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Application for Mayor of Missoula

*PLEASE NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS ARE ATTACHED TO THE COUNCIL AGENDA AND ARE PUBLISHED ON THE CITY WEBSITE.

Applications are due August 26, 2022 by 12:00 PM

Please submit your completed application and attachments (resume, etc.) via email: cityclerk@ci.missoula.mt.us, or deliver it in person to the security desk at City Hall, addressed to:

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC, Legislative Services Director/City Clerk
City Clerk Office
435 Ryman
Missoula, MT 59802

The City Clerk office will confirm receipt of applications. Applicants are welcome to contact the City Clerk's office to verify receipt of application: 406-552-6078.

*Late applications will NOT be accepted.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION	
1.1 Name: Todd R Smith	1.2 Email: toddsmithgfi@gmail.com
1.3 Daytime Phone: 406-880-8649	1.4 Alternate phone:
1.5 Street Address: 1245 Waverly St, Unit 105. Missoula, MT 59802	1.6 Mailing address (if different than street address):
1.7 What ward do you live in? 1	1.8 How long immediately prior to today's date have you been a resident of the City of Missoula? 5 years
1.9 What is your current occupation? Materials Handler	1.10 Where are you currently employed? Northern Rockies Fire Cache

2. QUALIFICATIONS

2.1 Are you 21 years of age or older?

Yes

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2.2 Are you a qualified elector registered to vote in Missoula County?

Yes

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2.3 Have you been a resident for at least 2 years preceding the appointment to office of the City of Missoula or an area that has been annexed by the city?

Yes

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2.4 Have you resided in the State of Montana for at least 3 years?

Yes

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3. QUESTIONS

3.1 Serving as Mayor requires a full time commitment including presiding at Monday night Council meetings and other periodic morning, evening, and weekend appearances. Would you be able to fulfill these obligations?

Yes

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3.2 State your current and previous organizational affiliations, including political organizations.

Winthrop Town Council 94-02; Mayor Pro-Tem 01-01, North Central RTPD 95-02 Vice Chair 01, Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council 01-01, Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board 99-02, Association of Washington Cities Board of Directors and RSMA 99-02, Washington State Emergency Management Council 02, Washington Department of Transportation Bicycle, Pedestrian and Equestrian Advisory Council 01-06; Chair 02-04, Twisp Planning Committee 02-03, North Central Washington Economic Development District chair 02-04; member 02--08, Okanogan County Board of Equalization 07-11, Mineral County Natural Resources Advisory Committee 18-present.

3.3 State your relevant activities in the community which would prove useful to serving as Mayor.

While having been working in the wildland fire setting in recent history time typically did not allow for much community engagement. I do continue to volunteer raising funds for RMEF on the local chapter. Service on the Mineral County Natural Resource Advisory Committee has refreshed my responsibility to understand not only understand historical values but most importantly knowledge of existing codes and potential applications allowed.

3.4 State your relevant work and lived experience which would prove useful to serving as Mayor.

Be a life long learner. Be serious. The wildland fire setting operates strongly on evaluative processes. Know your mission. Provide for safety and communications. Know the conditions of your crew, both of mind and body. understand the conditions and location of intended work. Set thresholds for reevaluation. Most importantly...all make it home safely. The risk management process brings clarity to constantly evolving processes

3.5 State your educational background, listing institutions, degrees, certificates, areas of study, and dates received.

Simsbury HS 84

Culinary Institute of America AOS 92

University of Washington, Rural Community Partnership Advisor 00-08

3.6 Why do you want to serve as Mayor?

I have long valued participating in public service. My thought is the city needs to prepare for the next elected mayor. At this juncture sustaining 20 years of leadership is paramount. My interest consider sustaining current processes in place, ensure the council's visioning continues to maintain operations of the community.

3.7 What is your understanding of the Mayor's general role in leading Missoula?

The mayor sets the agenda and conducts meeting on behalf of the council. Preparing and annual budget. And administers the daily function of the town and staff.

3.8 What is your understanding of the Mayor's legal responsibilities and obligations in leading Missoula?

Obey the law of the city, county, state and country. Open Public Meeting Act is to be maintained operating under Parlmentary Proceedure. Filings for projects and operations are on going and must acompany given timelines

3.9 What is your understanding of the Mayor's cultural and social leadership role in leading Missoula?

In public service leaders to not only listen to all constituants, but model desired and expected inclusivness.

3.10 Describe your leadership philosophy and style to lead during a crisis.

Think clearly act decisively. Supporting the folks that need to be managing the crisis while informing the public with known information.

3.11 Explain the taxation structure for local government, listing all main revenue sources and the law that applies to each, and discuss opportunities and limitations on those revenue sources.

Honestly to really answer this question I'd need much more time to have reviewed existing codes, the conditions of existing funds. As Albert Einstin replied about looking up his phone number...why should i keep information in my head when I can store it elsewhere.

3.12 What are the most pressing issues Missoula will face in the next few years? List a total of five, explain why they are of importance, and rank them in order of importance (1 being most important). How would you address these issues?

Economy, taxes, homelessness, transportaion and water. Consensus with either the community or council where the direction of law becoms edict. I see this appointment as a stop gap for sustaining city functions. Buy some time for the community to choose the type of leadership they desire.

3.13 Who are the leaders of the executive branch of City of Missoula government that report to the Mayor and how would you approach working with these leaders and their staff?

My thought is that is always the members of the community we serve. As General Welsh recommends..." know your people and be willing to follow up on any promises".

4. CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information contained in my application is true and correct in every respect and that I meet all the statutory qualifications to be appointed as the Mayor of the City of Missoula.

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8/25/2022

From: [Marty Rehbein](#)
To: toddsmithgfi@gmail.com
Subject: Acknowledgement of receipt of Mayor application
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2022 1:11:00 PM

Todd,

Thank you for your interest in serving as Mayor. This e-mail is confirmation that we've received your application. MR

Marty Rehbein | (She/Her)
Legislative Services Director/City Clerk
City Clerk Office
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