

My name is Brad Fordyce, and I have served on the Elkhart City Council for the last 4 years. I am asking for your support as I seek re-election on Nov. 7th

I became involved in city government roughly six months after moving to Elkhart in 2017 with my wife and two sons. My involvement started with attending council meetings to learn and to provide input that I had gathered from neighbors and citizens. The desire to add value then grew to involvement on the P and Z committee, which was and still is under great leadership from Mike Kappos. Mike helped me understand the city's needs, learn how to be a member of a city government, and fueled my interest in further involvement.

When I ran for City Council four years ago, I ran with the intention of helping control the growth, while finding balance to ensure our existing needs were met. The list below is a small sample of my involvement as I work towards those goals:

- I led the charge for lagoon conversion project that helped ease flooding concerns on the East Side and is the centerpiece of a flood mitigation plan for the entire city over the next three to four years.
- I initiated the conversation with a local business leader to bring a 4-million-dollar daycare facility to town to fill a large need for our growing community. That facility opened in 2022 and is providing multiple services in Elkhart.
- I have worked to turn over every stone to find the right Gas Station partner for the city, and we are now closer than ever to making that happen as early as next summer.
- Through continuous community feedback on water quality, I pushed to make the new treatment plant a reality, and it is on track for a 2025 opening to finally address our concerns.
- I worked with our City Administrator to develop a program to utilize Federal Funding provided to our small businesses to make improvements and grow.
- I have built professional relationships with our financial planners, our city attorneys, and local city government leaders around the metro to continue to legitimize our city in a growing metro area.

This list of projects and the full CIP (Capital Improvements Plan) would not exist without consistently asking for and listening to the feedback that the citizens have provided. I am proud to say that I have built relationships with people from all parts of town. Those relationships have given me a great perspective of how everyone feels our city should continue to move forward. Although it is impossible to find agreement with everyone, I value the opportunity to have mature discussions surrounding these important issues.

The next four years will be looked back at as pivotal years in our city's development. The exploding growth of Ankeny is always on my radar as I help to lead the council to make decisions on the values of the citizens of Elkhart. We can work with each other, learn from each other, and control the growth of Elkhart to ensure we can pass it off to the next generation in good hands.

I am confident that with a more engaged and involved council, there will be another leap in the quality and frequency of that communication. With that in mind, I ask you to support the candidates that you have seen add value to the community through their actions and have proven they can increase that communication in a positive way.

I believe I am well positioned to continue to help our community grow and would appreciate your support as I look to continue serving Elkhart.

Brad Fordyce

** Please be sure to attend the Candidate Meet and Greet night later in October (information will be posted on the Cities Facebook Page) to get all your questions answered**

