

Name: Jonathan F. Cope

Office: Mayor

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Age: 57

Occupation: President of Marco Transport, Inc.

Residence: 113 South 300 West

Years of Residency: 36 years



Qualifications:

- Member of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department 1976 – 1988
Served as Assistant Fire Chief for 2 years
Served as a Captain for 1 year
Served as Secretary for 1 year
- Salem City Council 1984 – 1987
Member of the Utah Municipal Power Agency Board of Directors
Served as Secretary/Treasurer 1 year
Served as Vice Chairman 1 year
- Co-Chairman (with my wife) of Salem Days 2007 & 2008
- Salem City Mayor June 2010 – January 2012
- Member of the Utah County Fair Board 2 years
- Self Employed Business Owner 18 years
- Worked in the Retail Business 15 years

My wife, Nadene, and I have spent the last 36 years in Salem, where we raised our six children. During that time we have had many opportunities to get involved in our community. Because of our love for Salem, we have tried to make a worthwhile contribution to anything and everything that we could, in an effort to make it a better place to live and to raise a family.

My interest in politics is strictly for Salem City. I have no political ambitions outside the city limits of our little community. I have a deep and abiding love for Salem and I want to make sure that the qualities that make up this unique little corner of heaven are maintained for future generations.

While we, as a City Administration have been faced with some very difficult issues in the past few months, I believe that the decisions that we made are the right decisions for Salem City and its Citizens. No one wants to face economic turbulence, but when such uncertainty comes along, we must step up and face the challenge head on, and that is just what we did. I have learned what it means to “stand alone”, and if that’s what it takes to do the right thing, then I will willingly stand alone. I believe in a principle based city government and not one that is driven by individual pride or self recognition. Success comes when we come together as a community and work for the good of all of the citizens, not small special interest groups. After all, we are “Salem City”.

It is my intent, to continue to look for ways to cut costs and save money wherever possible. We need to be proactive in our approach to managing the operations of our City, and assuring our citizens that their tax dollars are being spent in the most responsible manner possible.

Our business community is growing, we just recently added a new home for Salem Hills Pharmacy and I am very pleased to welcome a new grocery store to Salem. These are monumental steps of progress and I hope that they will pay big dividends in meeting the needs of our growing community. We need to continue to strengthen and enlarge our commercial tax base and bring the business community together to promote the well being of each of our businesses. That is why we continue to promote the theme “Shop at home and Save”.

I take the responsibility of Mayor very serious, and I am honored to represent our community in that capacity. I will continue do all within my power to lead with vision and strength while exemplifying the ideals and values that make us who we are. I look forward to a bright and glorious future and I am prepared to take on the unknown challenges which lie ahead. Together we’ll win.