



NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLEASANT GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Pleasant Grove City Council will hold a special meeting at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 27, 2026** in the Community Room at 108 South 100 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah. This is a public meeting and anyone interested is invited to attend.

AMENDED AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. OPENING REMARKS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**
- 5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM:**
 - A. City Council Interview with applicants and consideration to appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacant Pleasant Grove City Council seat, for the term ending December 31, 2027.**
- 6. ~~OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY~~ Swearing in ceremony will take place at the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting.**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING:

I certify that the above notice and agenda were posted in three public places within Pleasant Grove City limits and on the State (<http://pmn.utah.gov>) and City (www.pgcityutah.gov) websites.

Posted by: /s/ Wendy Thorpe, City Recorder

Date: January 21, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: City Hall, Library and Community Room 108 S 100 E.

*Note: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Pleasant Grove City will make reasonable accommodation for participation in the meeting. Request assistance by contacting Pleasant Grove City at (801) 785-5045, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.



2026 Application for City Council Vacancy

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Brett Robertson 1/10/26
Signature of Applicant Date
Wendy Thorpe 1-20-2026
Signature of Filing Officer Date

1. What are your qualifications to be appointed to the City Council?

My qualifications for appointment to the Pleasant Grove City Council include over 20 years as a resident of Pleasant Grove and a broad range of experience in community engagement, education, leadership, and public service. As a teacher and educational leader with 21 years of experience, I have worked closely with families, educators, community partners, and district and school teams. Together, we make thoughtful, informed decisions, manage resources responsibly, and support long-term outcomes that benefit both schools and the broader community.

My current service on the City's Design Review Board and Beautification Committee has provided direct experience with city processes, collaboration with city staff and residents, and careful consideration of development, design, and community standards. I have also served on my children's School Community Council, the Utah County Fair Board, and have been actively involved in long-standing community traditions such as Strawberry Days and city youth sports.

These experiences reflect my deep investment in Pleasant Grove and have strengthened my understanding of the importance of balancing responsible growth with the preservation of the city's character and quality of life. I bring strong communication skills, a commitment to listening to diverse perspectives, and a focus on thoughtful, fiscally responsible, and community-centered leadership aligned with the mission and priorities of Pleasant Grove City.

2. Why do you wish to be on the City Council?

I wish to serve on the Pleasant Grove City Council because I care deeply about this community and want to give back to the city that has been home to my family for over 20 years. I value Pleasant Grove's strong sense of community, family-friendly environment, and unique character, and I want to help ensure these qualities are preserved as the city continues to grow and improve.

Through my service on city committees, in education, and through long-standing community involvement, I have developed a deep appreciation for the people of Pleasant Grove and a desire to continue contributing as an engaged and committed community member. I am excited to serve in a role that listens to residents, values collaboration, and supports well-informed decisions that benefit both current and future generations.

Serving on the City Council would allow me to continue contributing my experience, perspective, and commitment to help Pleasant Grove remain a safe, connected, and thriving community.

3. What will be your priorities as a member of the City Council?

My priorities as a member of the City Council would be to preserve Pleasant Grove's family-friendly environment and unique character while supporting thoughtful, well-planned growth and development. I would take a non-partisan approach, focusing on what is best for the entire community.

I would prioritize open communication, meaningful dialogue, and consideration of diverse perspectives, while working collaboratively with fellow council members, city staff, community partners, and residents. I am committed to researching issues thoroughly and coming prepared to make informed decisions.

I would also support initiatives that strengthen the community by focusing on public safety, improved amenities, and opportunities for connection, ensuring Pleasant Grove remains a thriving city for current and future generations.



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Signature of Applicant

1/19/26

Date

Signature of Filing Officer

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1. What are your qualifications to be appointed to the City Council?

In my 28 years working with Costco Wholesale, I have developed many skills that would benefit me on the City Council. I have learned to listen to other people's opinions and ideas and consider their value. I have worked side by side with coworkers of very different backgrounds and found how we are more similar than different. I have made decisions and dealt with the good and bad outcomes from these decisions. I have found that listening to those with more knowledge and experience can help me make the right decisions.

2. Why do you wish to be on the City Council?

My family and I relocated to Pleasant Grove in order to provide my children with an improved childhood in a better environment. The comfort of residing in a small town, with the nearness of the amenities of a large city, are a big part of what makes Pleasant Grove the wonderful home it is. I am committed to working toward keeping these opportunities for others who want to enjoy this beautiful city. I want to keep Pleasant Grove a safe and fun place for families to live, now and in the future.

3. What will be your priorities as a member of the City Council?

As a member of the City Council I would focus my energy on hearing the needs and ideas of the residents and finding the best solutions that would help the majority of the city. I believe the city needs to be fiscally responsible, and use the money given by the residents in ways to help the community. I would support proposals that would bring us together, and develop our sense of unity.



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Applicant's Name JUSTIN T. NIELSON

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Justin T. Nielson 1-10-26
Signature of Applicant Date

Wendy Thorpe 1-20-2026
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Typewritten responses to the following questions:

1. What are your qualifications to be appointed to the city council?

I have no personal political experience actually sitting in a political position. The closest thing I have done is serving on the HOA board for Apple Grove . I'm not sure what technically qualifies any individual to be in any political office other than being an honest, straight forward person and wanting the best outcome for the people you represent, constitutionally and fiscally.

2. Why do you wish to be on city council?

I am a native Grovian with a family history in this town from the early 1900's. My family lineage came over from Denmark and settled here. Not speaking English their community became known as Little Denmark. Having been here over 48 years I feel its time to try and understand how my local government works and my knowledge of watching and observing the growth of Pleasant Grove throughout my life. I also have extensive knowledge of construction practices having worked in multiple fields of the construction world since I was 17. I would hope that my knowledge would be beneficial to the citizens and the council to make decisions regarding our city.

3. What will be your priorities as a member of the city council?

I do not have any preconceived priorities. Most likely that would change over time, if given the opportunity to serve, I'm sure I would find things to prioritize over others and hopefully keep our community growing in the right direction.



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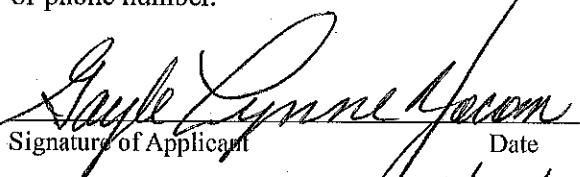
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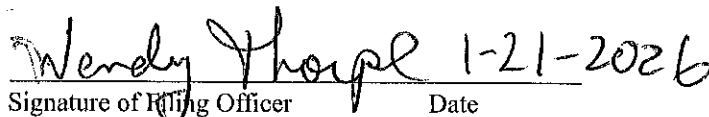
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Signature of Applicant Date 1/21/2026


Signature of Filing Officer Date 1-21-2026

What are your qualifications to be appointed to the City Council?

