

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, November 18, 2013

Regular Meeting

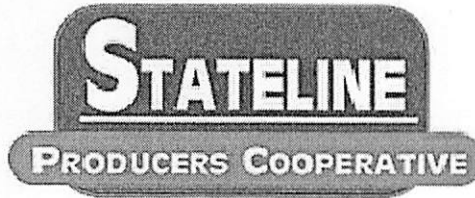
Item Reports5

Council to confirm the list of City Council candidates submitted by the deadline to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Council Member Deibert and set the interview schedule.

Staff Contact: Rick Kuckkahn, City Manager

Bridgeport Office

9260 S. Railroad Ave.
Bridgeport, NE 69336
Phone: 308-262-1222
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Gering Office

801 Railroad St.
Gering, NE 69341
Phone: 308-436-2186
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October 28, 2013

City of Scottsbluff
Attn: Cindy Dickinson, CMC
City Clerk
2525 Circle Drive
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Dear Ms. Dickinson,

Please consider this letter formal notification of my interest in the vacant City Council position.
Please let me know if you require any additional information at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Hilyard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Elizabeth A. Hilyard, CPA, SPHR

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City Council Appointee

Application Form

Name: Elizabeth (Liz) Hilyard

Address: 1809 Avenue K, Scottsbluff, NE

Phone: 308.631.2623

1. When did you become a resident of Scottsbluff?

I grew up in Omaha, received my undergraduate and graduate degrees from UNL. I lived in Grand Island, NE for one year after college before relocating to Scottsbluff in August, 2000.

2. What prompted your interest in the City Council position?

I have lived, worked and enjoyed this community for over a decade now. I have been very active in community events, organizations and activities as a young professional and business owner.

Since relocating to Scottsbluff, I have had 2 children and now find myself a single mom, raising two young daughters in this community. Becoming a parent has a tendency to change one's perspective on what a community is, what is important within your community and what makes your community a place where you want to raise independent, intelligent and responsible young people.

I was raised in a larger city where it is much more difficult to feel the chain reaction of your efforts than in a small community. In a smaller community every citizen truly can make a difference and that is not an opportunity that most people can capitalize on.

In my opinion, the City of Scottsbluff is a progressive one with good leadership and it has a good vision for the future. I have lived in small communities that are not progressive and have poor leadership and lack of direction. You can feel and see the difference every day.

3. Public service experience:

Leadership Scotts Bluff – president of board, board member, class participant – Scottsbluff, NE

Friends of the Scottsbluff Library – board member – Scottsbluff, NE

Children's University/Riverside Discovery Center – president of board, board member – Scottsbluff, NE

Volunteer activities – Westmoor School PTA, church activities, Girl Scouts, various non-profit organizations - served as liaison for the board of directors for financial matters (i.e. bookkeeping assistance, human resources questions, board of director fiduciary responsibilities).

4. What qualities do you feel you can bring to the Scottsbluff City Council?

I am a Certified Public Accountant, have a Master's degree in Business Administration and I am a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources. I have taken numerous college courses and continuing education courses on Governmental Accounting, Non-Profit Accounting, Human Resources, Business Management and have attended a myriad of leadership courses and conferences. I have performed audits of governmental entities and I fully understand fund accounting. I have over a decade of experience in human resources, business management, public and private accounting.

Aside from my technical/educational background – other qualities I have are that I am not afraid to work hard and get up to speed on what I need to educate myself on as far as the City and its oversight is concerned. I have changed jobs after 12 years to free up some of my time, so I am willing to make the time commitment to this position and have the blessing of both my children and my employer, which is important to me.

I have a lot of "people" experience. I have been the boss and I have had bosses. I have worked and volunteered in one-on-one situations and have had to both work and lead in group settings to accomplish a goal. I have traveled all over the world, lived in a foreign country and have had to deal with a multitude of different types of people. I have no problem with adversity or change, in fact I welcome it. I think we become better because of it.

