

David Charles

*My Qualifications to help get our town started.*

Our family has lived in Spring Lake for the past 11 years. We live in the old Lefevre home. We have 3 kids and 2 more that have married into our family. Our son Stuart, and his wife Kiley have a sweet daughter named Scottie. As I held her, I knew I wanted to help make sure this remains a wonderful area to raise our sweet grandchildren. I have been self-employed for almost 30 years. My businesses have many different aspects, but I buy or start businesses and then build them up to a point that they can be sold. I helped bring the Sonic Drive-In's to Utah, and currently, I have a Cold Storage Facility that I have helped grow to many locations. All of these companies have given me experience and skills that will be beneficial in starting our town. I have worked in the financing and real-estate business in many aspects over the years. I also have extensive experience in negotiations, as well as writing and negotiating contracts. One of the greatest things I have learned through my business endeavors, is the value of having partners and recognizing and utilizing the unique talents of the members. Collaborating with a group with diverse ideas and talents and coming together with a common interest can be powerful. Through my business experiences, as well as my work on the Payson Economic Development Committee, I have found that greater things happen when we unite the talents and interests around us and work together for the common good. I can help us build the foundation needed to start the town of Spring Lake and help us protect and cultivate the amazing community we all know and love.

## Next Steps for Spring Lake

We all love Spring Lake, and this change to begin our own town will need significant work to get us up and running right. No matter what any citizen or council member's vision is, these are many things that will need to be addressed and handled right away. There is a great work ahead of this incoming council and I am running, aware of the work ahead, and equipped with the ability to get it done. With solid systems in place, we will be able to build the foundation to make our small town run strong for years to come and to create the vision of the citizens, not just the vision of the new council. By stepping away from the county and becoming our own city, we will have responsibilities we need to prepare for:

- \* A General Plan, or Master Plan will need to be created and voted on. *I have experience with collaborating in groups and working with various agencies to create plans.*

- \* An annual budget will need to be created and voted upon. *As a successful business owner and entrepreneur, I have significant experience in budgeting, spreadsheets, profit and loss statements and other vital keys to help make this a success.*

- \*Emergency Services will need to be established. *I have contacts through the county and Santaquin City, and the ability to successfully work with them to negotiate the best way to keep our residents covered.*

- \*Town Ordinances will need to be discussed and written, as well as voted upon. While there are many varying opinions and needs throughout the residents of Spring Lake, there is a strong vein of love for this beautiful area and the desire to protect its unique attributes. *My vision for our town is to listen and establish the resident's vision of the town, and to help keep it the unique, peaceful and beautiful place that it is.*

- \*Road Maintenance and Snow Removal will need to be addressed. *Discussions and negotiations will need to start right away. I have experience in negotiating bids, and working with companies to develop contracts.*

\*City Processes for Accounting, Bookkeeping and overall transparency will be needed. *Proper business processes are the key, with a strong system of checks and balances that will protect the cities funds for many years to come are imperative. I have experience in assessing what we have and developing these systems in a way that can be followed, reported, and accounted for.*

I am happy to work hard and to serve the citizens of our new town.