

Please allow me to begin my first article by saying it is truly an honor to be the Mayor of Hideaway, Texas. We live in a wonderful community, and my pledge is to do everything within my power to preserve and protect Hideaway for the people who live here today and for those that will live here in the future. I want to say thank you to Ray Hutchison for his loyal and faithful leadership as Mayor. He served well and faithfully, and he is truly an asset to Hideaway. All of our Aldermen are true servants and do a great job for our community. I look forward to working with all of them.

I also want to pledge to you that everything we do will be transparent. We work for you, and you need to be informed and to have access to all of the Council members. These are very trying times financially for many of our residents. Inflation and rising costs in living staples are putting pressure on our pocketbooks. Cost of services provided by utilities and emergency personnel are increasing and will continue to have an impact on all of us for the foreseeable future. Dramatic increases in our home appraisals will have dramatic increases on our insurance and fire protection expenses. I will not support creating a property tax for the city; however, all of our residents should be informed that the city, with limited revenue, can only pay so much towards emergency services and fire protection. Homeowners will see increases in these expenses and should plan accordingly. None of the increases are from the city, but from the entities that provide those services.

I am available to all of you to discuss any matter that is on your mind. My cell phone number is 903-521-2596 and my e-mail address is red@txwatersystems.com. Please call, text, or email me at your convenience. I look forward to hearing from you and, again, it is an honor to be your Mayor.

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