

<p><b>Beeles</b></p> <p>For drainage, should go through proper department and take care of problem. Would be elected to service my district, and that's what he would do. No, would not write an ordinance. City can pretty much do everything in house, with manpower, equipment and employees.</p>	<p><b>Gibson</b></p> <p>Would call director of operations and set up day to meet with person or community group to see how problem can be solved, see what cost is and what needs to be done. Stuff like that doesn't go into an ordinance. Council does ordinances and resolutions. Ordinances are control of speeds, districts, annexation. Individual problems go back to departments.</p>	 <p><b>If a resident in your district approaches you about a problem, for example a drainage or zoning issue, what would you tell the resident to do, and what steps would you take as a council member? Would you write a proposed ordinance?</b></p>	<p><b>Armstrong</b></p> <p>When a constituent comes with a problem, tries to address it in the framework of current city organization. If impossible, then looks at revising city ordinances. Example is the zoning issues with Villages of Grassy Creek and the incompatibility between what was proposed by C.P. Morgan and the neighboring communities. Since this time, passed ordinance to eliminate zero-lot line in R3 and R4 subdivisions.</p>	<p><b>Colvin</b></p> <p>Said that in the past, when residents approached him, he listened to their problems and issues. If it warrants a site visit, would meet with them. Sometimes is an issue about speed limits. Is responsive to the public. Gets in contact with the appropriate agency, be it in the city or county. Would follow up to make sure the request was followed through on. Record speaks for itself. Everyone on council got e-mail during his first term in office. Is nice because it is documented, creates a paper trail and sometimes allows for quicker follow-up.</p>
<p><b>Beeles</b></p> <p>Yes, only way can do it is to make city attractive enough for someone to want to come live there, do business and raise kids. Is not only city but school district, too. Council's role needs to be more active in what's going on in the city. Is not just mayor's job but also council's job. Need to form activities to organize groups of residents to improve Greenwood.</p>	<p><b>Gibson</b></p> <p>That is very important. People have drive-through situation. If city looks trashy, they won't stay. Try to make pieces look more beautiful, like with concrete, put trees into it, flowers and grass. Rely on parks department for recreation, walking paths, swimming pool, and street department for chuckholes.</p>	 <p><b>Is it city government's job to do more than just provide roads and police and fire protection? Is it government's job to improve the quality of life so that the city can attract new residents and businesses and become home to the top managers from those businesses? How does city government do this? What is your role?</b></p>	<p><b>Armstrong</b></p> <p>The city's most important job is to provide essential services. But the city has the ability through zoning and the parks department to improve the quality of life. These things must be considered and done within the framework of the cost structures the city has available. Shouldn't raise taxes to pay for an extravagant water park that might help bring someone to the city.</p>	<p><b>Colvin</b></p> <p>One of main priorities and role of local government to improve the quality of life. Wants to make Greenwood a destination where people want to live and feel safe. Wants attractions that keep people around and has people spend their dollars here. City council can encourage development that would improve that quality of life and park system and encourage and promote cultural events. City can partner with private sector and try to sponsor cultural events. Is important to do more than provide roads and fire and police protection.</p>
<p><b>Beeles</b></p> <p>Personal opinion is if they own the company, they have the right to what they do in that business. That is telling someone's personal company what they can and can't do. Is not supportive of smoking ban ordinance at all. Has to be a choice of each business. Everyone has the choice to do what they want to do in life.</p>	<p><b>Gibson</b></p> <p>If they want to participate in that activity in that location, he has no problem. Smokers have to have some place to go. Government can't take everything away from citizens.</p>	 <p><b>Would you support extending the smoking ban to bars and clubs so that all workers are protected?</b></p>	<p><b>Armstrong</b></p> <p>"I believe that the smoking ban that we enacted adequately protects those that cannot make a decision for themselves, such as children. I hesitate to go any further at this time because it is infringing upon the rights of the business owners and patrons."</p>	<p><b>Colvin</b></p> <p>Is a nonsmoker. Smokers believe they have the right to smoke. Torn with the idea that sometimes government can be too big and too intrusive in the lives of residents and corporate citizens. Sometimes government has to step in for public health reasons. Ordinance as it is now has been accepted. Would be hard-pressed to support including bars and clubs in a smoking ban now. Would be good to debate and hear all sides before any decisions are made.</p>
