

Dear Council Applicant,

Attached is the brief 7 item questionnaire that I spoke to everyone about via phone. It is an attempt to both streamline the interview process and give current Council members more insight into each applicant. To be clear, these questions were developed by me and this is not a joint effort. That is to say that this is not an official Council sanctioned part of the interview process. Although my plan is to make the answers available to all of Council once they are returned. Although it is a short turnaround time, I would like your answers back by Monday at noon.

Questionnaires should be returned electronically to Kathy Hoskinson our Clerk of Council at: khoskinson@ci.pataskala.oh.us

I believe that the questions are self-explanatory, but I am always available to speak to you. My cell # is 614-805-7387.

Finally, let me thank each of you for caring enough to apply for this job. It is an extremely busy and exciting time for Pataskala. As a result, serving requires significant time and effort and I am personally grateful that we have so many qualified citizens willing to step up!

Sincerely,

Tim Hickin

Pataskala City Council Applicant Questions

- 1) Is there a cause, event or subject that made you apply for this opening?

No, there is not a specific event that prompted me to apply for this opening. I am a Pataskala native who not only grew up here, but also raised my children here. I graduated Watkins in 1993 and have had 3 children graduate Watkins in the last 5 years with one more set to graduate in 2023. I have watched our little city grow and change my entire life and I realize that we are at a critical point of growth. I would like to be a part of this. I love this city and our community and I want to serve it.

- 2) Please tell me about your complete history of volunteering in your community. What is your philosophy on volunteerism and how it works with a city?

I've always been part of a PTO of some sort with all of my children in the school district. I served as PTO Vice President for Watkins Middle School last school year. I served the SWL football and cheer as a head coach for the mini gold team in 2009. I've assisted in various functions over the years to help my friends who have small businesses like the cookie walk, and street fair booths. I still assist in sports related activities as I have for all of these years by jumping in the help with concessions at a high school game (even when my kids aren't playing). When you volunteer for

something, you feel more connected the community and feel good about helping. It helps you feel closer to the people in your community. Most of our programs such as SWL youth football and cheer couldn't function without volunteers and by giving my time I've made strong connections with not just the kids but also the parents. In volunteering for the various PTO organizations per school, it's given me a new perspective on the challenges that our teachers and school administration have and it also helps me to appreciate all of the hard work and effort they put in every day.

- 3) If placed in this position would you intend to run again when the term is up?

That is my intention, but if I'm being completely honest, that would be dependent on how collaborative I feel the environment is and whether I feel that I am contributing in a positive way.

- 4) In your opinion what is the #1 issue that Pataskala is dealing with currently? Why?

Development seems to be the biggest issue to me currently. Our city has seen exponential growth with housing developments in the past few years and while I believe that to be a good thing in most ways, there are also some drawbacks. Fast population growth can tax our utility structure, the quality of our roads, and also our ability to provide a good educational environment due to overcrowding. I love our small businesses and think we should be doing more to support them but also feel that we are missing out on revenue by not allowing some larger ones into the mix. I also feel that the current mix of businesses is a bone of contention in the community. It can definitely be a catch 22 in the way that our community enjoys the "small town" feel but also craves more convenience.

- 5) Please describe your philosophy regarding development and how it affects Pataskala.

Development, if not carefully planned and executed, can have a negative impact on a smaller city. I think everyone in the community can agree that we don't want to become another Reynoldsburg or Pickerington (I remember both of these cities when they were very small and not as developed). I think if planned properly, we could avoid that and still keep our small community feel, and let's face it, that is the reason people are moving here. I think that our city could benefit from the revenue gained from some larger businesses and feel that the placement of said businesses is crucial. Our community is very opinionated, and that can be a great thing even though it can be tiresome to hear. If it were me, I'd propose to do a complete SWOT analysis to evaluate the city's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. After sharing these findings and creating talking points and a tentative development plan with the council, I would then propose to share these findings with the community to get some feedback. This would mean creating a well planned project but then based on community feedback, we could then revisit the development plan for adjusting or implementation. I feel that this will help the community to feel more engaged and it will help the council to get a good picture of which direction we need to go.

- 6) Generally, the departments of the city are listed below. (excluding Finance) Please rank them in order of importance to you:

Drainage/Water and Sewer/Police & Protection/Parks and Rec./Roads/ Development

1. Development, 2. Drainage/Water, 3. Police & Protection, 4. Roads, 5. Parks and Rec

- 7) If the annual city budget was \$100 how much money would you assign to each department (I am roughly looking to see what percentage of 100 you would assign to each

1. Development -\$25 , 2. Drainage/Water-\$25, 3. Police & Protection-\$20, 4. Roads-\$20, 5. Parks and Rec-\$10