

**FRANCIS KOCIS**

1. Position of Canyon City Council is important in making decisions/recommendations and communications to Canyon City residents about issues:

- involving water/sewer needs; financial/budget matters regarding city affairs.
- future development within city limits.
- uses involving museum, city park, and community hall.
- safety concerns regarding fire, lighting, and animals.

2. • To serve all city residents in working and communicating openly in making sound decisions for management of city operations.

- Provide a safe and equitable working environment for city employees.

• Utilize past years of experience as a City Council Member to work cooperatively with current Council Members, Mayor, and city employees.

3. My wife and I have owned property in Canyon City for the past 40 years and we have resided at our South Humboldt residence for 16+ years.

Prior to retiring in 2002, I enjoyed a wonderful career as a Park Ranger with the National Park Service in parks in Texas, Arkansas, Oregon, and Washington for 31 years. During those years I gained immeasurable experience in personnel matters, budgeting, serving the public and assisting visitors with their recreational needs while vacationing in the parks.

During my 16+ years residency in Canyon City, I was involved in the following community activities:

- served on Grant Union School District Budget Committee.
- volunteer/member for 8 years with the John Day/Canyon City Lions Club.

• served for 4 years on Canyon City Planning Commission.

• Board member for past 7 years with "Friends of Kam Wah Chung".

• appointed/served as Canyon City Council Member in 2013 and 2014.

4. • Use past years experience on City Council and by working with current Council Members, the Mayor, and city employees continue to serve the needs of Canyon City residents; maintain integrity for sound fiscal management for City operations; and address future updates and needs for the City in water/sewer and street Public Works projects.

• Utilize the Canyon City Park for more community sponsored events such as the past "Summer Music in the Park" programs.

**RACHELLE SIMMONS**

I am seeking reelection to the position of city councilor representing the Town of Canyon City. I believe that serving the people of Canyon City as a council member is important because it allows me the insight to inter-workings of our community and solving concerns of our citizens.

I am running for this position to continue helping with current issues in our city. My background and qualifications are in making decisions in budget planning, economic developments and ongoing infrastructure projects. I have served the residents of Canyon City working with three different mayors over multiple years. During that time we have completed grants for renovating the Community Center. I have also been a part of the decision making on bettering our water systems, playground equipment in the park, and many other improvements.

If given the opportunity, I look forward to continue working with our mayor, council members and residents of the community as well as partnering city governments.

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
(Vote for two)**SHILO BURTON-HARPER**

1. As an individual who strives to give back to the community (Grant County in general) and be actively involved making our community the best it can be for its residents, and future residents, I am running for a position on the Mount Vernon City Council.

2. I'd like to be actively involved and engaged in the happenings of the community of which I live, and where I plan to raise my children. I want to be able to say, "This is how I helped..." and "This is what you can do..."

3. My family and I moved into Mount Vernon in the spring of 2014. Being a city resident, I'd like nothing more than to have the opportunity to be involved in what goes on in our small town, and involved in making it a healthier, safer, wholesome, high-quality place to live for my children, current residents, and residents for the years to come.

Having been born and raised in Mount Vernon, just outside city limits, this is my hometown, and I have no doubt it will be where I live until the day I die. Keeping this town thriving, dynamic and full of life, clean and safe, functioning smoothly is a passion I have.

I have been, and am, actively engaged in numerous groups, organizations, and boards within Grant County, including the Mount Vernon Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous, and the Cinnabar Mountain Playdays youth rodeo association in Mount Vernon. I've held the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer on these committees. To be a member of the city council would give me the chance to give back and make a difference, yet again, where it means the most to me.

4. In September, I was elected in to fill in a vacant position on the Mt. Vernon City Council. If elected again, I'd have the opportunity to continue working toward solutions with items the council is currently addressing. Additionally, I would provide my support to address any other issues that may arise, as well as bring forward proposals to benefit the community and its residents.

I would engage in the city's finances, assist in finding and securing funds for updated city park playground equipment, address and mitigate issues with current "curb appeal" throughout the city, find and secure grants in general to further support the city's need for an updated water/sewer system, infrastructure updates, propose ideas to create further revenue within the city, seek ways to make the city a safer and healthier place for people of all ages, and to be a voice for residents.

**MIKE CEARNS SR.**

I am Mike Cearns Sr. I am running for city council in Mt. Vernon. I have served on the Budget Committee for 3 years and city council for 2 years in Mt. Vernon.

I have been married to Joyce for 37 years we have 2 children and 8 grandchildren that all live in Grant County. I am semi retired and work parttime for Dakom Logging. I am planning to continue to live in Mt. Vernon as Joyce and I own two homes there. I have also served on the Volunteer Fire Dept. for 30 yrs.

I am running for Council because I want to see Mt. Vernon to be a safe place to live and raise your children. I also would like to continue to work on sewer plant update and the city park update.

Being semi retired I can also assist with problems that happen with daily workings of the city of Mt. Vernon.

**EVA DOUGHARITY**

1. City Council Position

I want to be a member of a great group of people working together with goals and projects to improve our city

2. As a city councilor I would like to keep Mt Vernon going forward in a positive direction.

3. Currently Interim Mayor, served on council since 2011, Budget Committee 3 years. Long time resident Mt Vernon for over 30 years

Been active in our community, Cinnabar Mt Rendezvous volunteer, numerous charity events

4. I would like to see projects through to completion

- Waste water project
- City Park Improvement plan

• Bringing back community pride to our city and homes through clean up projects. Updating city policies and procedures.

Candidates **DREW HARMER** and **JUSTIN A. MAY** did not submit answers to the questions.

