

1. Name and position you are running for: Michael Ryan, I am running for Medina City Council- Ward 2
2. What motivates you to run for this position? I have been attending council meetings for a while and am interested in government. I am driven to not just be a spectator, but a participant. My observations are that there is not a single business owner on the council, and that my ideology is far different than the person presently representing me.
3. What will be the biggest issue facing the city in 2020, and how do you plan to address it? I think the biggest issues for 2020 have already started in 2019. Courthouse, Parking deck, Social legislation, Railroad quiet zone. I plan on addressing them by having had communication with those most affected by the subject matter in Ward 2. I plan on being the best communicator that I know how to be. I plan on being a representative that people and businesses feel comfortable talking to, bluntly and directly. I do not plan on settling or following.
4. What will be your top priorities in office? My top priority will be to hear the voices of Ward 2 constituency (business and residential). I want to make sure that emails and phone calls or not ignored and not just answered with an "I'll look into that." I want to make sure interests are represented. An answer may not be favorable, but I believe people take time to reach out, so it is my duty to get an answer and share it with them in detail. So increased communication is my top priority.
5. What is one thing that the city council is currently doing that you think is good, and why do you support it? I like how city council takes the time to recognize the accomplishments of our children. I think it is important in shaping their view of government, especially local government. I like how we celebrate new business. I believe that public celebration might motivate people to bring business or start business here, if they know we are a city that cares about business, especially young people. I hope that never changes.
6. How do you work with others when differing opinions are involved? Compromise and negotiation are critical to success. Sometimes a belief is so ingrained that there can be no compromise, there is no negotiation. As long as I have stay true to the mission people hired me for, so long as I have stayed true to my promise to communicate with my constituency and so long as I have stayed true to my faith, I will vote my position.
7. With your magic wand, what is the first thing that you would change in the City?

I would put God back in charge. We all have plans, including me. None of them are perfect. God's plan is absolutely perfect. If we would put God first, and be obedient to His plan, we wouldn't need to legislate morality.

8. How do you balance the needs of your business constituents against the needs of residents? Do you see any challenges there? I would balance the need of business and residents by applying common sense. Right now the city council is being sued because it lacks common sense. I would exercise Common Sense for the Common Good!