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PRESCOTT VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL APPLICATION 01-31-00-919 8-ARNV

Name Donald Tjiema Date Jan 29, 2011

Location Address _____

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How long have you been a resident of Prescott Valley? 11 years

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EDUCATION

Number of Years: 12+ Field: Fire Science / Religious studies

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (Present, Previous, Previous)

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Have you ever held a public office? YES NO

Was this public office Elected or Appointed?

What was the office you held? Planning + Zoning Commissioner

What volunteer work have you done for the Town? mile pickup, PV clean up days, Town Council invocation, Sept 11, 2002 memorial speech, police dept chaplain

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What personal qualities do you feel you possess that would assist you as a member of the Prescott Valley Town Council?

The ability to size up situations and yet not react too quickly unless necessary, but to come to a safe logical solution. As a minister one must be a good listener, ask clarifying questions and possess the ability to plan ahead while working within a structured fiscal plan.

Please attach resume.

Printed Name Donald Tjiema

Signature Donald Tjiema

Additional paper may be used for further comments.

COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

In accordance with ARS §9-232(A), a candidate for local office must be a qualified elector at the time of **filing the application**. These qualifications are:

1. Any candidate must be 18 years of age or over.
2. Candidates for local office must have resided in Prescott Valley for at least one year preceding the election. The one-year residency requirement also permits persons living in an area that is annexed to a city or town less than one year prior to the election to qualify as a candidate if they meet all other requirements of candidates. **(To meet all other requirements, such candidates must still have resided for one year prior to the election in the area which was subsequently annexed.)**
3. A person convicted of a felony cannot serve as a councilmember until he or she has had his or her civil rights restored.
4. A person cannot be a candidate for more than one public office if the elections for those offices are held on the same day and if the person would be prohibited from serving in the offices simultaneously.

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**CANDIDATE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
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GENERAL #1 – As a Council Member you will be required to attend meetings throughout the day and evening hours. Does your schedule allow you to attend special meetings that may be called on short notice, as well as, full day and out of town meetings?

My schedule contains flexible hours; however there will be re-structuring in my personal life, which I am willing to do to serve in this capacity. Hopefully out of town meetings are scheduled events and special meetings may be spontaneous in nature, but doable. My schedule can be worked around this commitment, but with respect to my full time ministry position.

GENERAL #2 – What special experiences enable you to be an effective Council Member?

Experience as a first-responder helped me manage stress and to keep seeking safe solutions to bring about mitigation of an emergency situation, administering my trained abilities to the required circumstances.

As a minister I have had to study extensively and retain information to be used when either teaching or counseling. I have also had to deal with people's expectations and learn to deflect the emotions and concentrate on the issue at hand and attempt to bring resolve in an amicable way. Eleven years as a public speaker is also an important experience I would think useful.

ROLE #1 – What do you consider an appropriate relationship between the Council and Staff?

The relationship between Council and Staff must be very respectful, cooperative, honorable and trusting. I believe these two entities must be harmonious in the pursuit of serving the constituents of our community above personal grievances or opinions on matters. The Council certainly cannot operate without the valuable information garnered from the Staff who is working the closest with the public. And the Staff must be respectful of the decisions handed down by the Council. We are both in the service to our community and must appear as cooperative entities versus warring factions.

ROLE #2 – If it appeared that a clear majority of the people felt one way on a particular issue but you firmly believed the opposite actions should be taken, which way would you vote and why?

I am not about to placate people's opinions if in deed my conviction about a matter was firmly sealed with good reasons. That being said, I believe healthy dialogue must be maintained and matters settled based upon the best information available to both sides. Emotions can run high during some resolutions and changes in plans that are perceived as written in concrete and people have the right to voice opinion, but decisions are not always agreed upon by all parties, which is a wonderful thing about democracy.

ROLE #3 – What do you perceive is the job and responsibilities of a Councilmember?

The main ideal that must be preserved is that we are elected to serve, protect, and be available to our constituents who have garnered enough trust in us to represent their interests in the development of their community. To govern the social-economic affairs and protect the health and welfare of the citizens represented without becoming an economic burden that would make living here unpleasant. To provide a safe environment with future plans that foresee the ability to maintain longevity in property values and personal services rendered.

ISSUES #1 – What in your opinion is the most important issue facing the Town of Prescott Valley?

The economic struggle facing every community and governmental institution to keep the same level of services available to the public we serve in a way that is economically feasible to everyone concerned. And to re-invent our community's vision to stabilize our population and attract the interests of those wishing to live in such an idyllic community.

ISSUES # 2 – As a Council Member, what issues or projects would you like to promote?

Continued safety for our citizens.

Remembering our heritage and face-lifting buildings that appear run-down.

Making Prescott Valley a destination location that would promote tourism locally and intra-state.

Attracting businesses that provide services and interests of our general populace.

Maintain our already proficient first-responders service with the necessary equipment to expertly meet the needs of the community.

ISSUES #3 – In your view what is economic development and the Town Council's role in it?

The role of the Town Council as I see it is to govern with fiscal responsibility the present well-being of already established economic mainstays within our infrastructure and fiscally plan for the future needs of services for the community. We must maintain that which is already deemed as relevant to the needs of the community and foresee the future needs while maintaining fiscal responsibility. As "watchmen on the walls," we must perform to the best interests of the constituents and maintain potential for both growth and improvement in services that would continue to attract a population base to support such endeavors.

ISSUES # 4 – What is your opinion on the implementation of a property tax?

If at all possible avoid it, but if necessary to implement, then with huge amounts of public town hall meetings and or committees to suggest other viable solutions to raise revenues that are needed to maintain the services rendered to the community. Taxation without representation is what started the bad relationships between England and America!

FUTURE #1 – Identify Prescott Valley’s strengths and what recommendations do you have for future planning.

I believe our first-responders are doing an excellent service to our community along with medical facilities that mirror the same desire to service the needs of our community with excellence.

I believe our delightful four-seasons, starry nights along with the beautiful forests, lakes and outdoor environment attract people from all around.

I believe the vision for a downtown identity with services centralized for the indoor entertainment as well as supporting the outdoor entertainment is very insightful.

I believe that we should continue to track on these strengths and exploit them with public access to our forests and lakes via walking, biking, horse and motorized paths. People will always be looking for some way to escape the 100 degree heat index and experience the beauty of our natural environment. And provide more opportunities for conferences and outdoor enthusiasts to revel in our already provided natural beauty. We need to focus on making Prescott Valley a destination location by providing ways for people to express their desires to intermingle with the great outdoors. An attraction such as a theme park with exciting rides has long been an attractive lure in other locations.

FUTURE # 2 – Based on the current economic conditions, how should Prescott Valley position itself for the future?

In the past we relied upon the industry of home construction and sales, which there needs to be for any community to maintain growth and we need to continue offering affordable living coupled with services that match the needs of the general populace.

We have made great strides in providing easier access via improved roadways that help lure the traffic going to Prescott into our Town. In the future we will have to continue to exploit what the State has already provided, a viable transportation corridor, with interests that will continue to attract the travelers to stay and spend both time and monies.

Again, developing our Town as a destination location, a place to get out of the heat and experience the freedom of the great outdoors and advertizing as such, coupled with a strong downtown identity, would help to maintain a small town feel that nurtures a potential to grow. These factors attract not only tourism, as our sister city of Prescott has reveled in for years, but also attracts people who desire to live in a smaller, and yet safe environ with professional services.