<p><b>Beeles</b></p> <p>Police department needs more patrolmen. Would like to see city hire full-time deputy prosecutor who would be located at Greenwood Police Department. Would save taxpayers money because police officers who are running to Franklin should be doing job on streets not chasing paper to and from prosecutor's office. Fire department is pretty well stable. Chief said it is doing pretty well. Street department needs to hire a few more people experienced in sidewalks and road repairs.</p>	<p><b>Gibson</b></p> <p>Decision is left up to directors of departments. If they have need for people, request will be made at budget time. There are some departments that could use more professional people such as fire department with certified firefighters.</p>	 <p><b>Should the city hire any more employees? If so, for what department? Should any positions be cut?</b></p>	<p><b>Armstrong</b></p> <p>Based on the increase in the population, the fire department and police department must be increased. "I believe the mayor has delegated too much of his position to the director of operations, and that position needs to be eliminated."</p>	<p><b>Colvin</b></p> <p>Would analyze any requests that come in from the departments. Would want rationale for requests for additional people. Doesn't know that any departments have a surplus or shortage of employees. Liked the preplanned program in the fire department to add a certain number of employees each year.</p>
<p><b>Beeles</b></p> <p>That covers a wide band. Can be council member to council member, can be with business, can be conflict between resident and council member. Need to know what you're getting into first. The more educated you are about a situation, the better you can handle it.</p>	<p><b>Gibson</b></p> <p>Have some members of council that have spouse on other boards or committees. Some members have connections to businesses that do sales with city. He sells nameplates for desks. Council members have form that they fill out for conflict of interest.</p>	 <p><b>What is a conflict of interest for a city council member? How would you avoid conflicts of interest or the appearances of them?</b></p>	<p><b>Armstrong</b></p> <p>Works for General Motors, and has not seen an issue that would create a conflict of interest. Normal conflicts of interest occur when your normal job does business with the city. If GM comes looking for a new location, would openly declare a conflict of interest.</p>	<p><b>Colvin</b></p> <p>Conflict of interest is if an employee or elected official stands to gain financially from making a decision or using his or her position. Conflict is making any decision that you would benefit from. A conflict may not be illegal, but it has to be disclosed. Example is if you worked for a road-paving company and that company submitted a bid to do work for the city. In previous term in office, never had to file a conflict of interest.</p>
<p><b>Beeles</b></p> <p>Maybe a hotel tax. Have a lot of people coming to Greenwood Park Mall. Is one of the biggest attractions. Possibly a sales tax because the state is already going to do a cigarette tax. Would love for city to have control over gasoline prices. Services should be increased to street department and police department. Would not raise property taxes.</p>	<p><b>Gibson</b></p> <p>Ones being tossed around are food tax and inn tax for motels and hotels. Don't think is fair. Shouldn't overtax people coming into city visiting, paying for lodging and food. City is gaining from those. Making police and fire department workers earn a decent living is important. Is not in favor of raising taxes. City is fortunate to have low taxes.</p>	 <p><b>If state legislators give local government the option to adopt new taxes, what taxes would you support, and how much additional money should be generated? What city services should increase spending? Would you raise any tax, including property, sales or income taxes?</b></p>	<p><b>Armstrong</b></p> <p>"I believe the taxes that we generate right now are approximately correct for Greenwood. Any new taxes that we enacted must be used to offset the property tax burden." Until the legislature allows specific taxes, there is too much speculation to say whether he would support a new tax. Total taxes generated for the city need to stay constant on a per capita basis. Would look at what is offered. Traditionally not a fan of shipping tax burden to people outside the city the way hotel, motel or rental car tax would do. Doesn't want to drive customers away from business within the city.</p>	<p><b>Colvin</b></p> <p>Knows state is considering allowing new taxes as a means to cut property taxes. Takes money to run a city and the taxes have to be paid somewhere. Would try to find the fairest tax that would spread the tax burden. New taxes could be to make up for property tax relief and new spending. State may put limits on it. "If that's the case, we follow their rules."</p>
