

1. Name and position you are running for:
Bob Mihalko Medina City Council-At-Large

2. What motivates you to run for this position?
Love of Community. Always have had an interest in local government, ran before 30 years ago and felt I would again someday. I have been thinking about running again for a few years. Back in the spring a co-worker who lives on South Broadway received a letter about her street with 3 options for repair, last being a \$7,000 price tag. I told her I would attend the council meeting with her on that subject. While at that meeting, I became hooked. I knew it was time to run again. A lot has come up and happened since that meeting in Medina City, it has been a polarizing year for small town government and perhaps time for some changes in its current make up.

3. What will be the biggest issue facing the city in 2020, and how do you plan to address it?
Medina is for the most part built out. There is little land to develop and therefore little growth income for street repair and infrastructure updates. Of course, we have streets and sidewalks that will always need repair. We must have a council and other leaders that will be able to work to redevelop what we have so we can provide the services required and infrastructure improvements into the future. I would work to see a community that is business friendly, while preserving the charm that make Medina a special community for our residents.

4. What will be your top priorities in office?
I have no agenda so to speak. Knocking on doors residents are concerned about safety with the seemingly growing deer population and fear of hitting them, or their children hitting them. Residents are also asking for curbside recycling, they bring up the city is picking up our yard waste why not recycling. And of course, finding a course for better sidewalk repair. All these requests come with some large challenges. Finding a way to at least address them and creative ways to work to solve them would be a priority for the residents. For Business, common sense rezoning is needed. Working to help Medina be open for business and industry for now and into the future.

5. What is one thing that the city council is currently doing that you think is good, and why do you support it?
**I understand the budget process is a 5-year forecast and updated annually to growing needs and changes of the city.
I support planning for the future and looking ahead to minimize surprise expenses.**

6. How do you work with others when differing opinions are involved?

Balance and compromise is one of my strong suits. I'm a good listener and I ask a lot of questions; this is how I learn and develop my opinions. When put into a situation that becomes heated over what path to take, some only see the road they are on; I look for the road less traveled that can get us all to a good place. In short, I try to work with others I might differ with to get the job done.

7. With your magic wand, what is the first thing that you would change in the City?

I grew up in Medina, attended school here, was in scouts, a paperboy and the kid that mowed grass, walked dogs and babysat. I was raised by not just my parents but by my neighborhood. You could say my childhood was very much like a 1950's TV show. Back in the 80's everyone still knew their neighbors and elected officials knew them too. I fear some of that is slipping. I want that part to stop. I feel what makes our town great is the people that make it a community. I would wave that Magic Wand to remind residents and business owners to remember who we are. I would work to keep communication lines open, and Medina a friendly place to live and do business.

8. How do you balance the needs of your business constituents against the needs of residents? Do you see any challenges there?

There are always challenges there, but there should not be. Communication is the key to most conflict.

Residents want quiet neighborhoods, safe streets, charm of a community and secure home values.

Businesses exist around products and services. They need people to work to build the product, stores to sell the product and people to provide the service.

Residents need jobs to pay for their home and raise their children. Stores to buy the stuff they fill it with, and a plumber or HVAC service when the pipes leak or heat is broken.

The marriage is not only simple but necessary. Conflict normally comes from the old "Not in my back yard", or the fact society has trained people to believe business is bad for some reason. Strong communication to the benefits of both is the answer.