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businesses and investment to Horse Cave while also supporting businesses already operating within the city?

To attract more businesses to Horse Cave, we must continue keeping our community clean, welcoming, and attractive because first impressions matter. For a small town, Horse Cave has a lot to offer, including schools, healthcare, dental and vision services, a hospital, senior care, infrastructure, and convenient access to I-65, Highway 218, and 31W. We should continue supporting the businesses that already have strong foundations here while showing prospective businesses why Horse Cave is a great place to invest, grow, and become part of the community.

3. What do you feel is one service, project, or area of city spending in which Horse Cave needs greater investment? Please explain.

One of my priorities is continuing to improve the appearance of Horse Cave. We are already making progress, but consistency is key. I am currently working with Randy Russell, Mr. Davis, and students from Caverna High School on our city entrance signs. Projects like this bring our community together while improving the first impression we make on visitors and potential businesses. I would support continued beautification efforts, improvements to neglected areas, and partnerships with our schools, residents, and businesses to ensure Horse Cave remains a community we are proud to call home.

4. What could the City Council do to improve communication and transparency with Horse Cave residents?

I would love to see more citizens take an active interest in our monthly City Council meetings. These meetings allow residents to see firsthand how decisions are made and how their tax dollars are being used. I realize attending in person is not always possible because of work and family commitments. Bringing televised City Council meetings back could make local government more accessible and give more people the opportunity to stay informed, get involved, and understand the work being done to move Horse Cave forward.

5. Anything else to add?

(No response.)

INCUMBENT CANDIDATE MIRANDA “MANDY” HATCHER

1. What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing Horse Cave that the City Council can realistically address, and what action would you propose?

I believe one of the most pressing issues is making sure that Horse Cave continues to be a place where people want to live, work and raise their families. We need to focus on maintaining our infrastructure, keeping our community clean and welcoming. I would encourage the Council to listen to citizens, identify our immediate needs and develop a plan to address them realistically and responsibly. Small consistent improvements can make a big difference in the quality of life for everyone who calls Horse Cave home.

2. What do you feel could be done to attract new businesses and investment to Horse Cave while also supporting businesses already operating within the city?

Horse Cave has a lot to offer and I believe we should build on our strengths while creating opportunities for growth. We can work to make our city more welcoming to new businesses by promoting available properties, improving appearances and encouraging collaboration between city leaders and local business owners. At the same time, we must remember to support existing businesses, shopping local and promoting community events while listening to the needs of the established businesses. By strengthening the local economy, we make Horse Cave an even better place to do business.

3. What do you feel is one service, project, or area of city spending in which Horse Cave needs greater investment? Please explain.

I believe investing in the maintenance and improvement of our existing infrastructure should be a priority. Our sidewalks, streets, drainage, and public spaces all contribute to resident safety and the overall appearance of our city. Taking care of what we already have can prevent larger issues down the road. Horse Cave is a debt free city and that is thanks to many generations of people working hard to payoff debt while seeking and securing grant funding for our countless number of yearly improvements. City spending should reflect the needs of our residents and provide lasting benefits to the community.

4. What could the City Council do to improve communication and transparency with Horse Cave residents?

I believe communication starts with listening and making information easy for residents to access. The city can continue improving communication through social media updates, clear meeting announcements and improve website information. People deserve to understand what their city government is doing and why decisions are made. As a council member, I want residents to feel that their voices matter and their concerns are heard. I encourage Horse Cave citizens to give me a call or come visit me in my front porch.

5. Anything else to add?

I am running for Horse Cave City Council because I care about our community and the people who make it special. I believe good local government requires listening, being approachable, working

together and making thoughtful decisions that will benefit our city. We may not always agree but we should always be willing to have conversations and work toward solutions for the betterment of the city. I want to help preserve what makes Horse Cave special while finding ways to improve for future generations. I am honored for the opportunity to serve and represent the residents of Horse Cave! I encourage everyone to go vote!

INCUMBENT CANDIDATE ALLEN POYNTER

1. What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing Horse Cave that the City Council can realistically address, and what action would you propose?

Our biggest challenge is our downtown. We’ve had several small businesses open with us great, but many haven’t been able to stay open. That has to change. We need to figure out why businesses are struggling and what we can do to help. Parking is also an issue that I would like to address. I don’t want us to just fill empty

2. What do you feel could be done to attract new businesses and investment to Horse Cave while also supporting businesses already operating within the city?

We need to do a better job of supporting the businesses we already have while working to bring new ones to town. We’ve all seen businesses open with excitement and then close a year or so later. I’d like to sit down with business owners, including some who have closed, and find out what the struggles really are. We also need to give people more reasons to come downtown, shop, eat, and spend time here. I don’t have all the answers, but I believe listening to the people who have invested in our community is a good place to start.

3. What do you feel is one service, project, or area of city spending in which Horse Cave needs greater investment? Please explain.

One thing I’d really like to see us work on is public parking downtown. If we want people to visit our businesses, we need to make it convenient for them to do so. I know parking isn’t an easy problem to solve, but I think it’s something we need to take a serious look at. Our space restrictions in the downtown area are an issue.... but there are locations we could use to create public parking areas. I’d also like to see us continue improving the overall appearance of downtown. We have some beautiful old buildings and a lot of history here. I’d love to see our downtown become a place where people want to come and spend an afternoon.