LONG CREEK MAYOR**DANIEL MORROW**

1. The Mayor shall be a civic leader and chairman of the Council, presiding over the council members as they fulfill their responsibility and authority to assign Councilors/Mayor for the following responsibilities: Fire Department, City Buildings, Streets & Signs, Water, Sewer, City Parks, Grounds-Keeping, and City Transfer Station.

2. I wish to reclaim a sense of pride in this community through a spirit of teamwork with consideration to the individual opinions and personal rights of the citizens. Having grown up and enjoyed the positives of Long Creek, I want to give back to the community.

3. I have a lifetime awareness of life in Grant County. Stories of my great grandfather running a freight train into Canyon City and livelihood challenges were observed first hand as I grew up in Long Creek, graduating high school in 1963. Four years of military service, becoming a Vietnam Veteran, marriage and raising four children required relocation. During these years, I coached Little League and Babe Ruth teams, and had employment that involved oversight of fifty employees. Family responsibilities, employment and a metropolitan lifestyle; while providing an education in dealing with a diverse population, exemplified the desire to return to the rural Long Creek Community. Upon retirement in 2002 my wife, Dianna, and I returned to Long Creek and built our home that we are able to share with our nine grandchildren, friends and neighbors. I have been an active participant in City Government, Long Creek Historical Society, and Allovors Community House.

4. A. Population Decrease: resulting in social and economic decline.

a. Focus on what we have to offer as opposed to what used to be. Seek individuals and agencies within the county and state that are in a position to assist with building a desirable community.

B. Inequality of Voting Privileges: resulting in individuals with economic investment in city having no representation.

b. Review charter and ordinance with view to amend voter limitations.

C. Limited Communication between City Government and Individual Citizens: resulting in non-inclusive, non-productive and sometimes adversarial outlooks.

c. Initiate more town hall type gatherings. Outreach by all city officials to citizenry on individual one on one basis. Provide clear and available charter/ordinance information utilizing internet/social media. Increase participation in city meetings. Establish an arbitration council to address potential issues.

D. City government operating on Reactive as opposed to Proactive basis: resulting in 'putting fires out, instead of preventing them'.

d. Pursue education program for all elected/appointed officials. Encourage individual council members to exercise their duties/responsibilities as leaders. Provide opportunities for each councilman to be fully informed of any issues via pre-meeting agenda and information packet, and encourage individual council member expression.

**DON PORTER**

I've been the mayor of Long Creek for over ten years and I'm running for reelection so that I can continue to serve this small community and keep doing all I can for its citizens.

Being mayor of a small town means I'm usually the first person townspeople call on when they need help. Whether it's a water or sewer issue, an animal control problem, hazardous weather or some sort of safety concern, I work to assure our town runs smoothly. A lot of times that means dealing with regulatory agencies like DEQ, EPA and ODOT, and over the years I've built good relationships with all of them and a have solid understanding of their requirements.

The City of Long Creek is comprised of seven divisions – streets; parks; fire; buildings; sewer; water; and transfer station. While council members oversee each division, I have professional experience that allows me to provide them with the support they need. I did roadwork with ODOT for several years, and have been fire chief for quite some time with many hours of training. In college I worked in parks and recreation, and in the 1980s and 90s I was the water and sewer operator for Long Creek.

I care about what happens to Long Creek and the good people who live here. I want to keep doing all I can to attract new residents and new businesses, while continuing to support all the great things we already have going for us.

Our combined residential water, sewer and dump rates are just \$60 per month, with many other small towns charging \$90 or more. I will continue working to keep our utilities the lowest in the area. I'll also keep working with the Oregon State Fire Marshall's office on our smoke detector program, which has placed over 150 free smoke detectors in Long Creek homes. The goal is to have another 350 installed over the next 18 months.

I have deep roots in Long Creek and I'm just as deeply committed to its future.

LONG CREEK CITY COUNCIL
(Vote for one)

Candidates **JOSEPH GIBSON** and **BRENT M. NEAR** did not submit answers to the questions.

LONG CREEK MEASURE 12-64

Should Long Creek prohibit production, processing, wholesaling, dispensing and retailing of marijuana within city limits?

PRAIRIE CITY CITY COUNCIL
(Vote for two)**PHILIP "JOE" PHIPPEN**

1. I'm running for the position of city councilman for Prairie City. This position is very important because you have a hand in helping make Prairie City a better place to live by working with the mayor, fellow council members and the citizens.

2. I'm running for councilman to help the people of Prairie City. The community has its problems and I want to help solve them.

3. I received my social security card when I was twelve years old, working for the Island Ranch in Harney County. After four years in the navy, 1969-1973, I was a buckaroo for a few years. With a young family to support, I went to Alaska to work in the logging industry. In 1989, I became a devout Christian and still am to this day.

I was a co-owner for seven years of an adult foster care home. I learned the meaning of really caring and being devoted to the elderly. Prairie City has a lot of retired and needy folks; and I believe I can help them being on the city council. I was president for approximately one year of the Prairie City Senior Citizens and had direct contact with folks every week. Also, I am a member of the Prairie City budget committee, and a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board for Grant County.

4. Prairie City is a great city with a lot of community spirit, good schools and caring people. However; there are issues that need to be addressed. People want to know the status of the water and sewer projects. Also, there is a serious dog problem that needs to be dealt with. I would work with the mayor and council to be more informative to citizens. I am really proud of our museum, parks and our many community events.

If elected; I am looking forward to serving on the Prairie City's council.

Candidates **GEORGIA PATTERSON** and **FRANK PRIMOZIC** did not submit answers to the questions.

GRANITE CITY COUNCIL
(Vote for two)

Candidates **MIKE JAQUES**, **DAVID MOSTEIT**, **KATHY MOSTEIT** and **STEVE D. SMITH** did not submit answers to the questions.

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