I believe I have a lot to learn about this City and how it is operated but I also feel that this City can benefit from what I can bring to the table. I can give you a fresh set of eyes, from someone who was not raised here but has lived here long enough to understand what this City is. I am a young professional who is committed to her children and this community. I made the conscious decision to raise my children here which took reflection and even some sacrifices on my part so I am ready to give back so that if and when I ever do leave, I can know that I have left it a better place than I found it.

5. What issues do you think are important to the City of Scottsbluff now and in the next few years?

As a professional and former business owner in this community I learned how difficult it was to recruit and retain talent to relocate to and more importantly, stay in this area. I was in charge of recruiting for our professional firm and it was by far the most challenging thing I was asked to do – more so than tax returns and audits!! Without human capital it does not really matter how beautiful, serene or enjoyable your community is or potentially could be.

That being said, economic development is critical to attracting and retaining young people to our community. If we want them to come here, they need stable, rewarding and appropriately paying employment. They also need houses to live in, parks and recreational activities, good schools for their children or future children to utilize, shopping and entertainment locally so that we aren't all driving to Cheyenne and Denver to have choices in shopping, entertainment and restaurants.

I am also routinely frustrated by the lack of quality activities available for young people in this community. My children do not have the opportunities in sports, clubs or recreation that kids in larger communities have access to. While I can accept some of this, we do have options and I think as a community we could offer more. We can do better.

I think this lack of positive and rewarding activities leads to a lot more underage drinking (and driving) than I ever experienced growing up in Omaha. Based on my living here in Scottsbluff and in visiting with a multitude of people I met at UNL from smaller communities around Nebraska that when you don't have anything to do on a Friday or Saturday evening, you get alcohol and go drive around on county roads!! This is a phenomenon that I want to cease long before my daughters ever reach the age where they will be offered this as weekend entertainment. I know that larger cities are not without their problems and their youth are dealing with things that ours may never be exposed to, however I do not think that is an excuse for our community to not try to address the issue. While some might scoff at this as a "City government" issue or feel that it is merely law enforcement's problem, I again feel that it's all inter-related – providing economic development which equals well-paying and stable jobs for parents, more money into the community, keep spending local, focus on improving schools and providing quality sports, recreational and educational activities for youth.

Another issue that has come much more to the forefront of my mind lately, especially since my change in employment, is water. I think water will become an even bigger issue for our community in the near future and will remain a constant battle so to speak. Agriculture is a vital part of our city even though some may think that since the farms lay outside our city limits they are not something that directly affects us, I disagree. Our farmers and ranchers are just as vital of a piece of this city as are those of us that live and work within the city limits. Once these farms and their operators feel the pinch on water and are forced to impose even more restrictions, the city will in turn feel the pinch of their decreased economic activity, shortages and struggles. I think the City will have to continue to implement and be creative in its water management policies. I am very interested in this area and commend the City on its existing sustainable measures.

6. What is your vision for Scottsbluff's city government?

I think that the City government exists to do more than make sure our streets are plowed when it snows and that water comes out of my tap when I use my kitchen sink. The City government is what ties everything together and creates the vision for the direction this community is headed.

This community has some obstacles to overcome in making itself an attractive option for young people who want to live, work and raise their families here. I think the City has strong leadership and direction, I think those that govern fully understand the challenges they are faced with. I truly feel this City is headed in the right direction though. We have a ways to go but focusing on economic development, the youth in our community and our environmental pressures are key pieces that will allow this City to attain that vision of being a safe and desirable place to live, work and play.

Memo

To: City Council Members
From: Cindy Dickinson, City Clerk/Risk Manager
Date: October 22, 2013
Re: **Letter of Interest – City Council Position**

This memo is to inform you that following the announcement of Michael Deibert's resignation from the City Council, Mr. Pete Marez personally came to my office on October 22, 2013 and asked that his letter of interest he previously submitted be entered again for the current vacant position.

