Nelsonville City Council At-Large: Full Term (3 to Be Elected)

Responsibilities: Village Council is the legislative authority of the village. Council members set village policy and may work on issues such as water/sewer, safety, streets or parks.

Candidates in alphabetical order	**What specific skills or abilities would you bring to the city council?**	**Why do you want to serve as a council member?**	**If elected, what is your top priority? How would you address it?**	**What initiatives, if any, would you propose to support a sense of community in your city?**
Justin Booth 740-591-8046 justinbooth35@gmail.com	I feel like I bring rational thought, patience, and the ability to come to a consensus with people whose opinions differ. The beauty of the city council model is that people with diverse backgrounds and abilities come together as a group to advance the city. Not one person dominates the proceedings and all opinions are included which makes the product better for the citizens of our city.	Being a city resident, I have a vested interest in the city being the best that it can be. I also believe that a person should leave a thing better than they found it. I think that I can help the city and its citizens make Nelsonville the best it can be. We as a government do that by improving citizen safety, improving infrastructure, and setting rules and policies that foster growth in our people and our community.	My top priority is to ensure that the framework is there for the city to continue its growth and improvement for the generations to come. If we can come together and put away the petty infighting that has plagued our city for decades, Nelsonville can truly be the greatest version of itself possible.	I would support more community events, community dinners, more resources in recreational activities for residents.
Douglas M. Childs 614-929-4182 teamproductionnelsonville@gmail.com	Over 30 years of leadership development, training & operations management, problem solving, resource management, and compliance oversight. Volunteer work with community leaders and organizations such as The American Legion, VFW, Boy Scouts of America, and various church groups and youth organizations. Staff work involving research, analysis and consensus building.	I'm helping raise three young girls in this city. I want an environment for them to thrive in that is clean, safe, and capable of providing basic services so they may grow in a town that is progressive and successful. I believe government is accountable to the people and should remain transparent and fiscally responsible. I am only interested in helping the council to be productive in this regard and leave some of the historical issues plaguing council, in the past.	I would like to serve the community and advance measures that reinforce infrastructure, promote economic growth, and support services that keep an efficient and effective city government operating in a fiscally responsible manner. That means we have to look at ways to attract outside investment and encourage small businesses.	We have a number of ideas already being proposed or in progress to encourage a sense of community. The Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area needs to pass Council soon. The new Dog Park is progressing. The relationship between Hocking College and the city of Nelsonville needs to continue to be encouraged as the number of programs they currently offer and could potentially offer, benefit the community at large and supports tourism in the community.
Anthony Dunfee 740-331-0605 tdunfee76@hotmail.com	The continuing knowledge of how the city operates and the desire to listen and learn from the public along with other members of council to find a way to move forward in a positive cohesive manner. I have served on council for approximately five years and want to continue to work towards the goals set forth in the comprehensive plan and to create a new industry of Travel and Tourism for Nelsonville.	I want Nelsonville to be the best city it can possibly be for the families that live here and the new members we continue to gain.	To continue to update and replace the current infrastructure of the city. I will continue to support the search of grants and monies for these projects to be completed and maintained.	The continuation of public involvement in meetings and events. Finding ways to bring fellowship to our community by recognizing the need for community groups and events that spotlight our Historic Public Square and all of the businesses in Nelsonville.
Rita Nguyen 740-249-3404 ritanguyen4council@gmail.com	I'm an effective communicator. I have the ability to see the big picture and think outside the box for solutions. I use active listening skills when communicating with others. I can be a good mediator when needed. I bring years of experience working with many different personalities. I believe everyone has the right to bring issues and grievances before their governing body. Folks have the right to be heard and taken seriously, and not ridiculed by those who represent them.	I believe Nelsonville has great potential, but it needs a change in leadership. The people of Nelsonville deserve a governing body that is truly interested in serving the community at large and not individual interests. I believe the council needs to be held to a higher accountability than it has thus far. Integrity, Transparency, and Ethical accountability should be the cornerstone of any governing body and these are what I hope to bring to council.	In the current state, I believe the top priority would be to find a City Manager who is exemplary and ready to take on a challenge. It's important to have a fully staffed and working City Office and therefore would look to fill any open positions. I would make the hiring process open to the public by holding all interviews live. I would take into consideration any concerns brought to my attention regarding the candidate.	I have been working on building a strong and inclusive sense of community since I arrived. The first step was finding like minded individuals to help. We built a float for the Parade of the Hills. This float symbolized all the wonderful things Nelsonville once had and can have again. The next step, is creating and funding community events throughout the year. Creating a community entails creating relationships through interactions. We are currently working on other projects. Halloween, Easter
Daniel L. Sherman 904-55-30963 dsherman@sherman-development.com	Problem solving and leadership	To better our communitte	Working as a council of 7 not a council of 1 and four buddies. Continue rebuilding our inforstructure	Community events let the citizens get involved and listen to what they have say
Nancy Sonick	Candidate has not yet responded.	Candidate has not yet responded.	Candidate has not yet responded.	Candidate has not yet responded.