

**Watchmen Voter Guide for City of Sandpoint – Council Member – Candidates 1-5**

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	<a href="#">Joel Aispuro</a>	<a href="#">Wayne Benner</a>	<a href="#">Arthur Bistline</a>	<a href="#">John Darling Jr</a>	<a href="#">Justin Dick</a>
<b>1.</b> What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Wayne Benner, Sandpoint City Council. To help Sandpoint's evolution using my background knowledge and experience.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	John Darling Sandpoint City Council	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>2.</b> How could our city be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	1) Vote in the 1% to continue improvements to openspace 2) Add 2 Dog Park 3) Regulate the use of battery operated bike, skateboards, etc.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Operational transparency, Fiscal responsibility and Community involvement.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>3.</b> What are your views on the rapid growth of North Idaho? How should the city council manage growth?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	North Idaho faces rapid growth & declines. Need to be prepared for both with vision and planning.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Our community is growing at a rapid rate. I believe that our City Staff should prioritize local contractors and their projects to invest into our community.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>4.</b> In your opinion what best serves the public, elected officials, or appointed officials?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Having been a Bonner County Commissioner and city administrator I have to say Both.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I believe that elected officials best serve the public. I also believe in term limits.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>5.</b> What role should the city council have in the design and authorization of new developments?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Approving the rules & guidelines since that is all legally they can do.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	The City Council should have the final authority on design and authorization of new developments.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>

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<b>6.</b> In your opinion, should any services currently provided by the city be cut, eliminated, or privatized?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	No, Private is out to make a profit at our expense.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I believe the City is managing its services to the best of their abilities. They are in need of filling some key rolls within their planning and building departments.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>7.</b> Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities and why?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	To rural communities, to other cities with areas of city impact yes.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I think the utilities should prioritize infill areas within the city and then distribute to outlying areas based upon capacity.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>8.</b> How do you plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund but not raising taxes?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Don't over spend, provide what is requested by the public	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	By utilizing Federal and State funded grant programs.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>9.</b> What is your opinion of the increased push for affordable housing?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Having faced the affordable housing issue in 1974 when we came to Bonner County and seeing my kids struggle it is Not a push but reality.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I believe in workforce housing programs.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>10.</b> How should the public's input be taken into consideration and implemented in the decision-making process?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	All input should be taken into consideration and the best input for a majority of the public should be used.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I am a proponent of public engagement thru Surveys, open house meetings and public forum.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>

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<b>11.</b> Is there anything in your personal or business life that would be a conflict of interest in your ability to serve the people of this city?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	No	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	No	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>12.</b> Should the concept of “equitable outcome” be implemented as a part of the city council’s decision-making process? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	No all decisions must be made base on the facts at hand at that moment, some vision and not include non issue items.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I believe in listening objectively to both sides of an argument and making my decisions fair and equitable for both parties.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>13.</b> What role should the health board play in the city council’s decision-making process?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	The same role as all boards. Their input and recommendations should be recognized as professional input.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I believe the health board should only advise the City Council on health matters and that the City Council should follow the Governors directive in a health crisis.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>
<b>14.</b> What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	6 yrs, County Commissioner, 9 yrs City Administrator, 12 yrs County Planning Commission, Fire District Commissioner, p2nid2 Board, Selkirk Loop board, Chamber of Commerce	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I am born and raised in Bonner County. I have served my country in the US Navy and now am a local business owner. I have a family with interest in this community. I believe my opinion can help shape the direction of how our community grows.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>