

### Watchmen Voter Guide for Osburn City Council (2 Seats)

*\* Click on each candidate's name to see their completed questionnaire \**

	<a href="#">Jeremy Bergem</a>	Randy Cloos	<a href="#">Ron Hood</a>	Laurie Richardson
<b>1.</b> What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Jeremy Bergem, running for City Council of Osburn Idaho.	<b>No Response Received</b>	Ron Hood, Running for Osburn City Council I want to serve my community	<b>No Response Received</b>
<b>2.</b> How could our city be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	The City of Osburn could be improved with efforts to bring in more local businesses, expanding and upgrading our City Library and developing more grant funded public works projects.	<b>No Response Received</b>	Road Repairs Hightened Police Patrols	<b>No Response Received</b>
<b>3.</b> What are your views on the rapid growth of North Idaho?	I am against rapid growth in North Idaho. When growth is left unchecked local families find the cost of affordable housing becomes out of reach.	<b>No Response Received</b>	I believe it should be more controlled / Reasonably Regulated	<b>No Response Received</b>
<b>4.</b> In your opinion what best serves the public, elected officials, or appointed officials?	I feel that elected officials from the local community better serve the needs of the city.	<b>No Response Received</b>	Elected officials as the must answer to the voters	<b>No Response Received</b>
<b>5.</b> What improvements should be made to the city councils' role in the design and authorization of new developments?	The City of Osburn does a very good job in planning and funding public works projects and developments. Unfortunately, there is not much area for the city to expand in the future.	<b>No Response Received</b>		<b>No Response Received</b>
<b>6.</b> In your opinion, should any services currently provided by the city be cut, eliminated, or privatized?	The City of Osburn services should not be cut or eliminated. While a privatized system may sound good, it usually ends up with out-of-control costs to the local community. I am in favor of the city continuing to offer their current services.	<b>No Response Received</b>	I think all departments could be improved	<b>No Response Received</b>
<b>7.</b> Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities and why?	I do not believe city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities. The required costs to accommodate a large increase of users to the current system would prove unreasonable and put undue hardships on our residents.	<b>No Response Received</b>	Yes, it would ensure proper infrastructure for affordable growth	<b>No Response Received</b>

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<b>8.</b> How do you plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund without increase taxes?	I plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund by developing more local businesses into the City of Osburn and studying the costs of building permits. This would generate additional income for the city without increasing taxes on our residents.	<b>No Response Received</b>	Eliminating unnessicary expenses	<b>No Response Received</b>
<b>9.</b> What is your opinion of the increased push for affordable housing?	I believe affordable housing is vital to our community. Many houses previously used as rentals have been sold and repurposed for vacation rentals. This has left many renters being displaced and driving up the cost of monthly rent. Affordable housing done correctly could make a positive impact on our growing issue.	<b>No Response Received</b>	I support any efforts to make more Affordable housing	<b>No Response Received</b>
<b>10.</b> All too often local residents feel that their public comment is not taken into consideration when decisions are made that directly affect their daily lives and their property value. What would you suggest so that the public's best interests become a priority over builders and developers?	The best way to be heard by local government bodies is to regularly participate. Not only in the election process but to be active in council meetings proceedings.	<b>No Response Received</b>	Constantly seeking public coment on issues i.e. social media	<b>No Response Received</b>
<b>11.</b> What is your opinion of "Smart Cities" and how they apply to North Idaho?	I am not in favor of smart cities. I feel that a "smart" city relies too much on a technology that is being quickly incorporated with A.I. I think that many cities will regret embracing these changes.	<b>No Response Received</b>		<b>No Response Received</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?	I do need to believe that equitable income should not be implemented as part of a city council decision making process. Redistributing wealth or services based on income alone discourages people to strive and work for higher achievements. A hand up is better than a handout in my opinion.	<b>No Response Received</b>	Yes, it should as we taxpayers are equal	<b>No Response Received</b>
<b>13.</b> Is there anything in your personal, business, or career life that would be a conflict of interest in your ability to serve the people of this city?	There is not anything with my personal, business or career that would be a conflict of interest in my ability to serve the people of the City of Osburn.	<b>No Response Received</b>	No	<b>No Response Received</b>

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14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	I have thirty (30) years in Customer Relations and Automotive Service Management in large automotive dealerships. I currently work full time for the Shoshone County at our Solid Waste Transfer Station and part time as Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Smelterville. Having years of practicable experience working with customers and managing a large organization gives me a great insight to serving the community.	<b>No Response Received</b>	I am just a blue collar worker that wants to give back to my community and have common sense and can listen to the publics requests	<b>No Response Received</b>

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