September 27, 2013

**Pete Marez
1209 E. 15th Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361**

To whom it may concern:

I am expressing my written interest for the current open City Council position for the City of Scottsbluff.

I am a longtime resident of Scottsbluff County and received my education in Gering. I also attended Southeast Community College, receiving my degree in Culinary Arts.

I feel my experience brings honesty, integrity, open-mindedness, and friendliness to the council. I also believe that my experience will help fulfill my vision of Scottsbluff's cooperation, joint effort, and partnership to fulfill the goals of the community and surrounding communities. In addition, I am sensitive to the needs of others and regularly volunteer in different capacities and this would be a new and great endeavor for me to give back to the community.

As a longtime resident I have seen the changes in our community and would like to continue to help fulfill the growth in Scotts Bluff County and the residents of our community. I would enjoy working in any capacity that the council sees fit in our success of fulfilling our obligation to the community.

I look forward to meeting with you to further discuss in detail my contributions to the City Council of Scottsbluff.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete Marez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pete Marez

City Council Appointee Application Form

Name: Pete R. Marez
Address: 1209 E. 15th St., Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Phone Number: (308) 641-0977

Please answer the following questions. If you wish, you may attach additional sheets of paper.

1. When did you become a resident of Scottsbluff?

I was born in Scottsbluff, NE. I have been a resident my entire life.

2. What prompted your interest in the City Council position?

I have seen so many changes in Scottsbluff. I have watched it grow into the city it is today, and I want to take advantage of this opportunity to get involved and be someone that helps make things happen for the good of our community.

3. Describe your experience in public service and list any positions you have held on an elected, appointed or volunteer basis, and list the community in which each position was held.

I was appointed Eucharist Minister for the Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Scottsbluff, NE. I was elected to serve in the position as President of our Parish Council. I am also chairman of the Community Graffiti Clean-up Committee, and a volunteer for CERT. (Citizens Emergency Response Team).

In addition, I have attended many council meetings and have testified in reference to many issues facing our community.

4. What qualities do you feel you can bring to the Scottsbluff City Council?

I can bring to the Council, honesty, integrity, open mindedness and friendliness. I am well organized; I am a team player; I am intelligent and sensitive to the needs of others. Most importantly, I have a desire and a willingness to help Scottsbluff become a greater place to work, live and play. I want to serve on this council because I believe in Scottsbluff, and I want to be part of its economic growth and prosperity.

5. What issues do you think are important to the City of Scottsbluff now and in the next few years?

#1: The budget, the economic situation. We must continually focus on providing the best services possible within the means of our budget. We have I believe in equal and fair distribution of increases across the board (in all areas). The only exception would be the fire and police departments which I think must be dealt with on a as needed basis.
#2: Garbage / Recycling
#3: Continued working with / attracting new businesses (Example is Nature Composite)

6. What is your vision for Scottsbluff's city government?

It is a vision of cooperation, joint effort and a partnership that works for the good of the community and its patrons. It is teamwork and public service that continually works for the betterment of the community as a whole. We should want to be accessible to everyone, regardless of the need or their status in the community. The vision should include being a five star community; one that is published and recognized for being exemplary and a first class place to live. As public servants, we should want to do everything within our means to take care of the patrons we serve. At the same time, appeal to and welcome all of the new comers, particularly new businesses, because they help bring economic prosperity to our community. The quality of services will, and must be above the rest.

7. Please express any other thoughts or information you feel should be considered.

I want to stress the fact that I will be a team player and I understand that many times decisions must be based on what is best for the majority. I am not one to push my own personal agenda at every meeting, etc. I would be committed to working collectively with other council members, and through our joint efforts, address the needs of our community and the constituents we serve; always striving to make a difference in the lives of its residents, and above all, to advance progress at all levels. I am a person that has earned the respect and trust of my community.

