

Good day, Hideaway, Texas! We just went through an exciting city election with a contested Mayoral position and two contested Aldermen positions. It is healthy for a community to have choices of who represents them, and I am honored to be able to serve as Mayor for our city and I thank all who stepped up to offer their service. My message was clear and simple in that I am not in favor of city property taxes nor city sales taxes and that we like our community the way it is. The old saying goes, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it," and there is much wisdom there. But there is also a continual need to look at our city operations and our community's needs, and if we can make improvements for a better quality of life for our residents, I believe we should look into these. During the campaign I heard many times that residents feel that they are not listened to, and that people say things to get elected but then do whatever they wish. I am not that person, and I will keep my word stated above. I also heard from many that they didn't quite understand the difference between the City and the Club, and I plan to clarify some of that, as well, in the future. I am busy learning about the city, reviewing what is in place, speaking with the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department about how the billing works, working with individuals on our emergency management plan, and many other things. I am a process-driven person from my years in law enforcement and government leadership, and I want to know the "whys" of things. Why are we doing what we are doing? Do we need to be doing it, and, if so, can we do it more efficiently? I came into the race with the same questions you had, and I am learning the actual answers and possible options - which I plan on sharing with you here and probably on social media as I learn more. I look forward to **much good stuff** working with the five Aldermen in coming months, and I invite your feedback and ideas.