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I graduated from Springville High School; I met my love of my life Margaret Lake here in Salem. Margaret was raised here in Salem. We have four children, twelve wonderful and fun grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We have made Salem our home for thirty seven years.

Margaret has worked at Neways for over seventeen years; she currently works in the Engineering department. I have been in the automobile business on Spanish Fork Main Street for over thirty eight years. I am currently co-owner of The Car Guys.

I have always loved working with people. I was blessed and grateful to serve Salem as your city councilman from January, 1988 to January, 1990 and respectfully served as Mayor from January, 1990 to January, 2006. I am happy to say that when I left office with the hard commitment of great city council and employees, we left good money reserves and the city in solid financial shape.

I am currently serving on the Central Utah Water Conservancy District as a board of trustee. I was appointed by Governor Walker in 2004 and reappointed by Governor Huntsman and Governor Herbert.

I am running for Salem Mayor again because of the love I have for Salem and the deep concern I have for its citizens. When times are hard and bad economics hit for so many, we need to slow down the spending and concentrate on our spending NEEDS and do our wanting when a better economic time returns.

When I was mayor, I had no problem freezing a department budget when the expenditures exceeded the revenues. I find by looking weekly at the budget, we can control it much better. By doing that at the end of the fiscal year that puts the budget in line, so we are not trying to move numbers around from one department to another to balance it. In most cases, there were funds left over for Salem to put in the bank for a rainy day fund.

We need to return to talking at the dinner table about family matters and not city problems. I am running not to mark time but to make a better difference.

Communication is a key necessity in running a city. Communication between the council and the mayor and honest communication and conversation with our city employees means all involved are on the same work and spending page. Without communication with the employees, we get frustrations, and that is not good for them or any of us citizens. We must have good communication with you the citizen on both input

and output. With many voices, we can get good ideas as well as help in solving problems.

The city must get information out in a timely manner, so our citizens are well aware of what is going on in the city. One example, of just many we did in the past, was we asked the citizens to pay for and adopt a fish (grass carp). It was not that the city did not have the funds, but it was fun and made all of us aware of what the fish did to keep the aquatic weed out of the pond and make us all aware of their importance. We all watched to make sure no one was catching our fish. That was just one small example; I called it 'Communication.'

Communication is a guarantee, a must, and I will do it again.

Volunteers are the strong heart beat of Salem. Our great men and women of our fire department and our EMT's spend hundreds of hours training and work very hard, so when you call and need their services, they respond and do their talents professionally and in a timely manner. To our many recreation volunteers that keep our children's bodies and minds busy, the Planning and Zoning board, emergency preparedness committee, Salem Days, and Miss Salem volunteers, on and on: all of them working to make Salem a better place.

(Warning) If I am fortunate to be elected, there is a very good chance I will be asking you to lend a hand and your talents again. When Curtis Lyman started building this wonderful city, it was not the money, but the hard work of talented people here helping to build on what we enjoy today.

We have a lot of great and talented citizens among us that can help keep building on this great community for future generations to enjoy. I have found out that you just have to ask and the citizens will respond. That not only saves money but builds pride for us all.

So there a very good chance I will ask you to help again. Many hands make lighter work for us all.

I will install an Economic Development board made up of successful business citizens and business owners and chamber of commerce. We need to promote our Salem businesses not only here in Salem but also to Woodland Hills, Elk Ridge, Payson, and Spanish Fork. We need to attract new and different businesses than what we have already. It is easy to start a business but keeping the doors open? That is the hard part. If our businesses can give us a quality product at a fair price, we all should try and work hard to shop their goods as well as help promote their service. That's what will help out our financial budget in the future.

We have a lot of empty building on the highway available for sale or lease.

We need to help keep their business doors open for longer than a couple years.

In closing I have always had a goal for Salem and that goal is 'To make Salem a safe, beautiful, and proud place in which to live and raise our families. Financially sound yet affordable enough to retire in.'