



Meet Your City Council: City Council Member Scott Salonek

Please share a brief description of your professional background (in public or private service):

Moved to Dayton in 1987 at my present location, have raised elk and deer at that location for the last 28 years. Cut meat for a total of 30 years at 2 locations and in 1998 started my own company producing elk snack meats, steaks, and various cuts. This grew to a full-time endeavor in 2004 and it has expanded to elk, buffalo, and venison snack meats with retailers in all 52 states.

Served on council from 2012- 2016, did not make the cut from 2016 to 2020 and was appointed back to council in 2021.

What drew you to serve on City Council?

I was asked by a passed councilor to take a look at it, felt I could help and have enjoyed my time in various issues. Also felt if one does not like what your getting, rather than complain about it make a difference.

Which City matters are your most passionate about?

This is an area that I felt I could maybe help the most in, in the past many issues just came about with little notice or inclusion from the residents. I am very straight forward and direct with my stance on issues, ask the needed questions and let everyone handle the answers.

I also, would prefer the city remain the Dayton of 1987-2010, but growth is plain and simple, going to happen. Many of us in the same situation would do just the same, land owners have the right to sell, and when those numbers get to where we are today, it is called progress. Hopefully this progress will regress a bit, we grab some commercial tax base and get this single-family housing back down closer to the 200 units instead of the 450 we will see in 2021.

Please share one fun fact about yourself:

I now have a couple grand kids and because of this, I thought the first one would enjoy bottle feeding baby deer, her first year was a little slow but at 14 months what can you expect. In 2020 it was full speed ahead and she enjoyed bottle time. That year we opened it up to any kids that wanted to make a stab at it, the entire month of June had kids twice daily, it was a big hit for many families.