

Interview Questions for Greenville City Council Vacancy

The Greenville City Council thanks you for taking the time to complete the following questionnaire to assist us in better getting to know the finalist candidates for City Council.

1. Have you previously served on a governing board of any type (business, government, non-profit organization, church, etc.) or as a leader in any organization? If so, please briefly describe the organization(s), your role, and the number of years you served in that capacity below. [If no, please skip to Question 3]:

2. What do you believe are the three (3) greatest strengths of the City of Greenville:

3. Does your interest in serving on the City Council stem from a personal interest or goal? Is there something in particular you hope to accomplish while serving on the City Council, and why is serving on the Council important to you? Please elaborate.

4. Please list below three (3) words you believe other members of that governing board/organization would use to describe you, your participation in that organization or your leadership style:

5. City Council regularly meets at 7:30-p.m. on the first and third Tuesday's of each month, and last approximately 1 to 3 hours. Will your schedule permit your regular attendance at scheduled meetings? Do

you envision any problems, such as work related matters, that would prevent you from attending on a regular (monthly) basis?

6. Please list any areas you believe the City of Greenville could improve upon:

7. If you could make one change/improvement what, would that change/improvement be?

8. The City Council must render decisions regarding the implementation of policies and/or programs that may be somewhat difficult. Are you willing to take on the responsibility of making decisions that are in the best interest of the public even though they may be somewhat difficult?

9. Property tax revenue from the local millage is the primary revenue source for the City of Greenville. The City Charter authorizes up to 15 mills and the current rate is 12.273 mills. Please check the phrase that most closely reflects your philosophy on local property tax millage?

"The millage rate is too high and must be lowered even if it means sacrificing services to citizens."

"The millage rate is too low and should be raised in order to provide more services to citizens."

"The millage rate should be marginally adjusted, either up or down, in reaction to annual fluctuations in city revenues and/or spending priorities established by the City Council and in conjunction with reasonable spending cuts."

"The millage rate should stay where it is. If necessary to balance the budget, services should be cut in order to keep the millage at the current rate."

Other: "The millage rate ... _____"

10. Please check the phrase that you most agree with:

___ "I believe the City of Greenville is more efficient than other area cities."

___ "I believe the City of Greenville is less efficient than other area cities."

___ "I believe the City of Greenville is neither more nor less efficient than other area cities."

11. Please complete this sentence: Greenville City Council member should ...

12. Do you have any interest in or participate in any professional or personal activity that could lead to, or be perceived as, a conflict of interest if you become appointed? If yes, please explain.

13. What do you believe is the single most compelling issue facing the City of Greenville?

14. Please tell us about any other activities, specialized skills, knowledge, or professional experience that would contribute to your effectiveness in serving on the City Council.

15. In your opinion, how important are the following Greenville city services? Circle your response.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important			Not Important
	4	3	2	1	0
Providing information to the public	4	3	2	1	0
Enforcing traffic laws	4	3	2	1	0
Responding to medical emergencies	4	3	2	1	0
Responding to police/fire emergencies	4	3	2	1	0
Enforcing the Zoning Ordinance	4	3	2	1	0
Maintain safe parks that meet public needs	4	3	2	1	0
Providing courteous government service	4	3	2	1	0
Guiding development to create a desirable city	4	3	2	1	0
Maintaining smooth and efficient street system	4	3	2	1	0
Keeping neighborhoods safe	4	3	2	1	0
Making efficient use of public funds	4	3	2	1	0
Providing convenient leaf pick up services	4	3	2	1	0
Providing convenient spring cleanup services	4	3	2	1	0
Providing quality recreational services/parks	4	3	2	1	0
Providing clean and useful library facilities	4	3	2	1	0
Creating an attractive and vibrant downtown	4	3	2	1	0
Providing crime prevention programs	4	3	2	1	0
Controlling snow and ice	4	3	2	1	0
Providing summer recreation programs	4	3	2	1	0
Other _____	4	3	2	1	0