

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: *Charlotte Farmer*

Completed Level of Education: *CMBA (18)*

Years in San Angelo: *1976 41 years*

If you're not a native San Angeloan, what brought you here? Why San Angelo? *Better job opportunity than Big Lake or Alpine*

Married Status: *Married*

Spouse/Occupation: *Retired*

Number of years married: *Combined to current 19 years*

Your Occupation Currently: *Retired*

Previous Position: *Real Estate Management 16 years, Banking 25 years*

What experience do you bring to the table to strengthen our City Council?
Municipal Operations Experience & Knowledge

Organization Membership: Name of Group / Position / Years Involved

*Use as much space as needed. List each group, affiliation, organization, board, etc. **Past/Present***

Three terms SA Public Housing Authority Board of Directors, two as Vice Chair, Three terms as President of San Angelo Apartment Association, two term as SAAA Education Director, Two three years terms on San Angelo City Civic Events Board, one year as its President, 2002 Tournament Director West Texas All Stars ASA Softball Tournament.

Four terms as Secretary of the San Angelo Girls Fast Pitch Association, Tournament Director of the San Angelo Midnight Madness Softball Tournaments, In 2000 Named Women To Watch by the Business Women's Professional organization, 2010 Named Women of Distinction of Girl Scouts of America, 2016 Elected Women of Excellence Award from the National Foundation for Women Legislators.

Previously Active In: Beta Sigma Phi Alpha Gamma Omega Chapter, Credit Women's International, Big Bend Cattlemen's Association, Eastern New Mexico State Fair Stock Show & Rodeo Association, San Antonio & San Angelo Home Builders Association, 1981 Winner of National Home Builders Association Spike Award. San Antonio & San Angelo Board of Realtors Association, American Association of Bankers National Education Committee, Mortgage Bankers Association of America Education Committee, San Angelo Women's Bowling Association, Bowling League Association Secretary 12 years.

Currently Serve: City GASBY 45 Retirement Committee, City Audit Committee, City Investment Oversight Committee, and City Facilities Review Committee

Church Affiliation: *Glen Meadows Baptist*
Position Held or Membership: *Since 1989*

What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment personally to date?

Personally would be my children and the way they live their lives through Christ and example. Professionally would be The Texas Bank Sports Complex, & The Hickory Water Field for long term water supply.

What do you enjoy doing the most?

Family time playing board games, dominoes and cards along with Bar-b-Ques. Quilting homemade gifts and baby blankets. Growing a garden full of veggies, canning.

Where's your primary focus or concern outside of city issues?

Family, Faith and genealogy. I am very concerned our way of life & Christianity are being threatened and under minded without our knowledge. I would like to see more involvement from our local church's in keeping us informed of these threats.

As a Candidate for City Council/Mayoral position, what prompted you to run?

WITH MY LAST RUN FOR City Council I announced it would be my last because it was time to step down. Then the realization that four slots and now five of the seven would be up for election made me realize that with the constant change in city staff it might be wise for me to run for Mayor with my knowledge and experience in city issues at hand past, current and future.

What do you believe to be the biggest mistake this current Council has made in the last few years?

Failure to keep the public informed in depth as to the problems with lack of qualified applicants on the trash contract. Better explanation in "laymen's" terms of the legal issues in the RFP bidding process

How would you have handled the issue you stated above?

We depended on people watching City Council meetings and local news outlets reporting on issues, which was a mistake. There should have been more Town Hall meetings and we should have done more detailed media releases and PAID for advertising space to explain difficult details in various media sources for the public. Even though we did 14 months 28 City Council meetings on trash prior to the RFP, in my opinion, the notification was not detailed enough for citizens to understand what we were going to talk about at Council meetings. Too much municipality jargon for the public to understand and take interest in.

What are your top 3 issues to address if you are elected to this office?

- 1. Additional Permanent Ground water source.*
- 2. Insure the bond money for street repair and replacement stays on tract and that is exactly what the money is used for.*
- 3. Sufficient annual funds dedicated in budget for infrastructure repair or replacement.*

Do not postpone tuff or unpopular decisions for the next Council to solve.

Will your current occupation allow you to give the necessary hours to prepare for each council meeting, research issues, interact with constituents, attend the necessary meetings and community events that will be required of you, and actively move forward with seeing your top 3 issues accomplished?

Absolutely, my children are grown as well as my grandchildren and being retired allows me the time.

What would you like to add to this questionnaire to stress the reason citizens should consider giving you their vote?

City Government & City Hall is like a puzzle . You absolutely must read the TML Handbook and understand the differences in what type of ruling your city is. For instance, San Angelo is a "Home Rule City," what does that mean and what is the difference in other cities that are not. You absolutely must know how the puzzle pieces fit and where they go. By with the Plans and Goals in projects in the works.