I have spent my career building bridges—both literal and figurative—between government, education, and industry to drive meaningful changes. I would like to use my talents and experience to benefit the community that I live in and grew up in that has given so much back to me, Pleasant Grove. At every stage of my career, I have combined technical expertise with a service-oriented approach to leadership. My work continues to bridge gaps leaving a lasting impact on the communities I serve.

I have experience with government budgets, construction projects, and government operations. I have spent my career helping build the digital foundation for Utah's growth. I have expanded the state's fiber network from 400 miles to over 3,600 miles, leading more than \$350 million in fiber trades, \$96 million in grants, and pioneering telecommunication public-private partnerships now considered a national model. This year the State of Utah was ranked #1 by U.S. News & World Report in internet access. I smile knowing that I played a big part in helping Utah get to this ranking.

I have helped shape Utah's tech ecosystem through service on key advisory boards, including the Utah Broadband Advisory Council, Utah Broadband Commission, UETN Technical Advisory Board, and past Chair of UVU's IS&T Advisory Board. I have represented Utah at the National Governors Association (NGA) Infrastructure Summit, American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Broadband Task Force, Co-Chair of the AASHTO Communications Working Group, and Utah Ignite Smart City. I spent 23 years teaching CS, Cybersecurity, and IT classes. I encouraged students to pursue technical careers and championed participation in STEM. I facilitated partnerships with Novell, SUSE, Verizon, Horrocks Engineering, Kimley-Horn, and Americom to bring real-world internships and experiences into classrooms. I helped students earn professional industry certifications that helped them get jobs. I coached three state-champion CyberPatriot teams, inspiring future cybersecurity professionals.

Why do you wish to be on the City Council?

Through every role, I have amplified leadership that is visionary, hands-on, and deeply rooted in service. I would like to bring that service home to my community. My life and work experience has prepared me well for the qualifications needed to serve as a city councilman and lead with purpose.

What will be your priorities as a member of the City Council?

I would serve wherever there is a need. I love challenges but Infrastructure projects are where my experience is. Pleasant Grove has several projects coming up in the next couple of years with roads, parks, and water. I am also very good with swimming pools if that expertise is needed.



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Robert Miller 1/17/26
Signature of Applicant Date

Mindy Thorpe 1/20/2026
Signature of Filing Officer Date

To the City Council of Pleasant Grove,

I am fully qualified to serve on the Pleasant Grove City Council, both by meeting all legal requirements and through a lifelong commitment to this community. I am a registered voter, a U.S. citizen, and have lived in Pleasant Grove for the past 20 years—far exceeding the residency requirement. Pleasant Grove is not just where I live; it is where my family has chosen to put down roots. My wife was born and raised here, and together we made a deliberate decision to raise our children in Pleasant Grove. All of our children have attended school here, giving me firsthand experience with the strengths, needs, and future potential of our local schools and neighborhoods.

In addition to my deep community ties, my professional and service background has prepared me to serve with integrity, discipline, and sound judgment. I proudly served in the United States Navy for five and a half years, an experience that instilled in me the values of leadership, accountability, and service before self. I also hold a Doctorate degree in Chiropractic, which has required extensive education, critical thinking, and a commitment to ethical service and problem-solving. These experiences have shaped my ability to listen, evaluate complex issues, and make thoughtful decisions that put people first. I am committed to using these skills to serve the residents of Pleasant Grove and help guide our city with responsibility, transparency, and care for future generations.

I wish to serve on the Pleasant Grove City Council because I believe deeply in civic participation and the importance of having a voice in shaping the community we love. I want my voice to be heard not for personal recognition, but to thoughtfully represent the concerns, values, and hopes of residents across our city. I am motivated by a desire to contribute meaningfully to local decision-making and to ensure that policies are guided by careful consideration, fairness, and respect for those they affect. Serving on the council would allow me to be an active participant in building solutions rather than a bystander to them.

I am especially drawn to this role because it aligns with my natural talents of discernment, instruction, and justice. I have a strong passion for advising, protecting, and caregiving, and I see city service as a way to apply those strengths in a practical and impactful way. I am committed to listening closely, asking the right questions, and helping guide decisions that safeguard families, resources, and the long-term well-being of Pleasant Grove. My goal is to help create efficient, well-run systems that serve residents effectively, responsibly, and compassionately—ensuring that our city continues to be a place where individuals and families can thrive.

As a member of the Pleasant Grove City Council, my primary priority is to ensure that the voices of our residents are heard and represented in every decision. I am committed to listening closely to families, business owners, and community members to understand their concerns, needs, and aspirations. By using my talents in discernment, instruction, and justice, I aim to guide city policies with fairness, transparency, and careful consideration, ensuring that every action taken benefits the community as a whole.

I also prioritize the safety, well-being, and growth of our city. This includes maintaining and improving our infrastructure, supporting safe neighborhoods, and protecting the quality of life that makes Pleasant Grove such a special place to live. I am committed to promoting responsible growth and development that respects our community's character while enhancing economic opportunities, city services, and recreational spaces for families and children.

Finally, I am dedicated to efficiency, stewardship, and proactive governance. My experience in advising, caregiving, and protecting has taught me the importance of thoughtful planning, ethical decision-making, and practical solutions. I will work to streamline city processes, ensure responsible use of taxpayer resources, and implement programs that safeguard the long-term well-being of our residents. My goal is to serve Pleasant Grove with integrity and diligence, helping our city thrive today and in the future.

Robert Miller DC



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Sandeep Singh

Signature of Applicant

01/07/2026

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Wendy Thopp

Signature of Filing Officer

1-20-2026

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1. What are your qualifications to be appointed to the City Council?

I believe I am qualified to serve on the City Council through my experience as a local business person, my strong connection to the community, and my commitment to public service. Apart from that in my educational background I have completed a Bachelor of Science as well as an Associate's in Community Development, which have provided me with a strong foundation in leadership, public policy, and community engagement.

Managing a business has given me practical experience in budgeting, problem-solving, regulatory compliance, and working with diverse groups of people. I regularly engage with residents and understand their concerns regarding public safety, infrastructure, economic development, and quality of life. I bring integrity, accountability, and a solutions-oriented approach, and I am committed to making informed decisions that serve the best interests of the entire community.

2 Why do you wish to be on the City Council?

I wish to serve on the City Council because I care deeply about my community from the day I started my business here in 2018, then after some time I decided this is the place to be called home. Living and working in this city has allowed me to understand the real concerns of residents, families, and small businesses.

Serving on the City Council would be an honor and an opportunity to give back through thoughtful leadership, integrity, and service to all residents.

