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City of Cottage Grove
City Manager's Office



Application for Appointment to City Council

Name: Down Rust

Date: 1/20/23

Address: 117 N. H. STREET

Occupation: Retired / 2016

Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Phone: (Home) N/A

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(Work) N/A

Council Ward At Large

(Cell) 903-530-3847

Registered Voter? Yes X No _____

City resident for a minimum of twelve months prior to applying? Yes X No _____

Employment, professional and volunteer background:

2013-2016 OWNER OF OLD OWEN BREWERY - TYLER, TX
2003-2013 Chief Deputy; Texas Constables Office - East Texas
1995-2009 OWNER OF CICI'S PIZZA - TYLER, TX / 1999-2008 OWNER A&W REST. TYLER, TX
1985-2001 CORPORATE DIRECTOR / NATIONAL ACCOUNTS - BEN E. KEITH BEVERAGES IN 226 TX Co.
1980-1985 GENERAL MANAGER OF COAST DISTRIBUTORS for Lane County Oregon

Community affiliations and activities:

2 terms on Budget Committee - Cottage Grove, OR
Worked with DANA of the Swinging Bridge - Cottage Grove, OR
Rehabbed a 102 year old home in Cottage Grove, OR
Attend Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce (member)
Voted Deputy of the year in 2009 and 2011 / Texas Constables Office

Previous City appointments, offices or activities:

Traffic Safety Board - Tyler, TX, Industrial Development Corp Board, Tyler, TX
Library Board - Tyler, TX, KERA-TV Board - Dallas, TX, CASA Board, Smith Co.

As additional background for the City Council, please answer the following questions.

1. Please explain why you are interested in the appointment and what you, as a City Councilor, would offer to the City Council and the community.

It's important to give back to your community, my business and life experiences bring new ideas and a good work ethic. I have a long history of supporting my fellow citizens including over 10 years of law enforcement. My understanding of how a professional and responsive police department operates might be helpful too.

2. Please describe what you believe are the major concerns of the City residents and businesses. How do you think these concerns should be met by the City?

1) Police Department 2) Homeless / Housing 3) Roads / Downtown 4) City Manager
It's very important city staff keeps council, citizens and businesses informed. I'm not comfortable answering how these concerns should be addressed by city staff, it's better to be enlightened on specific history and goals already set. Only then can a strategy be agreed to and implemented on each concern facing Cottage Grove.

3. Please explain why you think the City of Cottage Grove should do or accomplish to improve the City and the City government.

1) Become more involved with the city manager and staff
2) Pave city streets / Gas tax will decrease (Revenue)
3) The city council has to repeatedly talk positive about all the changes scheduled for downtown
4) Remember that diverse opinions are a positive for Cottage Grove.

4. Please provide any additional information or comments which you believe will assist the City Council in considering your application.

1) Good problem solver and works well with different personalities.
2) Grew up in Roseburg and Eugene. Graduate of Churchill High School.
3) While at Churchill I worked with other students from other High Schools and we build and sold a house for class credit.
4) When I retired I moved 1,300 miles to live in Cottage Grove.

Signature: _____



Date: _____

1/26/23

Thank you for your interest in volunteering in your community.