify this corridor to have some unity. I'd like to do some more to help our chamber of commerce to be strengthened.

I would also love to see a wider

variety of businesses come in, but businesses aren't going to come in if we don't have housing. So I see economic development as being related to all the other issues in the city as far as the law enforcement, the housing and the beautification. I think we're right on the cusp of seeing a lot of really good things happening here, and I think that we need to keep up that sense of positivity in the Valley.



Councilor Jean Ann Miles listens to the mayor during an Aug. 27 workshop at City Hall.

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I'm really worried about the image of the town. It seems like the farther away from the town you go, it's like the telephone game... the crazier the image seems to get. And it doesn't seem like many people who live in the city limits realize that there are all kinds of city ordinances they're supposed to follow... at any given moment you can drive through town and find a couple hundred ordinance infractions that aren't being enforced, and I think that contributes to the image problem.

What's your stance on marijuana?

Personally, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and economically, it's not a one-trick pony. I think people that think it's going to solve all the economic issues weren't here for the collapse of the timber industry to realize what happens when you put all your eggs in one basket, and then the basket gets stepped on by the government. So it could be one facet of a healthy economy, but it's not a healthy economy in and of itself.

What are your feelings about the wildfires?

Well, I don't like 'em. No, sir, don't like 'em one bit! I feel that when your tendencies and your laws are to conserve nature, nature's laws don't worry much about conserving you. If there is a lack of forest management to reduce fuels then we are going to

have big fires. That's all there is to it. Do you want a flush forest that burns like hellfire every once in a while or do you want a human led management plan that would help reduce fuels and the threat of ginormous wildfires?

What would you do to expand economic development?

There's several things I would like to do. I would like to fix the infrastructure, for one, because you're not going to attract investment with a lack of infrastructure or if the infrastructure that you have isn't maintained. Businesses need infrastructure to excel, so adding business oriented infrastructure and fixing the infrastructure we have.

On top of that, businesses want to feel like they have a sense of security, so we would have to work on the law enforcement and even increase the lighting around town. It would also be awesome if we had a recreation center for school-aged kids. If there's something there for the kids then you'll have more families wanting to move here.

I love town. I'm proud of town. I get really tired of people putting down Cave Junction when I go out, but there is a lack of aesthetic unity in town and a lot of the building fronts really need maintenance. It would be awesome to have aesthetically unifying building codes for the downtown area because there's a lot potential for income and economic development in tourism, but we need to have an image to make people want to stop.

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