

City of Dover City Council

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1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	No Response Received	No Response Received	Jerry Heaps Dover, ID City Council Running to serve and improve my city services for all residents.	No Response Received
2. How could our city be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	No Response Received	No Response Received	1. Create new revenue streams for Dover but NOT from Dover residents (e.g. visitors, renters, and builders). 2. Public safety on our roads and paths. 3. Improve enforcement of City Ordinances.	No Response Received
3. In your opinion, is growth in North Idaho being handled appropriately?	No Response Received	No Response Received	No. Growth needs to be better planned. Traffic and noise need to be considered and planned. Building new roads are limited by space. Zoning laws could be such that open areas and green spaces are maintained and encouraged. Over the last few years there has been a great influx of wealth which is causing ordinary working people and retirees to be income/price squeezed. In many areas, money is not an issue and real estate bidding wars are common. There always seems to be someone willing to pay egregious prices for homes/lots. There are now areas for the wealthy only. Growth is fine but we need not be turned into a Hilton Head resort with golf carts minus the golf course.	No Response Received
4. As cities face increasing costs to pay for city services including law enforcement, fire districts, schools and increased traffic due to increased home developments, what are your suggestions so that growth pays for itself?	No Response Received	No Response Received	Use existing cities as examples and have charges for city administration use, lodging taxes/fees, environmental impact fees, local option tax. Tourism is a business and should be treated as such. Heavy equipment and trucks damage local roads and need to help local residents with costs associated with road/infrastructure maintenance. Only cities can assess fees/taxes for city upkeep as homeowner associations cannot.	No Response Received
5. What improvements should be made to the city council's role in the planning and authorization of new developments?	No Response Received	No Response Received	Growth does not mean plat every available square foot of land. Many lots available should not be built on as they are close to waterways and wetlands, but they are available for sale. Mature trees are being clear cut and native beauty is destroyed so building can occur. Over years, the beauty that brought people to the areas has been destroyed. Local council's must be aware of uncontrolled/unplanned growth and allow areas to remain as they are so the natural beauty can survive. Traffic loads and noise are bad and occur at all hours of the day/night. Lots are being sold right next to major roads and railroads.	No Response Received
6. In your opinion, should any services currently provided by the city be cut, eliminated, or privatized?	No Response Received	No Response Received	To the contrary, Dover needs more revenue to pay for law enforcement, fire districts, and increased traffic due to home development and tourists. City services, except for sewer/water are very limited.	No Response Received

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7. Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities, why or why not?	No Response Received	No Response Received	Yes, if "affordable" to all. There's that word again. This would get all on the same page and help manage septic issues that pollute local environments/waterways. It is assumed city managed water and sewer is done in a safe/sanitary manner with no environmental pollution.	No Response Received
8. How do you plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund without increasing taxes?	No Response Received	No Response Received	Whether taxes or fees, costs will continue to rise as nothing is "free." No fee/tax growth is an illusion. Budgets can be better planned for an annual increase in needed revenues versus putting it off and kicking the can down the road. Difficult budget issues (roads, public safety, water quality, sewer) must be addressed in a timely manner as avoiding such will not make the issue(s) go away. Inflation will be around in the foreseeable future and must be accounted for. Permanent levies are not the answer nor should levies be used to fund ordinary operational/maintenance budgets.	No Response Received
9. What is your opinion on affordable housing? Is it something that the city should be pursuing?	No Response Received	No Response Received	There is a standard definition for this. However, it is hard to define as "affordable" to you or me is very personal and usually means a difference of opinion. Affordable housing is what the market can bear. It also varies greatly depending on demographics, business and infrastructure make-up. In many areas bidding wars are common as wealth influx knows no limit if an individual really wants to buy a house. One can pursue "affordable" housing but without "controls" of who can buy and at what cost, it is unattainable in my opinion. Local residents should not be accountable for cost over runs or foreclosures. In Bonner County, affordable housing is very limited as many businesses have built their own lodging to subsidize their workers and use as a recruitment tool. Otherwise, many workers cannot afford to buy their own housing on their salaries.	No Response Received
10. 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 values. What would you do differently to change the public's perception?	No Response Received	No Response Received	One is entitled to their opinion but also must realize that elected officials are the ones that have to make decisions. Not all people may agree with the final decision. I would encourage you to be respectful of all viewpoints, stick to the facts (after verified) and follow-up with meaningful dialogue. It's a bad practice to ask for public input, ignore it and not be transparent on how a decision is made. Don't use tax dollars to subsidize/encourage voting blocs when budgets are already strained	No Response Received
11. What is your opinion on "Smart Cities" and how they apply to North Idaho?	No Response Received	No Response Received	Not applicable to North Idaho. Area residents do not want personal data collected and data is very difficult to keep secure. Data may also be sold, and people don't want others to make money off of their data. Individuals in North Idaho would not get enough benefits.	No Response Received

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12. Should the concept of "equitable outcome" be implemented as a part of the city council's decision-making process? Why or why not?	No Response Received	No Response Received	No. No actual definition in my opinion as similar to "affordable housing." "Equitable" to you likely means something different to me. Standard definitions to both can be sought but good luck getting agreements. Merit based decisions benefit all.	No Response Received
13. 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?	No Response Received	No Response Received	No	No Response Received
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	No Response Received	No Response Received	I have worked around the world and been exposed to numerous cultures, problems and people. I'm a business owner, a good listener, and problem solver as my decisions could have a tremendous impact on costs. I believe in fiscal management and accountability plus obey the law. As costs rise, residents must assist in ideas and ways to increase revenue so that we and the city can continue to survive and thrive. But we also must remember "nothing is free."	No Response Received