

## GRANTSVILLE CITY FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO IT'S TAXPAYERS

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Last summer during the 2016 July 4th parade in Grantsville, I came across a flier on the sidewalk near the fire station. It made accusations of the high salaries being paid to the Mayors of Tooele and Grantsville. The data in the flier came from the website [www.transparent.utah.gov](http://www.transparent.utah.gov)

I looked up the website and verified the information. In doing more exploring, I also discovered the websites [www.utahsrigh.com](http://www.utahsrigh.com) and [www.utah-demographics.com](http://www.utah-demographics.com)

I researched those websites, which contain publicly-available information and using that information, I compiled a simple comparison chart of some of Utah's cities with a population of approximately 10,000 residents. Grantsville's current population is 10, 027.

I found that Grantsville's Mayor is the **9th highest-paid Mayor**, however Grantsville is the **61st most populous** city in Utah. (See comparisons below and on page 2).

Grantsville Population: **10,027**.

The AVERAGE POPULATION from the cities of Grantsville, Mapleton, Price, Vernal, Riverdale, West Haven, Bluffdale, North Logan, Pleasant View, West Point, Woods Cross, Alpine, Smithfield, Lindon and Santaquin: **10,253**.

Grantsville Mayor salary: **\$111,683.50**.

The AVERAGE MAYOR SALARY from the cities of Grantsville, Mapleton, Price, Vernal, Riverdale, West Haven, Bluffdale, North Logan, Pleasant View, West Point, Woods Cross, Alpine, Smithfield, Lindon and Santaquin: **\$24,277**.

*The average Mayor Salary excluding Grantsville: \$18,034.*

Grantsville Median Income: **\$58,802**.

The average median income from the cities of Grantsville, Mapleton, Price, Vernal, Riverdale, West Haven, Bluffdale, North Logan, Pleasant View, West Point, Woods Cross, Alpine, Smithfield, Lindon and Santaquin: **\$70,961**.

## SAMPLING OF UTAH CITIES: (POPULATIONS SIMILAR TO GRANTSVILLE)

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<b>Utah City</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Mayor Salary</b>	<b>Median Income</b>
Grantsville	10,027	\$111,683	\$58,802
Mapleton	9,232	\$ 36,210	\$93,571
Price	8,378	\$ 28,905	\$44,078
Vernal	11,200	\$ 28,360	\$56,563
Riverdale	8,666	\$ 25,105	\$56,076
West Haven	11,921	\$ 23,252	\$72,000
Bluffdale	10,931	\$ 20,134	\$89,454
North Logan	10,181	\$ 19,972	\$64,571
Pleasant View	9,237	\$ 14,863	\$83,417
West Point	10,345	\$ 14,524	\$75,742
Woods Cross	11,284	\$ 10,651	\$69,814
Alpine	10,232	\$ 10,604	\$92,305
Smithfield	10,782	\$ 9,029	\$57,593
Lindon	10,810	\$ 6,583	\$86,495
Santaquin	10,572	\$ 4,285	\$63,938
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>10,253</b>	<b>\$ 24,277</b>	<b>\$70,961</b>

(Average **\$ 18,034**  
Mayor salary  
excluding Grantsville)

Grantsville Mayor's salary is ranked the **9th highest-paid mayor**, but Grantsville is ranked as the **61st most populous city**, with a median income that is **\$12,159 LESS** than the average median income for the cities shown above.

## GRANTSVILLE CITY FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO IT'S TAXPAYERS (continued)

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Grantsville City must exercise fiscal modesty and restraint.

Grantsville does not have the tax base that most Wasatch Front cities have. Even many of the similarly-populated cities listed on page 1 of this letter enjoy the benefits of more industry and business to contribute to their tax base. Grantsville has less business/industry tax base, so more taxes land squarely on residents' backs.

Integral to the discussion on Grantsville City budget must be the consideration of the position of city mayor. *NO LONGER must Grantsville City be paying the 6th-highest mayor's salary in the state when there is an obvious discrepancy in mayors' salaries from similarly-populated Utah cities!*

My understanding from being a Grantsville resident for nearly 10 years, is that the position of city mayor used to be a part-time position, but the current administration has combined the position of City Manager with City Mayor. Detrimental outcomes of this move include the obvious mayor salary imbalance, and an apparent disdain for following proper procedure by disregarding City Council accountability.

As members of the City Council and City Administration, today's budget meeting includes consideration of salaries paid to City personnel--including the salary for city mayor.

I would like to propose that City Council consider three points:

- 1. Return the position of city mayor to part time.*
- 2. Adjust the mayor salary to be within the average salary of similarly-populated Utah cities.*
- 3. Return the position of City Manager as a separate position who works with the City Council for approval of city projects.*

Respectfully submitted by a concerned taxpayer,  
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