



Edwardsville | Glen Carbon
Chamber of Commerce

POLICY COUNCIL & BUSINESS BUILDS PAC

CITY OF EDWARDSVILLE: ALDERMAN CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Larry J Miller

Position Sought: Alderman, Ward 6

1. Please provide us with some basic information. Tell us briefly about:

- a. Your family:** Married, 3 children, 3 grandchildren
- b. How long you've lived in Edwardsville:** 32 years, since 1989
- c. Your education:** Associate of Applied Science
- d. Your employment:** Retired, US Air Force Retired, US Postal Service

Retired

2. Why are you seeking this office? I have a desire to serve the people of Ward 6 and the City of Edwardsville.

3. What education, skills and experiences have prepared you to deal with the complex financial, technical and legal issues that regularly come before city council? For the past several months, I have made an attempt to attend the various city committees and city council meetings, in an effort to observe the matters and issues that come before the committees and the council. I have a general understanding, through life experiences, of practical matters that come to the council. When and where I don't understand an issue, I search for answers through the vastness of the internet. I would also use and query the city staff for assistance understanding concepts I don't already know.

4. What, if anything, should the city of Edwardsville do to retain, expand and attract 'head of household' jobs? Encourage and support the city Economic and Community Development Director to build businesses and opportunities.

5. Identify and prioritize the three most important 'large capital' projects in the city of Edwardsville. Please justify your prioritization. How do you propose to pay for these projects?

For the first year, the budget has already been set and priorities already have been decided. As I progress through the first year, it will become clear what needs the city has and where the financing can come from.

6. What are your thoughts on city finances? I believe that the city financial director has done a good job managing and tracking the city's finances. The department heads make efforts to keep spending in check, within budget, and use grant money effectively.

a. Are there opportunities to cut expenses?

Specifically, where are those opportunities?

b. Is there a need for new or additional revenue?

Specifically, where would it come from?

c. Are there areas where spending needs to be increased?

Specifically, where does spending need to increase? It appears from HB3653, there will be areas in our law enforcement capabilities where increased spending will be needed.

Specifically, where would the money come from?

7. What do you believe is the role of a city council member in the city administrator form of government? In the City of Edwardsville, there is no administrator form of government, nor do I find any provision in the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5) referencing an Administrator form of government. Our city is formed with a mayor, as chief executive officer, and the council is the legislative body for the city. In Edwardsville, the city administrator role serves the mayor to assist with city administration and provide advice as needed or requested from the council members.

8. Governor J.B. Pritzker recently signed into law HB 3653. How do you recommend the city prepare for the unfunded financial burden when this law goes into effect? It is too soon to identify what provisions of the bill will specifically affect the city financially and how long we will have before they are required. However, increased overtime costs for law enforcement officers to get required training are a reality. Increased staff to monitor body cam recording would be necessary. The bulk of the needed funding is still a year or two out providing some time to fund for these requirements through the budgeting process.

9. If you're the incumbent, what have been your significant accomplishments during your term? If you're the challenger, what do you believe have been the significant disappointments of the incumbents, and how would your term in office be different? The incumbent has chosen not to run and I choose not to discuss their individual actions or performance.

10. Will you commit to not raising the city's property tax levy? At this point, I can not commit to anything regarding taxation. I would, of course, like to have the levy remain the same or even lowered.

11. Glen Carbon has placed a moratorium on collection of school district impact fees. Are you willing to again consider an impact fee moratorium? I believe that would be an issue for the Village of Glen Carbon to decide.

12. If elected, what would be your top three priorities?

1. Continue to provide a safe community for our citizens.
2. Continue down the path already established for the city.
3. Provide affordable housing for our citizens or attract new residents.

13. At the end of your term in office, how will you know if you've been successful? Determining my success isn't really important to me. I'll do my best and that is all I can do for the City of Edwardsville.

14. Are there any changes you would like to see regarding:

- a. how city council functions? No
- b. how committees function? No
- c. how departments function? No