

Mayor, Council Members, and Santaquin City Staff,

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your hard work. Over the past few months, I have visited the city office frequently, and even under challenging circumstances, I have only experienced one meeting where I was not treated with respect.

I also want to highlight a few things I **deeply appreciate** that required significant care and attention:

1. The preservation of the Santaquin City Museum Building.
- 2., The excellent maintenance and care of our parks. This year was exceptional, and my family and I greatly enjoyed spending time in them.
3. The professionalism, knowledge, and training demonstrated by the front-end staff and community development office. If they did not have an immediate answer, they always made an effort to follow up with me.

Thank you for doing all this.

I love this town and am truly grateful for your service. I understand that all of us could likely earn more money working elsewhere, but Santaquin offers each of us something unique and valuable. For me, one of those things is a sense of friendship and community.

To be clear, I will not be running for city council—first, because I doubt I would be elected, and second, because I would not want to take on the challenges and pressures that I see you handle. Thank you again for your service.

This evening, I would like to bring up a few considerations for the council and Mayor:

1. **Transparency in Property Sales:** Would it be possible for the Council and Mayor to publicly post notices before selling city property? I ask this for two reasons:
  - It helps avoid any perception of under-the-table dealings.
  - It ensures everyone has an opportunity to participate in the buying process.

I understand the goal is to have the land developed in designated zones. These objectives could still be achieved through well-structured real estate contracts.

2. **Open Communication:** I have one personal request for this council: Please reach out to me directly to ask for my thoughts on matters instead of relying solely on one person's opinion. You are welcome to email me so that my responses are documented and can be shared if needed. If you need clarification, don't hesitate to ask. If legal counsel needs to reach out, that's fine too.

Please don't assume I am planning to oppose you. While I want my property protected, I remain open to communication.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely, Mark Openshaw A Willing Taxpayer