

Hi all, I'm JC Simonsen. I'm a Utah native and I've lived in the Heber Valley for nearly 20 years now. It was easy to be drawn to Midway's small town charm and we have loved living here and getting acquainted with many of the locals. Thank you for having us.

I decided to run for Midway City Council again after a few folks asked me to consider doing so. I am humbled by their confidence in me and I'm willing to serve. It hasn't always been easy but the time I've spent on the council has been an opportunity for me to interact with the community and contribute to a town my wife and I love and are raising our 2 daughters in and I look forward to using the experience I've gained to do even more.



Coming from a rural background, I have a deep appreciation for agriculture - be it farming, animal husbandry, ranching, or just gardening. I enjoy a relatively quiet and simple rural lifestyle, and I've always had the priority of preserving Midway's farming heritage and open spaces. Because of the two citizen-approved bonds that were passed and with the gracious participation of several willing landowners, hundreds of acres of open agricultural land have been protected. This is an excellent example of maintaining a fair balance between public and private concerns and my initial hopes for what we could do in this area were actually exceeded. I'm so grateful.

Additionally, citizen surveys continually show that outdoor recreation is a top priority and through my work with the Park, Trails and Trees committee we have improved our parks, expanded and connected our trail system and have planted nearly a hundred more trees in Midway. Through this work we have qualified to be a part of the "Tree City USA" network.

I was also instrumental in increasing Midway's police and public safety services, getting more dedicated Midway officers through a partnership with Heber Police, whose time now augments the services we get from the County Sheriff's office.

Aside from the Open Space bonds, all of these things have been done without raising Midway City's property tax. In fact, while some other entities have been raising taxes, Midway City's general tax rate has consistently gone down. We've been able to do more with less, keeping the City's portion of our tax bill low while maintaining the quality of our infrastructure and if I'm elected for another term I intend to continue that work.

These past years of service have educated me on the complexities behind many of the challenges we are faced with as we grow. I look forward to continued work with our Mayor and City Council, Midway staff, County Council members, and other regional partners to be proactive in our decisions in order to retain the rural and historical character of this town we all love so much.

Midway has been fortunate to have good leadership for many, many years going back long before I came to town. I'm honored to do any small part I can.