4. What could the City Council do to improve communication and transparency with Horse Cave residents?

Communication and transparency are vital, whether you’re working in education or serving in city government. People want to know what’s going on, and they deserve to know. I think we can do a better job of keeping residents informed through social media, our website, and other ways of getting information out. I also think it’s important that people feel comfortable coming to us with questions or concerns. We may not always agree, but we can certainly listen to one another and treat each other with respect.

5. Anything else to add?

I’ve spent over 30 years working in public education, and serving others has always been an important part of my life. I’ve appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Horse Cave City Council for the past year or so, and I’d love to continue doing that. I’m not going to promise to fix everything, because I can’t. But I can promise to listen, ask questions, and do what I believe is best for our community. Horse Cave is a special place with some really good people, and I want to do my part to help make it even better. Residents are welcome to contact me via email or phone at any time to address concerns or even to smoke chat. I love getting to know our residents. My email is allenpoynter2023@gmail.com and my phone is 270-670-5559.

MUNFORDVILLE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES TARA MCCUBBINS WILSON, MARTHA LINE TAYLOR, CASSIE ELDRIDGE, WILLIAM BELT, JESSICA NUNN, JOHN SHOULDERS, AND AUSTIN GRANT.

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INCUMBENT CANDIDATE MARTHA LINE TAYLOR

1. What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing Munfordville that the City Council can realistically address, and what action would you propose?

The most pressing issue that I see is our water/sewer situation. The pump station system is very old and continuously needing repairs or totally new stations. Our mayor has worked on a schedule to repair or purchase new pump stations. Like everything else, it is costly. This is a project our Public Works Department deals with almost daily. Spending the money needed to fix this issue is the only solution in my view.

2. What do you feel could be done to attract new businesses and investment to Munfordville while also supporting businesses already operating within the city?

First of all, we have had several new businesses, The Pickle Blossom, South Dixie Nightmare, Glam & Grace Beauty Co., Bucky’s Diner, a new Dollar Store, Green River Tire and Trophy Ridge Trading Post come to Munfordville in the last 2-3 years which gives people choices for their needs.

Listening to the needs of new businesses and trying to provide for their needs is the best way to attract/support new and older businesses.

3. What do you feel is one service, project, or area of city spending in which Munfordville needs greater investment? Please explain.

There are always areas in the city budget that could use access to more money. We have a very good grant writer at city hall, Fran Bowsher, who is always on the lookout for grants that can improve our city. Improving our roads and street lights would be two areas I would like to see improved. If we came upon a nice pot of money, nice signage as you come into Munfordville from I-65 would be nice. Something that makes Munfordville stand out.

4. What could the City Council do to improve communication and transparency with Munfordville residents?

City Councils meetings are the second Monday of the month and everyone is welcome. Special called meetings are posted on City Hall door and sent to the media. I want to be transparent and am willing to listen to concerns our residents have.

5. Anything else to add?

(No response.)

INCUMBENT CANDIDATE CASSIE ELDRIDGE

1. What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing Munfordville that the City Council can realistically address, and what action would you propose?

While there are always opportunities for improvement, I don’t have any specific pressing concerns to report at this time. My focus remains on supporting the ongoing needs of our residents and ensuring we continue moving in a positive direction.

2. What do you feel could be done to attract new businesses and investment to Munfordville while also supporting businesses already operating within the city?

I believe attracting new businesses begins with supporting the businesses that have already chosen to invest in Munfordville. The City can foster growth by maintaining quality infrastructure, providing responsive local government, and promoting the advantages our community offers. Regular communication with local business owners helps us understand their needs and identify opportunities for expansion. We should also work with economic development partners to market available properties, pursue grants, and encourage investment. By creating a business-friendly environment while supporting existing employers and entrepreneurs, we can strengthen our local economy, create jobs, and ensure long-term success for our community and residents.

3. What do you feel is one service, project, or area of city spending in which Munfordville needs greater investment? Please explain.

One area where I would like to see greater investment is our water treatment plant and related equipment. Reliable water and sewer services are essential to our residents and businesses, and it is important that we have the tools and resources needed to respond quickly and effectively to leaks and other issues. Our Public Works team does a tremendous job maintaining the city’s water and sewer systems and working diligently to resolve problems as they arise. For that reason, investing in the infrastructure and equipment that supports their work is a top priority for me when opportunities for funding become available.

4. What could the City Council do to improve communication and transparency with Munfordville residents?

I believe communication and transparency can be improved by making information more accessible and easier for residents to find and understand. The City Council already holds public meetings at times that are convenient for residents to attend, providing opportunities to learn about projects, budgets, and decisions firsthand. We can continue to encourage participation by keeping residents informed through the city’s website and public notices while welcoming feedback and questions. Open communication helps build trust and ensures residents feel informed, engaged, and connected to their local government.

5. Anything else to add?

(No response.)

INCUMBENT CANDIDATE JESSICA NUNN

1.What do you feel is the most pressing issue facing Munfordville that the City Council can realistically address, and what action would you propose?

To me, one of the most pressing issues is making sure Munfordville remains a place where families and business can thrive. The council cannot solve every challenge on its own, but we can take steady, practical steps to make sure our community members are heard. I would propose setting clear priorities and communication throughout the city. By letting our community members speak at our meetings about pressing issues, we have seen a big change already since I have been on the council, and by continuing to do that and be present at events throughout the city, we get to hear more about what they need from us and want for their city.

2.What do you feel could be done to attract new businesses and investment to Munfordville while