City Council Letter of Intent

November 1, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing a letter of intent to fill the vacancy seat left by Mike Diebert on the Scottsbluff City Council. I am a Colorado native who moved to Gering/Scottsbluff area in April of 2012. I was the former House Reading Clerk for the Colorado state House of Representatives from 1995 to 2003. From there, I became the Assistant to the Insurance Commissioner from 2003 to 2008. I left working for the state of Colorado in April of 2008 to work for a private firm, which unfortunately lead to a layoff due to downsizing in 2011.

I'm a strategic thinker and supportive collaborator with 15 years of experience in regulation and public policy. My expertise lies in planning, communication, research, and stakeholder relations.

Complex issues and complicated situations really motivate me in my work. I truly love to learn, to dig into a new subject so I really understand it and various perspectives on it. One of my strengths is seeing and helping others understand how things fit together, so I thoroughly enjoy anticipating people's needs and finding creative ways to meet needs and solve problems.

What I deliver is marked by innovation and collaboration. I am someone who endlessly looks for ways to improve the way things work, build bridges in relationships, and get others involved and contributing.

I am currently working as the Office Manager for Country Auto Sales Inc which was owned by former County Commissioner Henry E. Schneider. It would be an honor to continue his legacy in making sure that the community is represented by an elected official who will not only listen to what their needs are, but to follow through and accomplish the goals at task. I look forward to hearing from you and would appreciate your support.

Thank you for your consideration

Michael Robert Mawhinney
1926 9th Avenue
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(303) 968-4254 – cell
michael.mawhinney@hotmail.com

City Council Appointee Application Form

Name:

Michael

Mawhinney

Address:

1926 9th

Avenue

Gering NE

69361

Phone Number:

(303) 968-4254

Email:

Michael.mawhinney@hotmail.com

Please answer the following questions. If you wish, you may attach additional sheets of paper.

1. When did you become a resident of Scottsbluff?
April 1, 2013, however I have lived in Gering prior, since April 2012
2. What prompted your interest in the City Council position?
I have always had a passion to help people and represent them with integrity. When I worked for the state of Colorado, I was able to do that as a civil servant but I never aspired to becoming an elected official. Being older and single, I will be able to focus a lot of time helping out the community. It is a dream of mine to, one day, become an elected official.
3. Describe your experience in public service and list any positions you have held on an elected, appointed or volunteer basis, and list the community in which each position was held.
I was appointed from 1995 to 2003 to be the House Reading Clerk by four different Speakers of the House. I then followed Speaker Doug Dean to the Colorado Division of Insurance as his Assistant, specializing on Fiscal Notes and being the Legislative Liaison for the Division. I was extensively active in our caucuses being a District Captain for 8 years.

4. What qualities do you feel you can bring to the Scottsbluff City Council?
I am very familiar with the government process and I have extensive Statutory and Regulatory background. I bring a youthful fresh outlook for Scottsbluff's future backed by integrity and respect for the process.

5. What issues do you think are important to the City of Scottsbluff now and in the next few years?
Since I have moved here, I have notice a lack of well-paying jobs for our college graduates. Unless you are in the Agricultural business, many graduates will leave the state to pursue better paying employment. I would like to keep our strong Agricultural business but expand our workforce, thus creating more attractive careers and strengthening our economy.

6. What is your vision for Scottsbluff's city government?
Scottsbluff's city government has had a great reputation of helping out the farming community. This vision must continue but should also be open to new ideas in expansion in growth and maintaining the interest of the citizens of this great rural city.

7. Please express any other thoughts or information you feel should be considered.

MICHAEL ROBERT MAWHINNEY

1926 9th Avenue, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

(303) 968-4254 c michael.mawhinney@hotmail.com

Performed several administrative functions on behalf of state insurance departments with a dynamic track record of consistently meeting or exceeding goals. History of success in driving new business by emphasizing strong customer service within key projects and developing strategic partnerships. Ability to work closely and comfortably within all levels of a client's organization.

