

Hello,

I am Chad West and I'm running for Councilperson in the upcoming May Poetry Election. I have lived in Poetry for the last 10 years with my wife Mandi, whom I've been married to for 23 years. We have one son Jackson, who is 9 years old and enjoys all things sports. My wife and I have a passion for horses. We have trained and competitively competed since childhood. We chose to make Poetry our home as it fit with our rural values and our love of agriculture and ranch lifestyle. Additionally, the people of Poetry are great. This is a place where friends become family. We love Poetry and the friends and neighbors that we have come to meet.

I chose to run for councilperson to give back to this community that is dear to me! If given the opportunity my goal would be to sustain Poetry's uniqueness, its history and rural lifestyle. These are all the things that make Poetry special and what drove our family and possibly yours to make this our home. Most individuals who run for political office do it to drive unwarranted growth and progress. Poetry is a town that was established on rural values, love for agriculture, and ranch living. I'm running to protect and uphold those values.

I believe my education and work history has provided me with certain skills and expertise to lead our community and preserve our values. I have undergraduate degree in Business and Accounting and a Juris Doctorate both from the University of Toledo. Furthermore, I have worked in Manufacturing for the past 26 years where I served in executive management. I am responsible for the safety and engagement of my employees, the quality of the products and management of the associated costs of each site. In my current role I have responsibility for 7 Sites with an annual operating budget of \$100,000,000 and 726 employees. Because of this I believe that I can help to improve the budgetary reporting of the Town and provide increased transparency to the citizens and provide guidance and aid in the development of a long-range plan to help address the challenges that the Town faces such as road repairs.

If given the opportunity as a councilperson for the Town of Poetry, I will work to serve all citizens of Poetry. I would listen and strive to protect and preserve what makes this Town so great.

Thanks for your Vote

Chad West

