

Candidate Questions - Haley Dennis

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

Response: Our culture today is a very “me” centered culture. I do not believe that is how we were intended to live our lives. We are intended to live more community centered life. As JFK said, “ask not what your country can do for you-ask what you can do for your country.” That starts here at home, in our small town. Helping and serving our neighbors and their needs, to make the future of Poetry a better place.

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?

Response:

1. Create a more inviting and transparent environment for citizens and elected officials to work together on a common goal, keeping Poetry, Poetry.
2. Create better relationships with our surrounding government agencies cities and counties.
3. Focus on the financial wellbeing of the town. Financials required in order to prioritize the repair and maintenance of our roads.

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?

Response: I believed it would be great that we, as a community, would be able to be in charge of our town and the direction it would go. My biggest concern was and is that the wrong people would get into elected positions and not truly represent the people in our community.

What makes you stand out from other candidates?

Response: Other than being 4’11, I am honest, and passionate about this community. I want to listen and be a true representative of the people in this town. I will make good on the term Public Servant and truly serve the people of this community.

If elected, you will serve a two-year term. What changes to Poetry do you envision over the next two years?

Response: There will always be constant growth and with that growth will always be growing pains. My goal is that the growth that comes to Poetry, is on our terms as a community, united and not divided.

If you are NOT elected, what would you do to try to help work on ideas or issues that are important to you?

Response: I would continue to keep up with the town meetings and voice concerns to elected officials.

How would you plan to involve residents in the decision-making process in the Town?

Response: I would actually encourage, and listen to more citizen input. Posting the agenda’s further in advance, with detailed information, along with implementing an anonymous poll to the towns website would be more convenient way for citizens to voice their stance on topics.

What would you describe as your primary leadership quality?

Response: I have a servants heart. Having a servants heart means I am a do-er and I am passionate about getting things done. I always try to do it all. Becoming a mom

was a completely humbling experience for me. I was juggling many different moving parts at work. I was learning how to take care of a baby, and juggling how to still be a wife on top of being a mom. I learned that I didn't have to do it all by myself. I had a village of people that were wiser than me that helped me. I got the right employees into the right positions. There are so many talented people in this community ready to help make this town a better place if given the chance to be heard.

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What three things do you hope to accomplish most?

Response:

1. Create a more inviting and transparent environment for citizens and elected officials to work together on a common goal, keeping Poetry rural.
2. Create better relationships with our surrounding government agencies cities and counties.
3. Focus on the financial wellbeing of the town. Financials required in order to prioritize the repair and maintenance of our roads.

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?

Response: My husband and our family run cattle, manage hay, and pasture spraying here in Poetry. This is our livelihood we have zero plans on changing that. Agriculture is an essential part of life. We will teach our children this. Our lifestyle will not change. However, change is inevitable and growth is going to happen. Let's just make it on our own terms and keep Poetry, Poetry.