

## **Candidate Responses to Community Questions – Steven Welsh**

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

To make sure that my neighbors and myself are taken care of and not taken advantage of by people who may have an alternate agenda.

### **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?**

1. Establish clear guidelines and procedures for decision making that are easy to understand and follow.
2. Establish goals and priorities for our town. My first priority is to work on improving the roads. This is a two phase project – one being corrective and the other being preventive. Both are crucial.
3. Provide opportunities for neighbors to get to know each other and become unified as a town.

### **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 was that Poetry would be protected from annexation and from being abused by people who don't live here.

The biggest concern is that we will abuse ourselves by not respecting one another.

### **What makes you stand out from other candidates?**

I am easily distinguished by 4 Cs that describe my life; I have Consistent Values - my Values don't change with the wind. I am a Committed Leader – I will see a commitment through to the end. I am a Cooperative Servant, willing to lead by example and do the hard not govern from a distance. Finally, I have a Compassionate Spirit – my life experience affords me the gift of empathy and compassion for others. These Four C's are pillars upon which my life is built, and they have proven to be foundation that is not easily shaken.

**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 community will change as much or as little as its citizens desire. “Good fences make good neighbors” as Robert Frost said. Boundaries are only as good as the people who set them. We must live with an attitude of respect and care for one another, an attitude which is determined by the elected leaders. As for me and my family, we love things the way they are.