

My name is Robert B. Spedden, Sr. (Bob) and I have lived in Mineral since 2020. I moved here with my wife, Cathie from Omaha Nebraska. I served 20.5 years in the United States Air Force. My service included working for high ranking officers. Those assignments lead to top secret and above clearances and to the Defense Intelligence Agency in Sofia, Bulgaria for (2) two-year assignments. The job entailed working closely with the assigned Ambassadors, State Department employees and various assigned military branches. My company was started part-time while I was at Offutt Air Force Base. After retirement I concentrated on growing and building a lasting enterprise which lasted 40 years.

After attending a couple MTC meetings, which showed a lot of discord, infighting and general chaotic behavior. I decided to put in my letter of interest because my past experience could maybe bring back actual diplomacy, which does not happen overnight. I was seated on the Council for a short time (3 months), my seat was up for re-election, and I resigned to hopefully be accepted for a seat that was not up for re-election. I was not chosen. I STILL believe I am the new blood the Council needs to move forward.

I have seen Mineral grow in my neighborhood but have not understood some of the things that I have witnessed.

Mineral faces many challenges, there are street lighting issues for new builds and already established homes.

There are codes violations for driveways that should be roads. We need to enforce the codes with the builders.

Fine violators. If we need new codes then they need to be written. If we need a building inspector than hire by

the hour or part-time. Of course then there is a water issue, relief is in a new well. It is life, can we just keep

paying higher and higher prices buying from the county?

In September of 2020 my water bill was \$25, it is now almost \$70.

Abandon properties seem to be an issue. Hold the property owners to some kind of standard. Rent them out, renovate or tear them down. It's a blight.

Affordable housing is just not a political ball we throw back and forth. It is real, it affects people and their families. I have heard from citizens of the county not just Mineral on this issue. THERE are no good places to start out owning and not renting. Rents are outrageous.

Though research maybe there are viable options to solve this issue. Block grants from the government or a private

entity. Look into Habitat for Humanity, it worked for Jimmy Carter he dedicated his retirement years to building affordable housing.

Street repairs need to be addressed. Without proper streets it is hard to attract new homeowners. There needs to be an order in which this is done. Worst ones first and work from there within the budget that is set. There are also some sign issues, or lack thereof that need addressing.

In closing, I would like more time with the citizens to assist in solving of these problems. My years of experience in the military and being solely in charge of every estimate written for forty years, is experience you cannot buy.

I submit my resume.

Thank you

Bob Spedden