<p><b>Beeles</b></p> <p>Is undecided. Is looking for mayor who can bring city to a better tomorrow, increase visibility for city, attract more retailers and companies, and do everything to make city safe. Has not accepted campaign donations, donated to a campaign or attended an event for either mayoral candidate.</p>	<p><b>Gibson</b></p> <p>Wants to let them have an open race. Both men are qualified. Has worked with Mayor Charles Henderson for three terms and knows what he wants to do. Mike Campbell is inspirational, and he has respect for him. Did not donate, accept donations or attend campaign event for either candidate.</p>	 <p><b>Which candidate for mayor do you support and why? Have you accepted campaign donations, given campaign donations or attended campaign events for either candidate?</b></p>	<p><b>Armstrong</b></p> <p>Will work with whichever mayoral candidate wins. Is not his job to declare support, just as he believes it is not the mayor's job to declare support for one of the council candidates. Campaign is 100 percent self-funded. Has made no donations to a candidate. His support will only be behind the curtain at the voting booth.</p>	<p><b>Colvin</b></p> <p>Both of them are fine people and gentlemen. Either one would do a fine job. Has not donated, accepted donations or attended campaign events.</p>
<p><b>Beeles</b></p> <p>Person who is strong, makes sure their voice is heard and represents people who voted for them.</p>	<p><b>Gibson</b></p> <p>It's nice to have people tell you thanks for doing good job. Had open houses last two weeks. Didn't have people participate like he thought should have. When people are concerned about something, they come in and make the issue known. But when things are going well, doesn't see anyone. Sometimes there is no straight yes or no answer.</p>	 <p><b>What are the attributes of leadership? How would you work to bring people along and build consensus on an issue? What about people who disagree with you?</b></p>	<p><b>Armstrong</b></p> <p>Open discourse in city council meetings is important in a civil manner. The leadership on any given issue should fall to the person whose district is most affected or whose expertise aligns most similar to the issue. Example: engineering issue to himself, education to Ron Bates or John Gibson, transportation issues to Ron Deer, among those currently on council. He said his examples do not imply support of those people.</p>	<p><b>Colvin</b></p> <p>A leader is effective, listens to constituents and makes decisions that are beneficial for the overall good. Would build consensus by involving the public early on in the process. Would solicit comments and feedback on his performance and issues. Would use Internet, media, the newspaper, meetings, submeetings, community meetings and homeowners associations meetings. Would be accessible to public. Knows that people will disagree with his decisions or on issues. Would weigh that issue and the positives and negatives and make a decision that will benefit the entire community. Would be fair.</p>
<p><b>Beeles</b></p> <p>Downtown Greenwood been issue for past 20-plus years. Roads are too small, and buildings are too old to do anything with. Is in favor of putting large park or activity in downtown Greenwood. If it does not involve a bulldozer, it will be another 20 years before redevelopment is done. There's nothing you can do with it, something has to go.</p>	<p><b>Gibson</b></p> <p>A top priority. Many remember what Old Towne used to be. Would like to see it be available for family. Need to make people aware of what's there. Downtown is good for lawyers, professional people. City needs to make the area more attractive, get developers to come back in and do vacant spots and fill in blanks. Does not want tax dollars to be used on bulk of project, but maybe on certain things, such as signage or cleaning up the area. Tax money should not be used for building fronts. Pursue grants.</p>	 <p><b>Is revitalization of downtown Greenwood a top priority? Why? Should taxpayer dollars be used? What do you propose be done?</b></p>	<p><b>Armstrong</b></p> <p>Has not seen the report from the downtown committee that will be incorporated into the comprehensive plan. Traffic flow and parking are the biggest issues with revitalization. "Downtown is important to Greenwood, but I'm not going to throw money at the issue without some level of confidence that the results of that spending will equate to positive actions." Proposed deleting the \$50,000 fee to a downtown study group because no one could convince him that the action plan that would be developed would be any more than what everybody already knows needs to happen.</p>	<p><b>Colvin</b></p> <p>Downtown is a top priority. Downtown is the heart and soul of the community. City can enable that area to pull out of its slump by looking at current zoning and parking restrictions. City can offer economic incentives and tax abatements for the area. City could establish a TIF district to capture some of the funds to help with infrastructure needs. Book is open on options for downtown and favors exploring as many as possible.</p>