- Iowa Insurance Division and 43 participating states and the District of Columbia – monitoring United Healthcare Insurance Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates for compliance with a multi-state regulatory settlement agreement
- The Division's Legislative Analyst in regards to developing fiscal notes for proposed legislation and assisting the Commissioner in the Budgetary process
- Primary support staff on projects involving health insurance and managed care including: United Healthcare/PacifiCare merger acquisition, CIGNA/ Great West Health Insurance merger acquisition, Kaiser Health Foundation Intercompany Agreement

Noted for outstanding ethics and integrity as well as:

- Hard working, dedicated, and enthusiastic communication skills
- Detail oriented, fast learner, talented and have the ability to multi-task, prioritize, and plan ahead
- Being a self-starter with excellent business skills
- Problem solver who builds rapport quickly to cultivate both personal and professional relationships

Account Management
Project Management
Market Regulation
Legislative Liaison

Business Plans
Contract Negotiations
Fiscal Analysis
Investigations

Cost Analysis
Forecasting & Budgets
Customer Relations
Office Management

CAREER SUMMARY

RSM McGLADREY, Inc.

Apr.2008 – Jan. 2011

Associate

- Perform various technical, informal examinations (investigations) and other analysis of insurance entities (licensed producers and agencies)
- In-depth review of insurance rates, rating plans, rating systems, and statistical data
- Verifications of policy forms, riders, endorsements, and advertising materials to determine if coverage provided and product disclosures comply with statutory and regulatory mandates and policy provisions
- Analysis of claims and complaints to determine if there are any unfair claim settlement practices or unfair or discriminatory trade practices
- Review of underwriting criteria to identify any unfairly discriminatory practices and review of entity operations and management to determine compliance with all applicable statutory and regulatory mandates
- Assisted on caseload of numerous complex cases and determined the appropriate manner in which to organize hundreds of documents in a case
- Key contact person between the state insurance departments and insurance companies
- Assisted on preparing examination plans and budgets, researched, interpreted and applied various states' insurance laws
- Identify specific violations by preparing examination reports with findings

COLORADO DIVISION OF INSURANCE

Sept. 2003 –Apr. 2008

Assistant to the Commissioner

- Legislative analysis and development of fiscal notes for proposed legislation.
- Assisted in the budgetary processes for the Division
- Coordination and reconciliation of out-of-state travel arrangements for the Division
- Reconciliation of producer licensing fees
- Division liaison for the NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) and the Colorado State Legislature
- Planning and scheduling regulatory and enforcement hearings and large meetings with industry and constituent groups
- Served as primary support staff on projects involving health insurance and managed care including: United Healthcare/PacifiCare merger acquisition, CIGNA/ Great West Health Insurance merger acquisition, Kaiser Health Foundation Intercompany Agreement

COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Jan. 1995 – Sept. 2003

House Reading Clerk / Information Clerk

- Scheduling of Bills & Rooms for Committee Meetings
- Accurate Publication of the Daily Calendar & Legislative Directory
- Reading of the Daily Order of Business for the Body
- Operation & Oversight of the Electronic Voting Machine
- Intern & Aide Coordinator
- Social Events Coordinator

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATION

Life, Accident and Health Producer License
FMLI Designation

State of Colorado (May 2011)
LOMA (Oct. 2010)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Liberal Arts, Political Science

University of Northern Colorado
(December 10, 1994)

November 12, 2013

City of Scottsbluff
2525 Circle Dr.
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

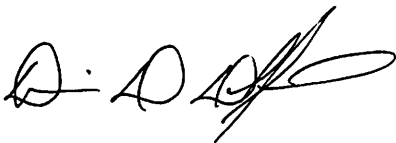
To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dennis Duffield, I am the General Manager of Roosevelt Public District. My address is 2805 Dineen Ave., Scottsbluff, Ne 69361 and my phone number is 308-641-3729. I have been a resident of Scottsbluff for 12 years. I grew up and graduated from Mitchell NE and I attended and graduated college in North Dakota.

