

City Council Candidate Questions

Larry Consbruck

It's easy to campaign on "lower taxes," but, as costs increase, how would you accomplish a lower property tax rate? How do you prioritize realistic budget choices within each department to meet a goal of "lower taxes"?

First of all the Council works for the citizens of Hastings. Hastings has virtually not grown in 40 years, population or industry wise. The only thing that has grown is city government and budget. If an unacceptable budget was presented to me, I would turn it back to the administrator and say send it back to the high priced department heads and let them figure out how to reduce it.

As an elected leader, how do you feel you can impact the talent availability in our community?

Talent in the community comes with industry growth.

Describe your thoughts about the relationship between the position of the Mayor and the City Council. Also, between the City Council and the position of City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator?

The Council decides policy and the Mayor implements.

What is your vision for the growth and development of Hasting's business and industry? What specific strategies do you have in mind to attain them?

Less onerous rules and people who enforce them.

As an elected leader, how will you help to shape a positive, growth-oriented narrative for the Hastings community?

I want to grow and it needs to be done with sugar, not vinegar.

