

NAME:

Tom Tripp

OFFICE:

Grantsville City Council

AGE:

58

OCCUPATION:

Engineer

RESIDENCE:

Grantsville

YEARS AT RESIDENCE:

30

QUALIFICATIONS:

My employment as an engineering manager at US Magnesium has given me experience with large and complex budgets and budgeting processes that have important correlations to city budgets. I've got experience in stretching resources and getting by with less rather than asking for higher taxes.

In my first term on the Grantsville City Council, I've used that experience to help instill some financial discipline (more directed and reduced spending) that allowed the City to weather the economic down turn without a tax increase. I developed tables comparing some areas of our city spending with similar- sized Utah cities to assist city decision making. I've asked the hard questions of the city administration in regard to spending habits, and I've been a leader in controlling spending.

Upon joining the city council four years ago, I made it a personal first priority to protect and preserve the character of Grantsville neighborhoods. I've asked that real estate developers be held to higher standards and that they don't unfairly disrupt established parts of the community. I have asked that developers be required to do more to create a nice community, and I have generally opposed exceptions to the established city standards.