I am interested in the post that is open on the Scottsbluff City Council. I have serviced on the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) Board of Directors from 1994 to 1999. I also, served as Chairman for the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Manager group from 2010 to 2012. I also, served on the Legislative Committee for Nebraska Rural Electric Association from 2009 to 2013.

I understand the duties and commitment of sitting on any Board or Council. I personally feel that I would make a good candidate for the Post on the Scottsbluff City Council. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Duffield', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dennis D Duffield

City Council Appointee Application Form

Name: Dennis D Duffield

Address: 2805 Dineen Ave., Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Phone Number: (308) 641-3729

Please answer the following questions. If you wish, you may attach additional sheets of paper.

1. When did you become a resident of Scottsbluff? In January 2001
2. What prompted your interest in the City Council position? A desire to serve the community in which I live in.
3. Describe your experience in public service and list any positions you have held on an elected, appointed or volunteer basis, and list the community in which each position was held. See attached page
4. What qualities do you feel you can bring to the Scottsbluff City Council?
See attached page
5. What issues do you think are important to the City of Scottsbluff now and in the next few years? See attached page
6. What is your vision for Scottsbluff's city government? See attached page
7. Please express any other thoughts or information you feel should be considered.
See attached page

3. I was appointed to the accreditation committee by the Board of Directors of the Morrill School District, Morrill, NE; I was appointed to serve on a strategic planning committee for Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff, NE.

4. I was on the Board of Directors for the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) and was appointed to the Services Committee, in this position I represented the Village of Morrill. I also served as Chairman of the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Manager Committee. I was also appointed to a one term on the Manager Advisor Council (MAC) of Basin Electric Power Cooperative in Bismarck, ND where I represented Tri-State Generation and Transmission.

5. Keeping and maintaining a qualified workforce; maintaining and updating the Cities infrastructure; economic development.

6. To maintain and retain qualified staff and employees; to set good policies that will protect and improve the quality of life for the residents and businesses in the City of Scottsbluff.

7. I have set on enough Boards and Committees to understand that it is my fiduciary responsibility to serve the best interest of the Board/Council that I set on and make decisions in the best interest of the, in this case, the City of Scottsbluff.

2517 2nd Ave
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 760-8886

November 11, 2013

Scottsbluff City Clerk-Cindy Dickinson
2525 Circle Drive
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Dear Ms. Dickinson:

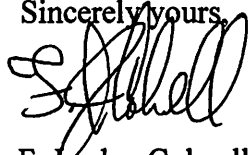
I am writing in regards to the Scottsbluff City Council position that is currently vacant. I found the position while reading the Star Herald Newspaper.

I would like to serve the people of Scottsbluff in a civic role outside of Regional West Medical Center (RWMC). I have worked at RWMC for the past three years and my experience has taught me strong communication, customer service, and administrative skills.

I also have leadership skills that I have learned while being an active member of the American Nurses Association (ANA), Nebraska Nurses Association (NNA), and as a First Lieutenant in the 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the United States Air Force Reserve. My broad background makes me an excellent candidate for this position.

Thank you for your time spent reading my letter and resume.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Jordan Colwell', written over the printed name.

F. Jordan Colwell, MHA, BSN, RN

Enclosure

City Council Appointee Application Form

Name: F. Jordan Colwell
Address: 2517 2nd Ave Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Phone Number: 308-760-8886

Please answer the following Questions. If you wish, you may attach addition sheets of paper.

1. When did you become a resident of Scottsbluff?

I officially became a resident of Scottsbluff in April 2013. I have worked in Scottsbluff for the past two years and attended college here from 2007-2009. As a longtime Panhandle resident, I am very aware of the issues and opportunities for all of Western Nebraska, which would be an asset to the Scottsbluff City Council.

2. What prompted your interest in the City Council position?

I was prompted to apply for this position because of my desire to help make positive changes to the community in which I want to raise my family.

3. Describe your experience in public service and list any positions you have held an elected, appointed, or volunteer basis and list the community in which each position was held.