3. What will be your priorities as a member of the City Council?

My priorities as a City Council member would be strong Community Development & Engagement, Public Safety, and Economic Growth of our city. I would work towards supporting Safe Neighborhoods, Youth Education & Community Programs, Fiscal Responsibility & Transparency, well-maintained infrastructure, and effective city services. I also believe in promoting economic development that supports local businesses while keeping the city affordable for families and seniors.

Another key priority would be listening to residents and ensuring transparent, inclusive decision-making. I am committed to collaborating with fellow council members, city staff, and community organizations to address concerns thoughtfully and create practical, long-term solutions that benefit the entire community.



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Jeffrey J. "Jeff" Snider

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Jeffrey J. Snider 1-20-26
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Wendy Thorpe 1-21-2026
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Jeff Snider's Answers to City Council Application Questions

1. What are your qualifications to be appointed to the City Council?

My qualifications for City Council center on leadership, fiscal responsibility, and a proven track record of serving people well. These can be grouped into five categories:

a. Executive and financial leadership

I was the second employee at a startup called DigiCert, which is now a multi-billion dollar company based here in Utah. I spent about a decade at DigiCert, helping to grow it from a tiny startup to the point where the founders sold it for a couple hundred million dollars. As an executive vice president through that stage of growth, I had a hand in many aspects of the business and visibility into nearly the entire thing. The experiences I had at DigiCert have helped shape my views of responsible spending, motivated but measured growth, and innovation, all of which I believe translate directly to city government. Much of this work required collaborating across departments, weighing competing priorities, and making decisions with long-term consequences.

b. People-first management and service

Beyond the financial side, the thing that made DigiCert so special during my time there was our focus on our employees and on our customers. DigiCert made its name on elite customer service, with virtually every decision made from the mindset of "how will this make things easier for our customers?" That approach allowed us to win customers from much larger, less responsive companies. On the employee side, I came up with an idea for our benefits package that gave employees an extra week off and a vacation stipend, provided that they used it to go somewhere really cool. Several other technology companies here in Utah have since adopted similar concepts into their benefits packages.

I believe a city council should have a primary focus of taking good care of the city's residents, and I think my experiences taking care of our employees and our customers give me valuable insight into that.

c. Communication and public engagement

Since DigiCert, I've owned, edited, and written for a baseball website and hosted over 2,000 episodes of baseball-related podcasts. These side projects have allowed me to hone my communication skills, both written and verbal, and helped me become quite comfortable with talking to people publicly and privately, explaining complex issues, answering questions clearly, and engaging respectfully with people who disagree with me.

d. Local operational experience (assisted living)

I currently work as the Dining Services Director at an assisted-living home in Lindon, and this role has allowed me to use my communication and management skills as I manage my team of about 20 people who are charged with providing nutritious and delicious meals for nearly 100 residents every single day. It has also allowed me to strengthen my skills of organization and budgeting, both of which have clear parallels in the job of a city councilmember.

e. I love Pleasant Grove

Perhaps my most important qualification is that I love the city of Pleasant Grove. We have lived here for 16 years and raised our three children here. I have a passion for this city and its residents, and I want to serve them in any way possible.

2. Why do you wish to be on the City Council?

Serving on the City Council is not something I set out to pursue, but I believe I would be very good at the job. I am applying because of my love for the city and my desire to do what is best for my fellow residents. Put simply, I am the kind of person I would want helping to run my city, so I feel it is my responsibility to make myself available.

I didn't seek my current job — company management sought me out because of my management experience. I hadn't previously considered this line of work, but I have absolutely loved the new opportunities and new challenges it has presented. I love being able to put in long hours of hard work to do the best job possible. If I am chosen to serve on the Pleasant Grove City Council, I will bring that same enthusiasm and work ethic to that job, too.

I am far more interested in public service than in politics or status. I'm deeply invested in the success of our beautiful city, and I am confident that I can and will contribute meaningfully to that success.

3. What will be your priorities as a member of the City Council?

My priorities would be focused on principles, not any specific projects. Those principles are:

- Listening to residents before decisions
- Fiscal responsibility and long-term sustainability
- Clear communication and transparency
- Supporting city staff and first responders
- Thoughtful growth that preserves quality of life

As someone who will be new to the City Council, I believe those principles will be best served by working closely with experienced councilmembers and staff and giving careful study to budgets, ordinances, and long-term plans. There may come a time when I'm running for re-election that I have specific projects or platforms I'm passionate about, but right now, I just want to put all my skills towards making Pleasant Grove an even more wonderful place to live.



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Peter Steele

What are your qualifications to be appointed to the City Council?

I have a long history of service to Pleasant Grove City in multiple capacities. I spent 8 years (2015-2022) on the planning commission, including a year as the chair and two years as vice chair. I helped with the most recent update to our General Plan. I am familiar with the way the City works and the needs of its residents. I continue to volunteer, currently at the Pleasant Grove Library. I also have a history as a consultant helping cities, including Pleasant Grove, obtain state and federal funding and comply with environmental laws so that infrastructure such as the Battle Creek Springs rehabilitation and the Mill Ditch piping can be built. I have relationships throughout the community and am ready to listen, work, and adopt ideas from our citizens that can make Pleasant Grove a more pleasant place to live.

Why do you wish to be on the City Council?

I feel that I have expertise to offer to the City. I think the current council has done a good job restoring Pleasant Grove to a stable financial footing and has brought significant improvements to City infrastructure and facilities. Pleasant Grove is a great place to live and I would like to help keep it that way. I feel that I can particularly contribute in planning for the future. We are not that far from reaching essentially full buildout in our commercial and residential areas (aside from some redevelopment opportunities). This means that the City Council will no longer have the relatively easier choice of using new tax revenue from new development to cover shortfalls in funding for maintenance of roads, improvements to City facilities, and payment of public safety employees. I believe it will take careful and thoughtful planning and the discipline to adhere to those plans to allow Pleasant Grove to continue to improve without increasing the tax burden on our residents. By nature, I'm a planner and I want to help.

What will be your priorities as a member of the City Council?

My priorities will be helping Pleasant Grove have an efficient and effective government that helps to provide a high quality of life for our residents, seeking additional revenue sources (particularly grants) so that we can achieve that quality of life without putting the financial burden on our residents, and making sure that we are planning for the future so that this Council's past successes can continue for many years. I also want to figure out a way to get an indoor pool built here.



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Joseph (Joe) R. Goff

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Joseph R. Goff 1-8-2026

Signature of Applicant

Date

Wendy Thorne 1-20-2026

Signature of Filing Officer

Date

Joe R Goff 1-8-2026

1. What are your qualifications to be appointed to the City Council?

-I have lived in Pleasant Grove for the majority of my life and I choose to live here over other places.

-I currently own two small businesses, Timpanogos Builderzz since 2000 and Black Canyon Signs since 2004. I get to work with great people every day.

