

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICE
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THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024, BY EMAIL TO:
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To: **Candidates for Municipal Office**
Town of Orchard City, Colorado

1- What qualifications do you have that can give voters confidence that you should be a member of the Orchard City Board of Trustees? Please be specific. Here are bullet points to answer this question.

- a. Western Slope Native, Graduated from Paonia High School and proud to say I was raised in Western Colorado.
- b. Background of Management, from being raised on a Ranch in Crawford to Managing multiple production and Retail facilities in the building material business. Helped build water-sewer treatment plants.
- c. Ability to Listen, Understand the needs or issues and make good decisions based on Factual Data not emotion.
- d. Understanding where the Town of Orchard City is at today (regarding the services the city provides) and having the ability to continue to provide those services while understanding that our resources are or can be limited.
- e. The ability to be candid and say NO if necessary.

2- By now, upon reading and considering the seven political principles we feel should guide political conduct in Western Colorado.

- a. Do you endorse each of the seven principles restore the balance feel should guide political conduct in Western Colorado? **YES**
- b. If you endorse them all, please explain how you will work to execute these principles.

These 7 guidelines are just good common sense. The RTB had the vision to make them visible. Great Job. These are just a reminder of what we use in our everyday lives. Using common Sense.

c. If there are any principles you do not endorse, please identify them and explain why. **NO**

3- It is important to let people know that you put the public interest first. In looking back over the past year or two, are there any decisions of the Orchard City Board of Trustees has made that you do not agree with? **Not that I know of.**

If yes, how would you change them?

4- In the aftermath of recent political events, some security experts cite increased risks to local governments from extremist groups which pose a threat to the right to peacefully assemble and to the proper functioning of government.

a. How would you define “extremist” activity, and do you view it as a threat to the proper function of municipal government? **Any one person or group that interferes or takes away other rights is an extremist. Even if you don't agree with someone's position, it doesn't mean that you can keep them from exercising their rights.**

Yes, it is a threat to the proper functioning government or society.

b. What, if anything, should be done to protect elected officials and the public from those using harassment to stop civil engagement in the exercise of democratic processes? **Take a position, if someone violates the law, they should be held accountable.**

5- Our county allows the use of mail-in ballots. Do you feel this method serves the public interest? **I don't agree with mail in Ballots, but I also know that I can't control this, so I must accept that this is part of the election process.**

6- Do you feel municipal government in your Delta County community in the recent past has been moving in the correct direction?

Our community is a business, and the population or residences forget this. Again, are we meeting the needs of the people today and are we going to be

able to continue to meet those needs in the future? Another question is, how does the Town of Orchard city address Growth?

- a. What additional steps would you promote to maximize serving the interests of your community in an efficient and cost-effective manner? Existing and future services are we running efficiently and if not, what changes need to be made. Is there an existing evaluation of the current services? If not, it needs to be done, and with that data you can make good decisions.

7- What do you feel are three important issues and/or concerns facing the municipality in which you are seeking elected office and what solutions do you have in mind?

- a. Maintenance of existing distribution water system. (Short term and Long-Term Goals)
- b. Knowing what resources are available (Water)
- c. Growth, what is the Vision for the Town of Orchard City.

Thanks for your help in encouraging public participation in our election process.

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