

City of Osburn City Council (2 seats)

	Spike Angle	Jeremy Bergem	Kevin Kessler
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	No Response Received	Jeremy Bergem City Council Osburn, Idaho	No Response Received
2. How could our city be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	No Response Received	Introduce ideas for the growth of additional businesses to open in the city. Make the city a very appealing place to be successful.	No Response Received
3. In your opinion, is growth in North Idaho being handled appropriately?	No Response Received	I am against rapid growth in North Idaho. The Silver Valley is experiencing a shortage of affordable housing where a first time buyer can afford to purchase a home. We need to find a balance of a healthy real estate market that doesn't push out first time buyers.	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	Make sure that before a business or developments are approved, they meet the needs long term of the community. Failing to do proper traffic studies can leave a community holding the bag for road repairs long after the business is installed.	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	The city does a great job in the planning of new construction or developments. They need to continue to enforce the rules and regulations that are in effect now.	No Response Received
6. In your opinion, should any services currently provided by the city be cut, eliminated, or privatized?	No Response Received	No services in the city should be eliminated. Privatized public services usually lead to increased costs and less effective services. I am not in favor of any privatized public services.	No Response Received
7. Do you believe access to city managed water and sewer should be increased to rural communities, why or why not?	No Response Received	I do not think managed water and sewer should be increased as it puts too much of a strain on the established users and the system itself.	No Response Received

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8. How do you plan on keeping a healthy reserve fund without increasing taxes?	No Response Received	The city needs to continue to help the community to bring in more business.	No Response Received
9. What is your opinion on affordable housing? Is it something that the city should be pursuing?	No Response Received	Affordable housing is vital to the cities continued health and growth. I am not in favor of the trend of the affordable housing being purchased with the intent to become sort term vacation rentals. This has caused the price of homes to become unaffordable for most first time buyers and lower income families.	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	I would encourage all residents in the city to attend council meetings and participate in the process.	No Response Received
11. What is your opinion on "Smart Cities" and how they apply to North Idaho?	No Response Received	I am not in favor of smart cities that rely on A.I. managed technologies to function.	No Response Received
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	Yes it should as all taxpayers are equal and should be treated that way.	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	No Response Received
14. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	No Response Received	I have 30 years of business management experience that allows me to use this experience to help the City of Osburn. My current roles as Code Enforcement Officer and Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board help to insure that any projects will meet the cities needs for the future.	No Response Received