-I currently have been attending city council meetings religiously as a citizen this past year so I can know what is going on and to help with anything if needed. I have watched online every other council meeting that is on the city website along with many planning commission meetings. The only other citizen I have seen consistently for a few months at city council was Tamara Naylor while she was running in 2025 and when she didn't make it she stopped attending. More residents should be attending these meetings. I sit in the back section with many of my friends who are city employees and we have a good time especially with the over-under on the length of meetings.

-I was a longtime member of the PG Kiwanis club until it disbanded. The local service clubs have mostly all gone away which is sad. The Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary did so much good.

-I worked closely with Deon Giles carrying out and completing a bunch of Eagle Projects around Pleasant Grove for many years and yes we are still good friends.

-I was on the Heritage Festival committee in the early 2000's working alongside Cindy Boyd.

-I was on the PG Business Alliance board or directors for years with Deanne Taylor and others.

-I was on the PG Chamber of Commerce board of directors for years with Steve Patten and Walt Ford and Alicia Redding who heads the Planning Commission currently.

-I was the Charter Organization Representative for the Utah Tiger Cubs for years working with youth. We met weekly at the Jacobs Senior Center from 2008 thru 2021. Scouting pretty much went away so it was hard to keep it going so I dissolved it which was sad. I held many leadership roles in the BSA here locally working with youth and adults. I wish it was still going.

-I have coached volleyball and basketball at the rec center for about 20 years which is fun and rewarding.

-I have had many leadership roles in my church working with youth and adults which included a few years at BYU working with college students.

-I am currently an active member of Business Network International (BNI) since 2012. I was a Director Consultant for BNI for about five years launching and overseeing multiple local chapters that consisted of hundreds of business owners. I was a trainer and instructor for Member Success Programs for all new and renewing BNI members until new ownership decided to go with their friends and I was let go. I have made a lot of lifelong business friendships there.

-I was on the Utah National Parks Council Wood Badge Committee board overseeing all the properties and equipment necessary to carry out all of those advanced scout leader trainings for many years. The courses were held at multiple locations between here and St. George.

-One of my companies is a sub-contractor for Big-D Construction and we were a contractor on the Cook Family Park so I got to work closely with many good people that work at the city. They are awesome and the park is awesome!

2. Why do you wish to be on the City Council?

-My family and I CHOOSE to live in Pleasant Grove. I am a small business owner and I have done work here in PG for many years. There are many laws, rules and codes which are great for this area. There are also many outdated and not so clear laws, rules and codes which I want to help update and to make more clear for our residents and being on city council will help me do that. I do not want to be one that complains about something without having multiple solutions already figured out and ready to present to solve or ratify a potential complaint or issue. I will be able to work closer with our city staff and learn what works well in each branch of the city and what might not be working as well as it could be. I already have good working relationships with many of the city employees especially the parks, public works, and streets departments.

3. What will be your priorities as a member of the City Council?

-I want to continue what the council has been championing already by resurfacing and repairing roads. The amount they were able to allocate keeps rising from year to year and so many of us residents are super appreciative of that. The Grove area is also very important and I want to make sure it gets built out properly.

-I know and have been around our parks, public works and streets guys for many years and have seen their passion for making our city look amazing. Their building is old and needs to be replaced so I will do what I can to help the new building get built.

-I want to research and look into possible grants or sponsorships to create small neighborhood parks within walking distance of the majority of homes so we don't always have to commute to a park to kick the ball around with the kids. Pet dedicated portions of those parks as well.

-I want to keep making things more transparent to our citizens by revising how complaints are submitted and handled along with how fines are handled. I want more face to face talks and I will do what has already talked about by scheduling an evening each month for anyone to come and chat with me and any other council member or city staffer to just shoot the bull or get serious and to LISTEN and take notes. The City Council works for and represents the citizens of PG.

-I am working on developing a youth program similar to cub scouts to teach the youth outdoor skills, how to honor the flag and our country, how to be respectful to others, how to do service for others, and how to be youth leaders. Being on City Council will help me with achieving that for the benefit of our local youth.

P.S. Section. Things I have known and seen about each council member and mayor.

-Steve Rogers. I worked with him on the Freedom Festival Parade Committee and he does very good research and presents issues very well in council meetings.

-Cyd Lemone. I have known her for many years and she has been involved with the Rec Center for many years and it is a wonderful facility. She has a highly informational social media presence. She is quick to respond to any question I might have.

-Eric Jensen. I know he is a 49ers fan which is great. He also is quick to respond to anything I happen to bring up. He and his wife are at every city event. He runs a great chamber of commerce.

-Dianna Andersen. I don't know her well yet but I know people gravitate towards her. She loves sports as she mentioned in the debate. She is also at many city events.

-Todd Williams. I don't know him very well yet but we did work together on the Timpanogos District staff for a few years while he did advancement and I ran roundtable and he did a great job for us.

-Thank you for your time! I can tell you all love Pleasant Grove. I feel I am an asset and will be a valuable piece working alongside you. I have always been here to serve and to lead. Keep up the good work! Joe.



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Date

Signature of Filing Officer

Date

What are your qualifications to be appointed to the City Council?

My qualifications for city council are my commitment to Pleasant Grove, my leadership experience, and my disciplined decision-making. I have lived in Pleasant Grove for more than ten years, which has shown me how our city policies affect daily life. I care about the outcomes of city decisions because I live with them alongside my neighbors.

Professionally, I bring extensive experience in corporate leadership including acting as a Senior Director of a multinational corporation. My roles have required clarity, follow-through, and responsible use of resources. Leading teams and managing budgets calls for good judgment, a focus on priorities, and respect for differing views. Those same skills matter in a city council where decisions must balance growth with fiscal responsibility and long-term stability.

I have also owned businesses, including a remodeling and renovation company, which gives a different perspective to public service. Business ownership teaches discipline with money, the impact of regulation, and respect for the effort it takes to build something that lasts. This experience helps me evaluate city proposals looking for feasibility, cost, and the real impact on residents and local employers.

In addition, I have lived in several parts of the country which provides perspective. It allows me to compare approaches and recognize patterns to avoid repeating mistakes seen elsewhere. My MBA has trained me to analyze information carefully, question assumptions, and make decisions based on evidence rather than emotion.

These experiences have prepared me to serve on the city council with competence and steadiness, while respecting the people of Pleasant Grove.

Why do you wish to be on the City Council?

After many years in the corporate world, I feel it is time to give back in a more direct and personal way. My career has been demanding and rewarding, and it has given me skills that translate well to public service. At this stage of my life, applying those skills for the benefit of my own city feels like the right next step. City council offers a place where experience can meet responsibility, and where decisions still feel close to the people they affect.

I want to serve my community because Pleasant Grove matters to me beyond any professional role. This is where families grow, neighbors rely on one another, and long-term choices shape daily life. I care about the quality of those choices and about leaving the city stronger than I found it. Serving on the city council allows me to contribute time, judgment, and energy to issues that will shape the city for the next generation.

