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The Uncommon Candidate for the Common Man

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11 Points of Reason for Governing the Great City of Jasper

1. Believe in the People. I hold great trust in all people of Jasper. The citizens of Jasper, if guaranteed the respect, equality, individualism, freedom, liberty, justice, goodness, and the pursuit of happiness as granted by our constitution will thrive in a democratic capitalist environment. The great people of Jasper will be allowed to strive toward greater achievements, innovations, and efficient production of needed and valued goods and services. To paraphrase the 'Great Emancipator', Abraham Lincoln, Jasper, along with its institutions belong to the people who inhabit it.

2. Individual Choice. The entrenched powers of the Democratic and the Republican parties are not the only choice the citizens have. Their now usual corrupt behavior and dirty politics should be deemed criminal. Corruption runs through our city government, law enforcement, and even the local judicial system. However, this is not a blanket statement. There are very good and conscientious officials in local government, law enforcement and our court system.

The right, power, and opportunity to [choose](#) are paramount for every man and woman on this earth. I hold the belief that choice is the proposition of free will and the ability to voluntarily decide what is best for the City of Jasper, and thus themselves. An ethical choice involves ascribing qualities such as right or wrong, good or bad, better or worse to alternatives.

3. Common Sense and Faith. Originally, the definition of common sense was the power of uniting mentally the impressions conveyed by the five physical senses, thus "ordinary understanding, without which one is prejudiced foolish or insane". My definition of common sense is plain, ordinary good judgment and sound practical sense. Logic is the foundation factual common sense.

I believe in a higher power that is with me through both, all good and bad times. Everyone has the innate ability to trust in leaders that have a strong moral base and an allegiance, or loyalty to a duty. The want of sincerity and honesty of intentions is what the citizens of Jasper deserve. Our next mayor has the duty to keep his promises and obligations... to "say what he means and to mean what he says".

4. Adhere to the Constitution of the United States. The supreme law of the land must be adhered to without exception at all levels of government. The Bill of Rights and Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and their provisions must be included to ensure individual liberties, states' rights, and most importantly, the rights of your city, Jasper.

5. Circumvent the Pitfalls of Politics. The citizens of Jasper, if guaranteed the respect, equality, individualism, freedom, liberty, and justice granted by our constitution will thrive in a democratic capitalist environment. The great people of Jasper will, indeed, be allowed to strive toward greater achievements, innovations, and efficient production of needed and valued goods and services.

6. Reduce the Size of City Government. Jasper's bloated bureaucracy creates wasteful spending that plagues our city government. Reduce the overall size, and the reach of government at the local level to prevent inefficiencies and misguided projects that result in deficit spending which adds to our Jasper's debt. George Washington stated "My observation is that whenever one person is found adequate to the discharge of a duty is worse executed by two persons, and scarcely done at all if three or more are employed therein". We must eliminate cronyism, nepotism, and favoritism in local politics and government.

7. Prevent the Raising of Local Taxes. Any and all future considerations of raising taxes on Jasper's citizens should be approved only via referendums in which all the people of Jasper have a say. Taxes are a burden on our people who exercise their personal liberty to work hard and prosper. A fiscally responsible local government protects your freedom to enjoy the fruits of your own labor without experiencing interference from government. Local government has exceeded its' needed size, scope, and reach into all of our lives. No new taxes without representation. We must insist that our local governmental representatives maintain a fiscally responsible budget and balance their books as one would expect from any business. "Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalized robbery" —Calvin Coolidge

8. Protect Free Markets. Our free enterprise system must allow businesses to thrive as they compete in the open marketplace. Allowing the free market system to prosper without government interference and regulations is what made this country great. Businesses compete in the open marketplace, which drives them to strive toward ever better services and products.

9. Promote Civic Responsibility. Involvement at the grassroots level allows your voice to be heard and should directly affect the political behavior of City government so they can be most effective in working to preserve the liberty and pursuit of happiness of Jasper's citizens. "All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for the people of good conscience to remain silent"— Thomas Jefferson

10. Create Local Independence. The resilience and strengths of independence is the ability of the citizens of Jasper to determine their own agendas, priorities, and platforms free of an overbearing central leadership. This involves discourse about which candidates and policies best hold to our principles. Everyone's opinions should flourish and evolve at the local level.

11. Enforce Illegal Immigration Laws. Jasper must not be a sanctuary city. Abiding by the law of the land, criminal penalties, including a fine and/or incarceration should be assessed to any business or person who knowingly hire or helps an illegal alien remain in this country, and as it would, the City of Jasper.

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