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Chamber of Commerce

CITY OF EDWARDSVILLE: ALDERPERSON CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Shelly Keeven

Position Sought: Alderman Ward 7

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

a. Your family:

I am married to the former Police Chief of Edwardsville, Jay Keeven. We have three children, Emily Rezabeck, Maggie Keeven and Dane Keeven.

b. How long you've lived in Edwardsville:

I have lived in Edwardsville for 10 years.

c. Your education:

Paralegal and Certified Life Coach.

d. Your employment:

Archford Capital Strategies

2. Why are you seeking this office?

I am running for Alderman because I believe my organizational skills, passion for the Edwardsville community and belief in truly transparent government will serve the citizens well if I am fortunate enough to be elected as Alderman for Ward 7.

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?

The most pressing issues facing this office is the importance for all residents of Edwardsville to continue to enjoy the quality of life we have come to know in this wonderful community.

I want to ensure equal opportunity for all and government transparency as our community continues to grow. Fortunately, there are many skilled professionals hired by the City of Edwardsville that are properly trained in financial and legal matters.

4. What, if anything, should the city of Edwardsville do to retain, expand and attract 'head of household' jobs?

The City of Edwardsville should continue to support expansion in the warehouse district, they should continue to use tax incentives to develop new business to grow out the commercial base. The City should strive to create affordable housing in the community. \$400,000 housing vs \$700,000.

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?

Infrastructure improvements (water sewer, streets), park improvements and business development to include the warehouse district.

You pay for that with more development and sales tax.

6. What are your thoughts on city finances?

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?

Specifically, where would the money come from?

I have not had the opportunity to review the city finances but I assume the City of Edwardsville has a strong tax base.

7. What do you believe is the role of a city council member in the city administrator form of government? Provide guidance support and oversight.

8. 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? No Opinion.

9. Will you commit to not raising the city's property tax levy?

I would have to make an educated decision after hearing all the options.

10. If elected, what would be your top three priorities? Government Transparency, Fiscal Responsibility and Public Safety.

11. At the end of your term in office, how will you know if you've been successful? Elected again.

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

a. how city council functions?

b. how committees function?

c. how departments function?

Give me a year and then I can honestly answer this question.