At its core, this desire comes from a simple place. I want to do good in the world in a way that is practical and lasting. Public service at the city level offers that opportunity. The work is often quiet and careful, but its impact is real. Being part of that work would be an honor and a responsibility I take seriously.

What will be your priorities as a member of the City Council?

If elected to the City Council, my first priority will be to serve the members of our community the best I can no matter what the issue. There are many different hot topics that come up over the years but my desire is to put quality service first. When it comes to specific issues, the safety of our children, especially as they travel to and from school is top of mind. Safe routes, clear crosswalk markings, effective enforcement and thoughtful planning around schools matter because they affect families every single day. These are practical issues that require careful attention and steady follow-through to reduce risk and give parents greater peace of mind.

Another important issue is readiness during a disaster or periods of difficulty. Strong communities prepare before problems arrive. That means clear emergency plans, reliable communication, and coordination among city services, schools, and residents. I want Pleasant Grove to be a place where people know help is available when it matters most.

It's also important that city services and infrastructure stay current and capable as the city grows. Roads, utilities, public safety, and city systems must keep pace with future needs without losing reliability or fiscal discipline. Thoughtful planning today prevents rushed decisions later and helps growth be less disruptive.

Finally, I recognize that no council member has all the answers. Good decisions begin with good information. Listening is the key to understanding the concerns, ideas, and desires of residents and is essential to responsible leadership. My goal is to listen with care, ask clear questions, and make choices informed by the people who call Pleasant Grove home.

GEOFF GREGSON

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic leader with a proven record of actively closing deals with a focus on bringing the right technology solutions to meet customer needs. Excel at building and leading high-performing, customer-facing sales engineering and technical sales teams, consistently achieving revenue growth and exceeding goals by an average of 25%. Extensive experience coaching, training, and developing Sales Engineers.

SKILLS

- **Leadership:** People Management, Coaching and Development, Employee Performance Monitoring, Team Motivation, Staff Management, Accountability
 - **Client & Partner Engagement:** Executive-Level Communication (CIO, CTO, IT Directors, Application Managers), Relationship Building, Opportunity Identification, Technical Sales Presentations, VAR and SI Engagement
 - **Strategic & Operational:** Strategic Planning and Implementation, Process Improvement, Operations Management, Problem Solving, Continuous Improvement, Market Analysis, Competitive IT Landscape Knowledge
 - **Technical Solutions:** VoIP communication, Cloud, Collaboration, Network Design & Implementation, Routing & Switching, LAN/WAN Support, JSON
 - **Communication:** Verbal and Written Communication, Presentations, Product Demonstration, Making Complex Concepts Understandable
 - **Tools:** Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Visio, Microsoft PowerPoint, AWS, Google Cloud, MS Azure
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WORK HISTORY

09/2019 – Current | Managing Director | Red Door Business Services – Pleasant Grove, Utah

- Spearhead the identification and implementation of small business opportunities, securing funding, managing build-out, and cultivating vendor relationships.

09/2018 – 08/2024 | Sr. Solutions Consultant | GoTo – Lindon, Utah

- Delivered compelling technical presentations and addressed customer concerns about remote work solutions, facilitating over \$1.8 million in new annual recurring revenue for the enterprise sales team in 2023.
- Collaborated with sales teams, supporting customer meetings, product demonstrations, and providing technical expertise during the sales process.
- Created tailored solutions and proposals that showcased the value of GoTo's telephony, communication automation applications, and web conferencing products and services to potential clients.
- Performed proof of concept demonstrations and installations, instructing potential customers on the benefits of GoTo products.

05/2016 – 03/2018 | Sales Engineering Director | Cellebrite – Petah Tikva, Israel

- Spearheaded North American sales engineering for a global mobile solutions provider, achieving a 30% revenue increase through the successful roll-out of cloud-based SaaS solution.
- Cultivated a high-performance culture and motivated team members to achieve individual objectives and strategic initiatives.
- Cultivated strong cross-functional relationships, streamlining communication and reducing sales cycle time by over 25%, enhancing corporate agility and improving overall sales success.
- Collaborated with global product management, engineering, and marketing executives, utilizing customer feedback and market research to inform the development of new features tailored to North American market needs, resulting in a \$7 million increase in sales.
- Developed high-performing teams by providing mentorship, guidance, and opportunities for professional growth.
- Led the team in engaging with potential clients, understanding their needs, and effectively presenting solutions to solve specific problems.
- Analyzed market trends, competitors, and industry best practices to continuously improve the solutions engineering approach.

06/2002 – 05/2016 | Sales Engineer - Sr. Manager, Sales Engineering | T-Mobile – Bellevue, WA

- Built, trained, coached and managed several high-performing solutions engineering teams, growing the overall size by 200% and achieving a 95% employee retention rate identifying areas for improvement and providing opportunities for professional growth.
- Enhanced customer satisfaction by resolving disputes promptly, maintaining open lines of communication, and ensuring high-quality service delivery.
- Articulated sales strategy as part of team development and team management to hit sales targets, ensuring solutions engineering was considered in sales strategy development.

EDUCATION

- **MBA** – Marriott School of Business, Brigham Young University - Provo, UT
 - **Bachelor of Arts: Economics** – Brigham Young University - Provo, UT
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CERTIFICATIONS

- Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge
 - Certified Wireless Network Administrator
 - Cisco Certified Network Administrator
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HOBBIES

- Blacksmithing
- Beekeeping
- Welding
- Fishing



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Kristina Fontana

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Kristina Fontana 1/19/2026
Signature of Applicant Date

Wendy Thorpe 1-20-2026
Signature of Filing Officer Date

KRISTINA FONTANA

I'm grateful for your consideration to serve on the Pleasant Grove City Council. I'm excited for the opportunity to represent and be of use to my neighbors, friends, and local businesses and amenities in this community. I come with a variety of knowledge, skills, and abilities. I have more than seventeen years' experience as a private investor in real estate. I have more than fourteen years of professional experience as a Change Lead and instructional designer in the high-tech industry. I also have over a decade of service to the Pleasant Grove community as a member of the Pleasant Grove Arts Commission.

Professionally, my background is in organizational change management with an emphasis on transformational change. I've supported complex, multi-stakeholder initiatives that required tight teamwork, smart strategy, and excellent execution. I have organized and facilitated workshops. I have overseen programs and fellow change managers. I have partnered with executive leaders. I have established and participated in governance boards and cross-functional teams to set priorities, establish oversight structures, manage resources responsibly, and guide decisions impacting large global populations. My work requires identifying and evaluating impacts, balancing competing interests and priorities, ensuring the right people have a voice in the solution, aligning leadership and stakeholder groups, addressing concerns, ensuring awareness and transparency, teaching new skills (if applicable), monitoring behavior and performance through data and metrics, and ensuring initiatives deliver measurable and sustainable value. All these are skills that align with City Council responsibilities.

