



**Application for Appointment to City Council**

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Office: (507) 375-3241 | Fax: (507) 375-4376

**Applicant Information**

Name: Jacob Charles Beckius  
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 City State Zip Code

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Email: Jake - Beckius @ live . com

Employer: C + B Operations

Occupation: Service writer / office manager

Are you 21 years of age or older?  YES  NO

Is your residence located within the city limits of St. James?  YES  NO

Which Ward do you reside in? Ward 1  Ward 2

Are you a registered voter in the City of St. James?  YES  NO

How long have you been a resident of St. James? 20 + years

- Please list relevant education or training:  
 Community engagement  
 Managing finances at my full time job as my own business  
 Speaking to customers respectfully and professionally
- Work Experience:  
 Self employed for 11 years, Managing my own business and finances  
 Work with public relations in my current position, assisting customers with their concerns or questions.

3. Community Volunteer Service:

Active duty firefighter for St. James Fire Dept  
Serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee for the city of St. James

4. I would like to serve as City Council Member because:

I want to do more for my community. I enjoy being apart of the fire dept. and Planning and Zoning Committee. But I am looking to be involved in more. I want to see St. James as a thriving Community and a positive and prosperous community for my daughter and future generations

5. Any other information you feel is important to the City Council Members as it considers your appointment for a council seat:

I am eager to be apart of something more and have more to offer to my community. I try to step up as much as my schedule allows withing the fire dept. and other areas as I can.

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## Applicant Information

Name: DAVID CHARLES FORSYTH  
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Street

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City State Zip Code

Phone: 507-920-6501 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: David.Forsyth2006@gmail.com

Employer: RETIRED

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you 21 years of age or older?  YES  NO

Is your residence located within the city limits of St. James?  YES  NO

Which Ward do you reside in?  Ward 1  Ward 2

Are you a registered voter in the City of St. James?  YES  NO

How long have you been a resident of St. James? 40 years

1. Please list relevant education or training:  
ST. JAMES HIGH SCHOOL

2. Work Experience:  
COUNTY HIGH DEPT  
FIRE DEPT  
MILITARY

3. Community Volunteer Service:

FIRE DEPT  
GAARD'S  
HONOR GUARD.

4. I would like to serve as City Council Member because:

TRY TO HELP THE CITY OUT

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I HAVE LIVED IN ST. JAMES ALL MY LIFE!

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## Applicant Information

Name: Lucas Craig Sauer  
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Street

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City State Zip Code

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Email: Lucas.Sauer@Poet.com

Employer: Poet Bioprocessing Lake Crystal

Occupation: Maintenance Manager

Are you 21 years of age or older?  YES  NO

Is your residence located within the city limits of St. James?  YES  NO

Which Ward do you reside in?  Ward 1  Ward 2

Are you a registered voter in the City of St. James?  YES  NO

How long have you been a resident of St. James? 5 years

1. Please list relevant education or training:  
Associate Degree in Applied Science - Garden City Community College, KS  
School of Ministry - Heartland Conference - Oklahoma City, OK

2. Work Experience:  
4 years - Ag Mechanic  
15 years - oil, natural gas Maintenance Foreman  
5 years - Poet - Maintenance Manager

3. Community Volunteer Service:

- helped coach youth sports
- Watonwan Jail ministry

4. I would like to serve as City Council Member because:

Our neighbors deserve a person who listens. Many people don't always feel comfortable bringing concerns directly to the city. I want to be a respectful, approachable voice who helps bring those issues forward and ensures they are heard and addressed.

5. Any other information you feel is important to the City Council Members as it considers your appointment for a council seat:

Between all the cities and towns that I have lived in, St. James has been the most enjoyable community that I have lived in.

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**Applicant Information**

Name: Kelly Schiller

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Street  
St. James, MN 56081

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Email: kschiller@madeliahealth.org

Employer: Madelia Health

Occupation: LPN

Are you 21 years of age or older?  YES  NO

Is your residence located within the city limits of St. James?  YES  NO

Which Ward do you reside in?  Ward 1  Ward 2

Are you a registered voter in the City of St. James?  YES  NO

How long have you been a resident of St. James? 40 years

1. Please list relevant education or training:

2. Work Experience:

LPN - Mayo Clinic 5/2011 - 9/2025  
 LPN - Madelia Health 9/2025 - Current  
 Volunteer Ambulance

## 3. Community Volunteer Service:

Member of Ambulance for 5 years  
Did many parades and Relay for Life through Mayo Clinic.  
Helped with Rail Run

## 4. I would like to serve as City Council Member because:

I am a lifelong resident of St. James.  
Would like to develop leadership skills and get civic experience.  
Build a better future for my daughter & I.  
Help make decisions to help make St. James a wonderful place to live.

