

Candidate Responses to Community Questions – Chad Dalida

Why do you wish to serve in the government of Poetry?

My family moved to Poetry a few years ago to get away from the big city where the government regulates what you can and cannot do on your own land. I decided to run for Mayor after several friends and neighbors told me that they were concerned that the government of Poetry could end up being run by people who think regulations are a good idea. I want to serve as the Mayor of Poetry to help make sure that those sort of regulations don't start creeping into our country town. I believe the business experience and the skills that I have learned as an entrepreneur over the last ten years will be invaluable as I work with the Town Council to Keep Poetry Country.

There will be much to do in the first term for the Mayor and Town Council. What three things do you most hope to accomplish, if elected?

The same three things I mentioned in my bio a few weeks ago: fixing our roads, getting some decent internet for the citizens of Poetry, and pushing to keep unnecessary regulations out of our town.

If elected as your Mayor, I plan to work together with the members of the newly elected Town Council to accomplish these goals. While I have my own ideas about how we should do this; it's really not about me, it's about the entire town government listening to the citizens of Poetry and reaching a consensus on how we move forward.

I believe that everyone running in this election wants to do what they think is best for our town; and each candidate probably has some good ideas on what we should do as a town moving forward. Thus, if chosen to be your Mayor, I would also reach out to my opponent and the other candidates that did not get elected to discuss their thoughts and ideas; as there is much we all agree on such as fixing the roads and improving the quality of our internet access, and they likely have some good ideas on how to approach these issues.

Truth be told, the only glaring difference I see between the groups of the candidates in this election is that some, like me, are libertarians who truly want to keep the government's involvement in our lives to a minimum; while others think it's the government's job to protect the people from themselves by passing regulations that would affect what the citizens of Poetry can and cannot do on their own property.

When you were first considering the possibility of Poetry incorporating, what did you see as the biggest positive from incorporation, and what was your biggest concern?

The biggest positive I saw was that, as an independent town, Poetry could protect itself from being slowly annexed by Terrell and Royce City. My biggest fear was, and still is, that the Town government will pass regulations that would affect what the citizens of Poetry can and cannot do on their own

property, which goes against the main reason that most of us moved out to the country in the first place.

What makes you stand out from other candidates?

What makes me stand out from my opponent is that I firmly believe the government should focus on helping the citizens (roads, internet, etc.) and that it has no business regulating what people can and cannot do with their land.

Poetry is currently a very rural area with a “country” lifestyle. How much do you think that lifestyle should be allowed to change, and how would you ensure the town stay within the bounds you would set?

The “country” lifestyle and the people here are what makes Poetry such a special place. I do not think that lifestyle should change one bit. I understand that change is inevitable, but forcing someone’s controlled idea of change with regulations instead of allowing the change to occur organically over time, as it has been doing for the last 145 years, makes no sense to me.

I don’t think it’s the Mayor’s right to set bounds for the town to stay within, the Mayor’s job is to listen to the people of Poetry and implement the policies the citizens want. I plan to work with like-minded people inside and outside of the town government to Keep Poetry County!