Additionally, as a local business owner with a change management consulting firm, I actively work with community members and organizations to help them navigate growth and change responsibly. This experience has increased my understanding of the challenges facing residents, businesses, and city leadership as Pleasant Grove continues to grow.

I have served for over ten years on Pleasant Grove's Arts Commission, including many years as Chair. During my tenure, I have worked collaboratively with volunteers, city staff, and elected officials to strengthen and expand the commission's impact. When I began, the commission had only a few active members and a limited number of art programs. Through strong leadership, intentional outreach, planning, creativity, teamwork, and repeatable structure, the commission has grown to ten active members and expanded from just a couple of programs to six active art programs serving the community today. This experience taught me the value of building consensus, supporting volunteers, and aligning community passion with city goals and resources.

Collaboration is a core principle of my work and public service. I believe the best outcomes come from working with others toward shared goals, listening to diverse perspectives, and turning good ideas into practical, sustainable solutions.

KRISTINA FONTANA

Creativity has always been one of my strengths. I am an “idea person” who enjoys imagining what is possible and then works to bring those ideas to life in a way that is thoughtful, realistic, and aligned with broader goals. I am drawn to opportunities where creativity, structure, and service intersect. I see City Council service as exactly that kind of opportunity.

I wish to serve on the City Council because I think it would be fun, and I care deeply about Pleasant Grove. I want to contribute to the city’s continued growth in a thoughtful, responsible, and sustainable way. The decisions made by the Council shape the city for years to come and have long-term impacts on residents’ quality of life. I am motivated by a desire to ensure those decisions are made with careful consideration, transparency, and community input.

If appointed, my focus would not be on advancing personal priorities but on supporting the priorities of the city and the needs of the community. I believe effective City Council service begins with listening, learning, and understanding before acting. I would spend my initial time studying the Council’s current priorities, key issues, and ongoing initiatives and listening closely to residents, staff, and fellow Council members.

I would approach Council work much the same way I approach change management and instructional design projects: first seek to understand what the city is trying to accomplish, who is impacted and how, and what success looks like; support or design solutions that align with those goals; and finally, ensure there is follow-up and evaluation. I believe evaluating outcomes is essential and often overlooked. Good governance requires checking whether decisions achieved their intended results and using those insights to inform future actions.

As I have shared my interest in serving, residents and local business owners in Pleasant Grove have begun to openly share their concerns. Common themes I have heard include public safety—especially for children; traffic congestion around North County Boulevard and Pleasant Grove Boulevard as new development occurs; access to affordable housing; increased need for public transportation; and the desire to energize and strengthen the downtown area. I am eager to work collaboratively with the Council, city staff, and the community to be part of thoughtful, well-considered solutions to these challenges as Pleasant Grove continues to grow.

Serving Pleasant Grove via the arts has been an important part of my life for many years, and I welcome the chance to continue and expand the scope of that service on the City Council. I bring a collaborative approach, creative problem-solving, and enthusiastic stewardship to help shape a bright future for our community while honoring the history, values, and character that make Pleasant Grove home.



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Niels Fugal

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[Signature]

1-20-2026

Nandy Thorne

1-21-2026

NIELS FUGAL

Application for Pleasant Grove City Council Vacancy 1-20-2026

1) Qualifications:

Over many decades I have followed and attended many Pleasant Grove City council meetings as well as other city council & planning meetings of other municipalities.

Observing the early negotiations with the City acquiring the water rights to the Manila Culinary Water Company (Dissolved circa 2011 -2014) and merging the two systems into PG's water system. [Prior to this I served as Superintendent of Manila Culinary Water and oversaw billing and new service installations] – Through the years I have seen ongoing PG City water line & storm sewer & raw sewer line upgrades and replacements; as well as the past noxious odors being omitted by the Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD); and I with others lobbied for change in public meetings.

I have been *here*.

Jumping ahead, observing the development of Pleasant Grove Blvd. & North County Blvd. and all the many Planning and Council meetings ensuring balanced zoning sectors for future growth and maximizing retail tax revenues, given the limited commercial development space available in PG City boundaries. (As opposed to Lindon City)

I have been *here*.

Seeing the ongoing laborious process of budgeting for and maintaining water supplies, both culinary as well as our secondary irrigation system(s) as well as roads, storm drains, etc.

I have been *here*.

In short, I know that there are a lot of moving parts to running PG City; from revenues, expenses, as well as budgeting for present and future needs.

I am so impressed with how effectively all of our City Departments (**people**) function – from the Public Works, Engineering, Planning, City Manager, Legal, Accounting, Police, Courts, Fire Protection, EMT's, etc.

And of course, the governing body – City Council, consisting of our Mayor Eric Jensen and Council Members - Dianna Andersen, Cyd LeMone, Steve Rogers, and Todd Williams... and hopefully me. 😊

Please see my attached (depth and breadth) resume of professional experience.

I would love to serve with you here on the Council, and in the streets.

Note Worthy: I have been involved in our community in our public schools for many years by being elected to School Community Councils as well as later being appointed to Alpine School District Community Council wherein I was elected as Chair and conducted monthly meetings.

Also, I have served in Pleasant Grove for many years as a State & County Delegate representing our citizens; and presently elected Chair of Precinct 25PG16 (Mudhole Area).

2) Reasons I wish to serve with you on the City Council:

I love to be civically involved!

I find it energizing to interact with people. Listen to their points of view, understand their mind and heart, and offer my opinion when asked.

I love to study out the details of a concern or problem... and strive to work for **consensus**, and a **solution**.

I want businesses to locate, expand, and flourish in Pleasant Grove.

I desire that residents and employees of Pleasant Grove City are happy, healthy, and fruitful

3) Priorities:

I have no private agenda.

However, continuing to economically revitalizing old (New) down-town Main & Center, as well as other areas, and the Grove, will be great!

I will do my utmost to bring my depth of experience, skills and knowledge to help our community realize and maintain a better quality of life, while being fiscally responsible and budgeting our needs accordingly.

And of course – **Representing the best interests of the citizens of this beautiful - Pleasant Grove City!**

Niels Fugal – Calm, Consistent, Collaboration

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SUMMARY

I am a highly experienced commercial real estate broker and manager with over Forty years of accomplishments in leasing, sales, marketing, market research, public relations, negotiations, analysis, acquisition, and architectural tenant improvement design planning. I am a self-motivated, industrious and personable individual, skilled in motivating and working with others to achieve common goals. Recognized for an innate ability to address the core issues and negotiate a fair deal.

I bring market knowledge and a desire for all parties to succeed in their business.