I have had a broad experience in public service thus far in life and look forward to the many opportunities I will have in the future. I believe that giving back to my community and country are vitally important.

- United States Air Force Reserve- Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO, First Lieutenant and Flight Nurse in the 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES), *2012-Present*, Unit Infection Control Officer-in-Charge and ACLS Instructor, *2012-Present*, Second Lieutenant and Flight Nurse in the 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES), *2010-2012*, Unit Clinical Management Assistant Officer-in-Charge, *2010-2012*
- Alliance Volunteer Fire Department- Alliance, NE, Member, *2005-2007, 2011-2013*, Intern, *2003-2004*
- Leadership Scottsbluff Class of XXV, Participant, *2013-2014*, Scottsbluff, NE
- Nebraska Nurses Association District V. President, *2013*, Scottsbluff, NE
- Nebraska Nurses Association District V. President-elect, *2012*, Scottsbluff, NE
- Nebraska Nurses Association District V. Bylaws Committee Chair, *2012*, Scottsbluff, NE
- General Notary Public For The State Of Nebraska, *2012-Present*, Scottsbluff, NE

- Nebraska Farm Bureau Member, *2010-Present*, Box Butte County, Scottsbluff County
- Nebraska Nurses Association Commission of Nursing Practice and Professional Development, Co- Chair, *2010-2012*, Scottsbluff, NE
- Nebraska Nurses Association District V. Recruiting Chairman, *2010-2011*, Scottsbluff, NE
- The United States Junior Chamber- Jaycees-Alliance Member, *2009-2012*, Alliance, NE
- Nebraska State Student Nurses Association Student Advisor, *2009-2010*, Scottsbluff, NE
- University of Nebraska Medical Center Alumni Foundation Member, *2009-Present*, Scottsbluff, NE
- American Nurses Association Member, *2009-Present*, Scottsbluff, NE
- Nebraska Nurses Association Member, *2009-Present*, Scottsbluff, NE
- Keep Alliance Beautiful (KAB) Executive Board, *2009*, Alliance, NE
- 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, Council Member 2681, Scottsbluff, NE
- YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, Team Leader, Scottsbluff, NE
- 33rd Degree Master Mason, Council 183, Alliance, NE
- American Legion Post 7, Member, Alliance, NE
- Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie Member, Alliance, NE
- Teammates Mentoring Program, Mentor, Alliance, NE
- Adopt-a-School Volunteer, Alliance, NE
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer, Alliance, NE
- Religious Education Educator, Chardon and Scottsbluff, NE
- 4-H Volunteer and Judge, Box Butte County

4. What qualities do you feel you can bring to the Scottsbluff City Council?

The qualities that I feel I can bring to the Scottsbluff City Council are: meticulous organizational skills, an enthusiasm for learning about city government, a visionary personality, a strong ability to listen to the views and ideas of my fellow residents, a commitment to hard work, and a desire to serve and listen to all citizens of the community.

5. What issues do you think are important to the City of Scottsbluff now and in the next few years?

The issues that I think are important to the City of Scottsbluff now and in the future are:

- The continuing decline of population in the region and its impacts
- Viable and sustained economic growth in both private and public sectors
- Ongoing infrastructure development and restoration
- Continued fiduciary restraint
- Navigating ever-changing health care regulations that impact the local level

6. What is your vision for Scottsbluff's city government?

My vision for Scottsbluff's city government is to be an industrious and responsive council that will meet the needs of all citizens through local government and civic-minded voters.

7. Please express any other thoughts or information you feel should be considered.

Thank you for your time reading my letter and questionnaire form. I would be pleased to be a part of such a visionary and committed group of council members, representing my neighbors, co-workers, and friends. The combination of my professional and personal experiences, as well as the service to my country and community, will enable me to bring a fresh perspective and ideas to the Council. Like you, I hope to continue the strong traditions and values of this community that make it such a wonderful place to call home.

