Lonnie Falgout Ward Six Council Candidate

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

- 1. Continuing revitalization of BSL Ward 6 with projects and infrastructure programs I've started the last four years while assisting in the home building growth we're now experiencing.
- 2. Represent through dialog with my fellow council members of any and all situations on how it will affect BSL as an entire City.
- 3. We are experiencing commercial, residential and artistic growth now more than ever before. I as a council member view this as more than a revenue boost. We must be able to look at the history, tourism impact, economic development and commercialism of any area of BSL individually.

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

Follow any and all MS State Statutes, Ordinances, Resolutions, etc. as defined by law. Transparency, dialogue in open communication has been part of my platform for the last four years. City Council must be advised and given information to be able to make informed decisions that's then forwarded to administration to implement.

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

Increasing revenues coincides with my 1.c answer. Major sources of revenue are always in new commercial and residential buildings, not only in Ad Valorum but in addition to the number of times a vested dollar is "rolled over" during construction and thereafter.

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

- 1. First and foremost read research and understand why they exist and their functions.
- 2. Receive, examine, and look at agendas, location of listing on agendas and what concerns "it may bring". Read All Board minutes!
- 3. I have made it a point in the last four years to attend as many meetings possible in addition to communicating via cell, text or email as needed.

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

Please see my statements of number 1./3. and all of answer 4. This combined with Tourism is our strength and assures our uniqueness!

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

The present Council Members and I were very proactive when this information became available. Our efforts, along with our Tourism Board to secure an early grant showed our eagerness to Federal Authorities. Our Depot's history plus its surroundings will continue to be a vital part of BSL and this County. Our future Council members should immediately make this a Hancock County community project. We should enlist assistance from all Governments, businesses and volunteers to assure we're ready to move forward...

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

- 1. I have for a long time and will continue to be a supporter of Hancock County Tourism. Present Council has monthly funded Tourism and I will encourage an adjustment upwards this year.
- 2. Hancock County Chamber is vital to many for the numerous programs it brings to the community. I have in my first two years supported a contribution. I would consider supporting a contribution as BSL continues in this much awaited recovery.

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

Recreation and community involvement has been my "hobby" for as long as I can remember. Sports Complexes, Dog Parks, Outdoor Theatres, etc. has been, in my opinion, overlooked and ignored for way too long! I feel this has been a "Tourist Opportunity" missed. We must and should develop a short list of wants with a long term goal of financing the benefits. BSL swimming pool is something our volunteer Recreation Committee researched years ago. It is a very costly endeavor to "get off the

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ground", costly to build, costly to maintain and costly to ensure. A County swimming complex with all involved to include all children would benefit many and distribute cost.

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.

The year 2016 will forever be remembered for the tragedy of losing Chief DeNardo. I thought stabilizing a chaotic situation regarding the men and woman of Bay PD and the general public was a concern and required calmness. I recently had a very long, one on one, open conversation with Chief Freeman. I firmly believe he has the experience capability and wisdom to continue the rebuilding and restructuring of our PD.

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

Since 2009 BSL has struggled with this issue. I have written legislation to enhance protection. In 2016 and 2017 it passed the State Senate easily but "stalled in Committee" on the Capital House side. I'm looking into why???... My answer is simple: LOCAL ENFORCEMENT is not being observed and tickets not being issued for years!!! I also included this in my conversation with Chief Freeman and his answers are encouraging. "There's many laws regarding moving vehicles and I attend to treat them the same as all other laws we enforce".

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 would be in favor of a City Manager / Mayor / Council government if an over whelming majority exist. A certified professional in all facets of local government departments assures its citizens of quality management their tax dollars.