



Sebastian City Council Candidate Questions Charles Stadelman's Answers

The following questions were sent to all the candidates and each candidate confirmed receipt of them. The answers are unedited by the IRNA and CWC and copied directly from the text of the document that we received back. (Some candidates sent their own PDFs.) The answers below are the words of the candidates and we hope that their positions on various issues help you to know them better.

Glyphosate has been implicated as a cause of cancer in humans. The city had a moratorium in place that banned its use of glyphosate herbicide spraying in the past. However, Glyphosate is not the only bad chemical used in spraying. Will you vote to ban the city's use of other toxic synthetic chemicals on public property such as the canals and the stormwater retention ponds? If not, can you think of an alternative to the spraying to deal with pollution and damages caused to our environment and likely public health by chemical spraying?

Spray will kill you. Many different types of Spray will cause many diseases including but not limited to cancer and brain damage that may look like or be Autism. Spray is toxic.

Electricity..electricity will kill you. Electricity will burn and render you helpless and will cause death and damage to property if you touch it and sometimes just get close enough and zap.

Please see Electrical Code handbook that details how to use electricity. We use it everyday.

Please see Integrated Pest Management plan. For Storm water conveyance and parks rec Details how to use spray without damage to property or serious injury to humans or the environment that sustains it. Alternatives to spray are also detailed. Manual removal is preferred and Spray should be used as a last resort. And only as prescribed and IPM is found not sufficient it can be changed as needed to reflect new chemicals or applications.

Alternatives would be to pay for complete manual removal of pest.

The Graves Bros. annexation is back in front of the city council, almost twice as big as the failed initial proposal two years ago.

A. Will you as a city council member ensure that there is a fully transparent review process for any new Graves Bros. proposal?

B. How would you rate the process so far and how would you improve it?

C. Will you advocate for the city and the developer to follow the county's New Town rules and designate half of the annexation property for conservation and open space protection purposes as has been done in other large annexations, especially in Fellsmere?

This land was stomped on plowed up and shit on years ago. Have you seen what the real Sebastian River head waters really looks like. ??? Native population if could time travel would not recognize it. It has been dried out diverted used run hard put down wet not even a kiss. If we can get hold of this we could restore the ancient old Sebastian springs and headwaters make watershed areas green ways and buffer zones. Wildlife conservation areas that tie into what is already out there. Preserve and protect.

A. Yes to full transparency

B. Not the best. Could be worse. Would have like to seen some more master plan and city board input.

C. Yes and yes as well as to look for other avenues of revenue for developer and developer rights that do not include plow and build roofs. Decentralized finance and smart contracts and Blockchain to show proof of humanity is just one of many new avenue of revenue for Graves and Sebastian perhaps.

What will you do as a city council member to mend and improve relations with the county administration and what do you see as the City's relationship with the County and what it should be?

Find common issues and common ground on those issues. Meet personally with county officials as I have been. Our relation ships are forever linked and we are really many people living here in one county. A large party perhaps a couple of lunches with all county staffs and employees..I think bi lateral yearly State of the County and State of the City address to each Board and community. I went to Fellsmere elementary and to Sebastain Middle schools my mother she drives tractors at Fellsmere Farms for 40 years. I will be able to reach out and look common ways we all can all live together and prosper. Sebastian Vero and Fellsmere or whatever community may come.

The city is investing in a new stormwater management plan. There will be many controversial and expensive recommendations in this plan. In due course the city will be spending millions of dollars on projects to improve stormwater management. As a council member what will you do to improve public transparency, to gather public input on expensive projects that will impact people's lives and homes? Finally, how do you compare how the County maintains and operates it stormwater facilities vs. how the City does

General Development Corp left this place with swales and canals and we all moved right in. Stormwater has to be addressed and paid for no matter what or we can not live here. No choice. It is actually a very transparent process you can look it up online or go into community development and ask. City council did a terrible job before but City council is doing much better now than when all they did was ignore, or not vote in or try to overthrow the council or thrown out. The stormwater canal Management solutions that require hard choices never got to be motioned on. I do believe the funding should come from long long term funding revenue as these canals swales ect will be here in perpetuity.

A. Are you in favor of mandatory sewer connections where sewer lines are available?

B. Should the City offer any financial aid to help connect those homes that are house residents who are not financially able to afford up-front costs, i.e. financed through utility bill, obtain grant funding, etc.

A. Yes

B. Grant funding yes long term county wide sewer water bond issue yes...

The city's natural resources committee has drafted and partly implemented a plan to encourage sustainable behavior in many things its residents and departments do. Some argue that this program is merely superficial and does not get to the heart of creating a truly sustainable community. What would you do to make this a truly effective sustainability program?

This program is designed as a stepping stone to move the process of sustainability forward while getting benefit today.

It puts into place institutions that will be here long after we are gone. Starting with Litter Quitter and OFR programs Keep Indian River beautiful and address waste and unwanted use of resources thru recommended city codes and policies that hardly ever go away. Not in our life time.. Reduction thru implementation of new technologies and alternative energy sources or not using resources at all. It will convert a paper system to digital formats as well as convert some fossil fuel systems into electrified solar powered sustainable systems. And protect water quality all water bodies and integrate best Management Practices integrate low impact and green infrastructure for now to eternity. And promote overall livability as will change as needed just as Sebastain does.

That is alot let's do this any thing in here you wouldn't want to do?? Let's do it and see how effective we can be. Thanks

How would you suggest these ordinances can be updated to require reducing residential and commercial lawns in favor of native vegetation species and protecting and planting native tree species?

You cannot tell people what to do on their own property. Welcome to Russia ??? How about we recognize people have issues a love hate relationship with trees and lawns. Let's make incentives for people to keep trees perhaps tax credit per tree and planting native species in favor of grass reward the behavior that saves the trees not penalize and punish the people if Sebastian with with more ordinances and new codes

What do you think are the three most urgent, far-reaching and challenging issues facing the city over the next four years?

1. Trying to keep it the way we found it beautiful natural sustaining.
2. Annexation... From Housing and to commercial vestments and availability.
3. Water issues...from water and sewer to lagoon to swales to Sebastain river ect.