- Commercial Real Estate Broker- Leasing & sales, property management, public relations, marketing, advertising, accounting, and communications.
- Construction project manager/coordinator.
- Leasing & Sales — Commercial real properties - Exclusive agent

EXPERIENCE

Commercial Real Estate Broker-Agent - Leasing, Sales, and Acquisitions, 1984 – 2025

Fugal Commercial Real Estate Brokerage 1995 – 2025

- **Analyzed** past and present market trends of 10 counties and related municipalities.
- **Created** marketing plans for each property and executed marketing strategies.
- **Performed** the negotiations on behalf of clients (Lessor/Lessee), (Seller/Buyer).
- **Represented** Fortune 500 Companies and other national tenants, (e.g. Novell Corp., UT; WordPerfect Corp., UT; TransAmerica Financial, CA; Delta Service Plans, CA; Avnet Computer Technologies, NY; Southwest Airlines Company, TX. Jive Communications BTS of 77,000 sq. ft. new construction of office building. As well as various **medical office buildings** in Utah: e.g. Plaza 2000 on Highland Drive, Cottonwood Heights; Lease-up of Dr. Dale Linton's 22,000 sq. ft. office building at 469 Medical Drive, Bountiful, Utah
- **Managed** income producing properties — receivables, payables and tenant relations.
- **Responsible** for acquisition and development and leasing of build-to-suit real estate projects – e.g. Jive Communications 77,000 sq. ft. Class A office build-to-suit located on Pleasant Grove Blvd. [Later acquired by GoTo Group, Inc. Boston, MA]
- **Negotiated commercial leases and sales contracts for industrial, retail, and office buildings, and land.**

Construction Management - Project coordinator, office management, 1999 – 2002 (Concurrent with Brokerage)
Niels Fugal Sons Construction Company –Williams Communication-Level3 Lumen

Property Manager / Sales Agent - Law Firm of Nielson & Senior, Noel Hyde Esq. Salt Lake City Ut 1988 - 1994

- **Appointed** by United States Federal Bankruptcy Court as an Agent for managing and selling estate properties.
- **Interfaced** with trustee of estate to achieve effective fiduciary representation of client.
- **Supervised** all aspects of maintenance, to include HVAC and other related mechanical.
- **Performed** negotiations, structuring of leases and sales agreements, clearing of title, etc.
- **Researched** market prices to ensure an equitable transaction.
- **Mitigated** the concessions, maintaining the value and integrity of each project.
- **Coordinated** the space planning, designs, working drawings, tenant improvements, and related remodeling issues.
- **Increased** property value through fair market and annual rent increases as well as CPI adjustments for inflation.

Leasing & Sales Agent/Manager/Associate Broker – Scott McDonald Realty, Salt Lake City, UT 1984 – 1995

LICENSES/ EDUCATION

Real Estate Continuing Education Credits 1984 – 2025

Utah Real Estate License, Spencer & Stringham Real Estate Education Center, Salt Lake City, UT, 1984 – 2025

Texas Real Estate Broker License, Austin Institute of Real Estate, Austin, TX, 1996 – 2011

Brigham Young University, Provo Utah & BYU-Hawaii - Business Management/Finance, 1978 – 1982



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Wendy Thorpe 1-20-2026

City Council Application – Pleasant Grove, Utah
Applicant: Denise Trickler

Question 1: What are my qualifications to be appointed to the City Council?

I have been a resident of Pleasant Grove for 17 years and have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to public service, civic engagement, and community involvement. Over the years, I have volunteered extensively within the city, including serving in local schools as a parent volunteer and as a member of School Community Councils, as well as participating in community service programs such as Meals on Wheels.

For the past seven years, I have served on the Pleasant Grove Historical Preservation Commission and currently serve as Vice Chair. In this role, I have helped oversee summer walking tours and other preservation initiatives, gaining practical experience in protecting the history and character that make Pleasant Grove a special place to live.

I also serve as an alternate member of the Pleasant Grove Planning Commission and have done so for nearly two years, attending the majority of meetings. This experience has provided valuable insight into land use, zoning, development processes, and how city policy is implemented. It has given me a strong understanding of how the city operates and the importance of thoughtful, informed decision-making.

Additionally, I participated in the "Rebuild Discovery Park" project, working alongside community members to restore a valued public space. I have attended City Council meetings regularly for nearly ten years to remain informed and engaged. Together, these experiences have prepared me well to serve responsibly and effectively on the Pleasant Grove City Council.

Question 2: Why do I wish to be on the City Council?

I wish to serve on the City Council because I care deeply about Pleasant Grove's future and want to contribute directly to the policies and decisions that shape our community. I believe the City Council plays a vital role in guiding thoughtful growth, preserving community character, and ensuring city services meet the needs of residents.

I see myself as representative of many Pleasant Grove residents—a working parent invested in the well-being of the community. I am motivated to bring a practical, community-focused perspective to the Council and to help ensure residents feel heard, represented, and confident in the city's direction.

Question 3: What will be my priorities as a member of the City Council?

My first priority will be informed, well-prepared decision-making by listening to all perspectives and conducting thorough preparation before meetings. I will strive to make decisions that benefit the entire city and approach each issue with fairness, transparency, and accountability.

Preserving the history and character of Pleasant Grove is especially important to me. I am committed to protecting our historic identity while supporting thoughtful revitalization efforts. I am also passionate about sustainability and quality of life, including responsible water use and exploring ways to ease rising utility costs for residents through sound planning and fiscal stewardship.

My goal is to help Pleasant Grove continue moving forward in a way that reflects its values and serves its residents well.



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Eleesha Tucker

Signature of Applicant

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Jan 20, 2026

Wendy Thorpe

Signature of Filing Officer

Date

1-20-2026

What are your qualifications to be appointed to the Pleasant Grove City Council?

My professional life has been dedicated to the study and application of the American constitutional tradition. My work is grounded in deliberation, mediation, and management. As a Program Director and Constitutional Literacy Fellow at the Center for Constitutional Studies at Utah Valley University, I specialize in distilling complex material into clear, accessible resources. This is precisely the role of an effective council member: translating city ordinances, budgets, and legal frameworks into understandable, actionable outcomes for nearly 40,000 residents.

My qualifications rest on three core pillars:

- **Conflict Resolution and Consensus Building.** Through my work developing educational resources for Quill Project, a partner of the Center for Constitutional Studies at UVU, I analyze extensive records to understand how legislative bodies move from disagreement to compromise. I understand that good governance is not about winning arguments, but about collaborating to reach solutions acceptable to those affected.
- **Executive Management.** As a former Education Programs Manager at the Charles Koch Institute in Arlington, VA, and as Executive Director of a small nonprofit focused on religious freedom, religious literacy, and civil dialogue—particularly in public schools—I have managed budgets, partnerships, teams and program growth. I am trained in Market-Based Management, a philosophy that emphasizes operational efficiency and value creation, and I have trained young professionals in its application. These skills will guide my commitment to ensuring taxpayer dollars are used effectively and responsibly.
- **Educational Leadership.** For more than a decade, I have trained educators across the country, from Washington, D.C. to rural Utah. This experience has taught me how to listen to frontline stakeholders and adapt strategies based on direct feedback, an approach I will bring to serving the residents of Pleasant Grove.