F. Jordan Colwell

fjcolw@gmail.com

2517 2nd Ave. Scottsbluff, NE 69631

Phone: (308) 760-8886

EDUCATION:

Walden University

Doctor of Business Administration-- Minneapolis, MN

Anticipated Graduation, December 2016

Master of Science in Health Care Administration-- Minneapolis, MN

Graduated December 2012

University of Nebraska Medical Center-- Scottsbluff, NE

Graduated May 2009

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Chadron State College-- Chadron, NE

Graduated May 2008

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences; Minor in Psychology

Alliance High School-- Alliance, NE

Graduated May 2004

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES:

- Leadership Scottsbluff Class of XXV, Participant, 2013-2014
- Nebraska Nurses Association District V. President, 2013
- Nebraska Nurses Association District V. President-elect, 2012
- Nebraska Nurses Association District V. Bylaws Committee Chair, 2012
- General Notary Public For The State Of Nebraska, 2012-Present
- Nebraska Farm Bureau Member, 2010-Present
- Nebraska Nurses Association Commission of Nursing Practice and Professional Development, Co- Chair, 2010-2012
- Box Butte General Hospital Service Excellence Advisory Committee, 2010-2011
- Nebraska Nurses Association District V. Recruiting Chairman, 2010-2011
- The United States Junior Chamber- Jaycees-Alliance Member, 2009-2012
- Nebraska State Student Nurses Association Student Advisor, 2009-2010
- University of Nebraska Medical Center Alumni Foundation Member , 2009-Present
- American Nurses Association Member, 2009-Present
- Nebraska Nurses Association Member, 2009-Present
- Keep Alliance Beautiful (KAB) Executive Board, 2009

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- 34th AES Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, 2013
- Nebraska Hospital Association Graduate Scholarship, 2011
- Box Butte General Hospital Full Tuition Scholarship, 2004-2009
- Rural Health Opportunities Scholarship (RHOP), 2004-2009
- Nebraska Hospital Association Undergraduate Scholarship, 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Regional West Medical Center- Scottsbluff, NE

Director of Accreditation Standards, Magnet Program, and National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators, 2012-Present

Advance Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Instructor, 2012-Present

Emergency Room Registered Nurse, ACLS, BLS, PALS, TNCC Certifications, 2012-Present

Nursing House Supervisor, 2012-2013

Certified Nurse Assistant on the Acute Rehabilitation Unit, 2008-2009

United States Air Force Reserve- Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO

First Lieutenant and Flight Nurse in the 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES), 2012-Present

Unit Infection Control Officer-in-Charge and ACLS Instructor, 2012-Present

Second Lieutenant and Flight Nurse in the 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES), 2010-2012

Unit Clinical Management Assistant Officer-in-Charge, 2010-2012

Western Nebraska Community College- Alliance, NE

Adjunct Faculty for Human Anatomy and Physiology and Medical Terminology, 2010-2013

Box Butte General Hospital-- Alliance, NE

Registered Nurse, ACLS, BLS, NRP, PALS Certifications, 2009-2012

Certified Nurse Assistant, 2003-2009

Phlebotomist, 2003-2004

Summer Intern, 2003

Alliance Public Schools- Alliance, NE

Local Substitute Teacher for K-12 Grades, 2009-2011

St. Francis Medical Center- Grand Island, NE

Senior College Transition Student in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Spring 2009

Office of US Senator Chuck Hagel- Scottsbluff, NE
College Intern, 2008-2009
Alliance Volunteer Fire Department- Alliance, NE
Member, 2005-2007, 2011-2013
Intern, 2003-2004

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, Council Member 2681
- YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, Team Leader
- 33rd Degree Master Mason, Council 183
- American Legion Post 7, Member
- Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie Member
- Teammates Mentoring Program, Mentor
- Costa Rica Spanish Immersion Project
- Adopt-a-School Volunteer
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer
- Religious Education Educator
- 4-H Volunteer and Judge