Greg Scott's responses to City Council interview questions: Feb 24, 2020

1: Why do you want to serve on the Yachats City Council at this time?

I have long been interested in Yachats community affairs. I have taken a break, recharged my batteries and want to rejoin the conversation at the council table. My health is excellent and quite frankly, a lot of people have been lobbying me to rejoin the council.

2: Do you have any particular objectives that you hope to achieve by serving on the Council?

I have a clear understanding the city's mission, goals, projects and needs. I would like to think my experience, skills, understanding of Yachats history would enable me to contribute to council discussions and decisions in a way that reflects the will of our community. I can say with certainty that I would not be a single issue councilor.

3: The position of City Councilor is a time consuming position. Would you be able to devote the necessary time to adequately fill the position? Do you have any commitments that would require you to miss any scheduled meetings?

I had planned to run in Nov. and scheduled most of my travel in the first half of this year. I have one trip in August where I will miss both meetings and I would miss the April 5th meeting. I have a family reunion in June and would be available to participate by phone. Otherwise, I expect to be available.

If you examine my previous record as a councilor, you will find that I missed very few meetings.

4: What is your understanding of the Council's role in Yachats government?

Council sets organizational goals; approves city policies, approves the annual budget; approves the capital improvement program annually; approves contract awards above $50,000; participates in the budget review; hires and performs reviews of the city manager, city attorney, external auditors; serves as the initial review appeal agency for some planning decisions; appoints commission members.

I also believe it is the role of every council member to keep community members informed about what the city is doing; to help the public understand the rationale about decisions and to serve as a feedback channel to the council as a whole.

5: Describe your vision for the future of Yachats?

Our community is landlocked. We have no space to grow. Future planning and decisions need to consider this fact if we have any hope of creating new affordable housing and attracting the people needed that have historically contributed to the cultural diversity of our village.

6: What is an issue that Yachats faces about which you feel conflicted or undecided? What input would you wish to obtain to help you contribute to a satisfactory resolution of this matter?

I can’t think of a specific issue that meets the criteria suggested. However, there are a number of resources I would use in guiding my decisions. Perhaps one of the most important is the 2008 comprehensive plan survey of over 300 Yachats residents. I believe it is important for all council members to maintain an active dialogue with residents and businesses about city affairs. For major decisions, I favor community meetings where facts can be presented and questions can be asked and answered.

7: Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements, or family connections with programs having agreements with the City? Do you serve on any boards or organizations that interact with the City?

The answer to both questions is no.