Why do you want to be on the Pleasant Grove City Council?

I believe that the health of our constitutional republic starts at the local level. In my work with the Center for Constitutional Studies, I teach that the American experiment relies on citizens who are willing to step out of their private lives and into the public square. I wish to serve because I want to put my professional expertise in civic literacy into practice in my own community.

Our city is a critical size. We are large enough to face complex infrastructure and growth challenges, yet small enough that a single council member can still have a personal, meaningful dialogue with neighbors. I am motivated by the desire to ensure that our local government remains accessible. My background in teaching about the First Amendment and religious freedom has given me a deep appreciation for the diverse viewpoints within a community. I want to be a voice on the Council that ensures every Pleasant Grove resident, regardless of their background or beliefs, feels they have a fair hearing in the deliberative process.

What are my priorities for the Pleasant Grove City Council?

The Pleasant Grove City Council seat is open due to Eric Jensen's election as mayor. I supported him in the mayoral election, and I share several of the priorities he championed during his time on the City Council.

- **Growth, Development and Infrastructure**—I support a Smart Growth approach to development in Pleasant Grove. My husband and I are homeowners here, and we value both the small-town character of our Main Street and the quiet residential feel of our neighborhood, while also appreciating the business development near the freeway. Part of our decision to buy our home, despite high housing costs, was the visible, thoughtful business development along Pleasant Grove Boulevard, which gave us confidence that the city would continue to thrive and grow. While some residents are understandably concerned about growth, development along the Wasatch Front is ongoing and will continue. I support managing that growth strategically in a way that respects residents, preserves Pleasant Grove's small-town character, and encourages responsible business investment. If I had been on the Council at the time, I would have voted in favor of the Valley Grove development. I agree with attracting businesses that strengthen the city's tax base without increasing property taxes for residents. Smart Growth also requires keeping pace with infrastructure needs. As the city supports business investment, we must also continue the investment in roads, utilities, and other essential infrastructure. These investments are a critical part of ensuring growth is sustainable and benefits the entire community.
- **Civic Literacy of Pleasant Grove Residents**—Many Americans, including Pleasant Grove residents, want to be more civically engaged, but the demands of work, family life, and for many in our community, involvement in their faith communities leave little time for civic awareness and participation. I have worked to make the U.S. Constitution accessible to fifth graders, middle and high school students, and adult citizens alike. Local government is a vital part of our constitutional system. I will advocate for clear, easy-to-understand "Citizen Guides" to City Council meeting notes and major issues under consideration, shared through the city's social media channels. These guides would provide residents with simple, accessible entry points to the more detailed information on the city's website.
- **Leadership Style**—My priority is to maintain a collaborative tone with my fellow Council members and with the community. In an increasingly divisive political environment shaped by partisan politics and social media echo chambers, I am committed to approaching every issue with civility. I will always view Pleasant Grove residents as fellow citizens worthy of respect, without assigning political labels or making assumptions.



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DJP 1/13/2026
Signature of Applicant Date

Wendy Thorne 1-13-2026
Signature of Filing Officer Date

Addendum to Application for City Council, Pleasant Grove UT

What are your qualifications to be appointed to the city council?

Together with my bachelor's degree in Economics, I have a 30+ year career in banking, most of which has been serving local businesses right here in our local PG community. With this comes an understanding of budgets, fiscal responsibility, and a knowledge of how businesses, including municipalities, operate financially. In addition, the last 6 years of my career have been as a member of the Executive Leadership Team of a local community bank headquartered in PG. Being a member of the C-Suite of an institution like a bank exposes one to many difficult choices. Likewise, in city government and the effective management of a city, difficult choices have to be made. Things aren't always black and white. You have to look at the big picture, the long term consequences of an action, and weigh the pros and cons of the decision on various members of your constituencies. Having had these 6 years in executive leadership has prepared me to be capable of considering these kinds of difficult situations and helped me to understand how to make the best decisions overall, even though they might impact some people negatively and disappoint others. But if it's the right thing to do overall, it's still what I need to support.

In addition, as an almost 20 year resident of Pleasant Grove, I have been blessed to serve our great community in numerous capacities. When I first moved to Pleasant Grove, I had the opportunity to serve two full terms on the Library Board. I believe that the library is the heart and soul of a community. It is a public service that provides resources to so many, but especially those who might be marginalized economically or socially in our community. After fulfilling my maximum term allowed by law at the library, I had the opportunity of serving on the board of adjustments prior to it being disbanded. At that time, I continued to seek opportunities to serve and ultimately found a home for the past 8 years +/- on the Planning Commission for Pleasant Grove having served as chair of the commission twice as well as Vice Chair. These experiences combined have helped me to not only feel a personal connection with the city, but also learn the intimate details of how the city operates and to have significant first hand experience with the challenges our city faces preparing me to be able to step into the role of city council member seamlessly and contribute effectively from the very beginning.

Why do you wish to be on the City Council?

In connection with the experiences above, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time of service to the city. I believe it is a natural next progressive step given my time and type of service listed above. In truth, I don't recall ever saying this, but my wife swears that while we were dating 30 years ago, I allegedly made a comment to her that "some day, I wanted to be mayor". While I'm in no rush to get there today, I think it's indicative of my inherent desire to serve, lift, and share my talents with the community where I live.

What will be your priorities as a member of the City Council?

Perhaps this is unusual, or maybe even a weakness, but I don't come to this opportunity with a predetermined agenda. I have had the opportunity of seeing the city go through tremendous growth and face meaningful challenges. I have seen the committed efforts of our current council members, prior councils and prior mayors as they have served this community and held its best interests at heart for years. While they don't always agree, and priorities evolve, I have truly appreciated the sincerity of each of their hearts and my priority is to commit to follow that lead. I will bring new perspectives, I will learn different perspectives along the way, and my priority will be to listen, empathize, learn, and envision the potential impacts of the decisions surrounding the challenges placed before us. My priority will be to make the best, most well-informed, and broadly beneficial decisions for our community possible.



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Why am I choosing to run for the city council.

My qualifications are my service to our country and community. I fought for our country and now I want to fight for our community. I have raised a family and been involved in our community for 14 years. I have helped turn some of our boys into men and future leaders through coaching football and wrestling.

I would like to be on the city council to be a voice for our community. I have met and have good relationships with many people in our community. As a disabled veteran I have time to give back and be a productive member of society.

My priorities as a member will be to talk more about our city's issues with our citizens and try to understand what they want and need and find solutions with our council to continue to make Pleasant Grove the best city possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

Matthew J. Davis