## 5. Any other information you feel is important to the City Council Members as it considers your appointment for a council seat:

Living and working in St. James people know me from seeing me out in public and can build relationships and trust. I am a good listener and trustworthy. I work well with others.

I am excited to potentially be a part of the City Council in the town where I grew up and chose as my "home."

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### Applicant Information

Name:	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Ann</u>	<u>Shupe</u>
	First	Middle	Last
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	Street		
	<u>St. James</u>	<u>MN</u>	<u>56081</u>
	City	State	Zip Code
Phone:	<u>507-327-3217</u>		<u>507-217-5293</u>
	(cell)	(home)	(work)
Email:	<u>mashupe88@gmail.com</u>		
Employer:	<u>New Ulm Medical Center part of Allina Health</u>		
Occupation:	<u>Manger of Mental Health Services</u>		

Are you 21 years of age or older?  YES  NO

Is your residence located within the city limits of St. James?  YES  NO

Which Ward do you reside in?  Ward 1  Ward 2

Are you a registered voter in the City of St. James?  YES  NO

How long have you been a resident of St. James? 36 years

1. Please list relevant education or training:

I have my bachelor's degree in nursing and have 12 years of management experience.

2. Work Experience:

As a manager of mental health services, I manage the productivity and budget for the 3 units I manage. I also represent the regional mental health operations for Allina Health and the Minnesota Hospital Association. I am responsible for employee reviews, employee raises, facilitating interviews of new hires, and providing coaching as well as discipline if needed to ensure our patients are receiving the best care. I am a strong leader

3. Community Volunteer Service:

In full transparency, I haven't done much volunteering and feel this is an opportunity for me to give back to the community. I have been working in New Ulm for 23 years and haven't made volunteering a priority. Now it is time to change that.

4. I would like to serve as City Council Member because:

I am interested in making St. James a place that will be here for years to come. I want to help in making it become a strong community that others want to move to or visit. Learning more about how the city government works is interesting to me and it is time for me to give back to the community that helped Mike and I raise our sons.

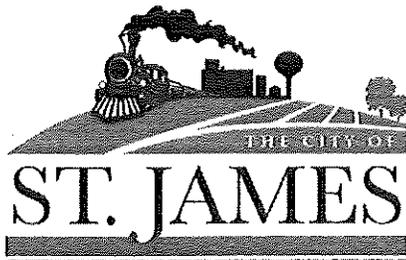
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I am eager to learn more about city government and will do my best I can for the citizens in Ward 2.

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## Applicant Information

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First Middle Last

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Street

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City State Zip Code

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Email: liamskogen01@gmail.com

Employer: First Baptist Church of St. James

Occupation: Pastor

Are you 21 years of age or older?  YES  NO

Is your residence located within the city limits of St. James?  YES  NO

Which Ward do you reside in?  Ward 1  Ward 2

Are you a registered voter in the City of St. James?  YES  NO

How long have you been a resident of St. James? 14 months

1. Please list relevant education or training:  
Bachelor's Degree in Bible Studies  
- Included classes on Church Administration, Public Speaking, American History, Writing

2. Work Experience:  
Pastor - Dec. '24 - Present  
Firefighter - Aug '25 - Present  
Grounds Keeper at Summer Camp - Summers of '22 and '24  
Cintas - '22 - '24  
Car Quest - '20 - '22  
Tractor Supply (Yard Manager) - '19 - '20  
Menards - '18 - '19

3. Community Volunteer Service:

- Volunteer Fire Fighter
- Operate "Victory in Jesus" out of our church which is an outreach that seeks to help those struggling with addictions

4. I would like to serve as City Council Member because:

It is an opportunity to serve the people of St. James and to make a difference in our community.

5. Any other information you feel is important to the City Council Members as it considers your appointment for a council seat:

My main purpose is to be a voice for truth and right in our community.

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