

1. What are your top three goals for the city in the next four years (term of office)?

- A.) To spur Economic Development for businesses of all sizes and create a plan to help our citizens foster well-planned residential growth.
- B.) To overhaul and create a transparent, comprehensive and fully functional/balanced City budget.
- C.) To generate a well developed and comprehensive zoning plan for the entire city. In order to bring current zoning up to today's standards, and include smart development in the high visibility corridors.

2. How would you foster cooperation between the City Council and Mayor?

I am willing to work with whomever is elected by our voters to be Mayor. I will always leave personal conflicts out of my decision-making process. I am planning to look out for the interests of all of the citizens of Ward 2, and address our concerns. Also, I will maintain my ability to work hand-in-hand with the representatives of all Wards of our City.

3. What measures would you support to increase the city's revenue?

I will support any intelligent measures, which are put in place to attract and keep businesses and entrepreneurs coming to the area. Small, medium and large businesses are the basis of this Country, this County, and this City. Without them, we have only our current populous funding our Municipality. Also I would like to encourage safe and attractive housing to fit the character of each of our individual neighborhoods. I would welcome all people planning to purchase or build a Second Home in our area. These are the people who pay taxes, have NO homestead exemption and do not occupy our public schools or other tax bases.

4. List three ways you would foster support of and communication with the city's appointed commissions (Planning and Zoning, Harbor and Historic Preservation).

- A.) I would always leave personal conflicts out of my decision-making.
- B.) I would make sure each commission has a clear path and plan for success, and work on incorporating experienced personnel into each commission's key staff positions.

C.) I am willing to research and learn the proper facts and information needed to make an educated decision for each commission and any issue pertaining to it.

5. What are your ideas for preserving our community's unique character while supporting residential and business growth?

Ward 2 currently has a lot to be proud of in this regard. Because of our residents' willingness to work with planning and zoning and the historical commission, we have created a beautiful Old Town area. The Main Corridor of Highway 90 needs the advantage of our new comprehensive zoning and a continued 5 to 10 year course of action plan. This plan needs to be created by a team of informed representatives, including our Mayor and City Council, working together for the benefit of the entire area.

6. What actions can the city take now to maximize benefits when it becomes a stop on the future Amtrak route?

Our people have done a very commendable job of creating a wonderful area to arrive and disembark the Amtrak train. It is up to us as a City to attract and foster more Inns, Bed and Breakfasts, and even Medium Occupancy (Flagged) Hotels. Such hotels would benefit our highway 90 Corridor, and should include the ability to host conventions.

7. Should the city provide financial support to economic development organizations like the Hancock Chamber and Hancock County Tourism? Support your answer.

As a City, we should not be obligated to provide financial support to any third-party entity. Though, we should be willing to invest in entities that are providing a return on the City's funds and investment. Such entities, as the Chamber (economic development mission), and the Hancock Tourism Bureau (which brings bus tours to our town weekly), do offer a certain quantitative return on City Invested Funds. I would also like to explore more cooperation with our youth sports organizations. These organizations have created a wonderful environment for our children, and have been responsible for bringing events to our area such as World Series, State & District tournaments and also privately held tournaments. All of these types of events, have created economic growth and added economic development to our small town.

8. What importance do you place on proposed community amenities such as a swimming pool, additional bicycle paths and dog parks?

I believe these amenities are very desirable, but unless we work together to foster economic growth and create a balanced budget going forward; many of these amenities do not currently have a funding source. Therefore, we as a Town cannot create something for which we do not have funds. We need to create a plan to foster and include such amenities, but we need to be able to afford them first.

9. What is your position on the possibility of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department managing the BSL Police Department. State the advantages and/or disadvantages you foresee.

Police, Fire and Libraries are core municipal government functions. If we as a City are unable to fund our own core functions, we surely should not begin to discuss creating personal comfort amenities. Some of which may be listed above. I do not support the outsourcing or relinquishing of control of our core municipal functions, but I am willing to examine all options that present a way to make them work and fund our desired amenities.

10. The number of golf carts on city streets continues to grow. How should golf cart use be regulated?

Golf carts should always require a licensed driver, with proper illumination and turn signals for night time usage. During the day, hand signals shall be proper. Golf carts are an integral part of our small town setting. They are a greener solution. Therefore, they should be welcomed, as long as, there is an emphasis on safety.

11. As the city grows do you think it should consider changing its present form of government? Explain your answer. *Note: The page on our Serve BSL website contains information and resources that might be helpful in answering this question.*

I believe there is no need for a change in the current form of government. Rather, there is a need for a change in our government's personnel and management. I see improvement that has occurred over the past terms of our elected leaders, but we have reached a plateau, and need to create a plan to work together to continue to go forward and become truly, A PLACE APART.