



	<b>Zachary Collett</b>	<b>Chris Costello</b>	<b>Darvin Markley</b>	<b>Katherine Young</b>
	Age 33, employed by EBH Engineering, moved to Marion two years ago after five years in Navy.	Age 65, bank president and lawyer, lifelong Marion resident and former school board member.	Age 62, self-employed farmer/rancher, moved to Marion 40 years ago, served on several community boards .	Declined to give age, retired school psychologist, moved to Marion in 2003 to work for special-ed co-op
<b>Biggest issue city faces</b>	Need for housing and supporting small businesses.	Infrastructure.	Housing availability and condition.	Lack of openness and ethics.
<b>Hopes to accomplish</b>	Give younger people a voice on the council.	Make a difference for the community.	Civic improvement so Marion can live up to its status as being county seat.	Beautification of the city and bringing ethics to the council.
<b>Evaluation of appointed officials</b>	"I'm not going to rate our city staff. I don't think that's fair to do that publicly."	A- to B+. Roger Holter lauded for obtaining grants to help pay for improvements.	D+ for Roger Holter; kudos to street department employees.	C for Roger Holter.
<b>Economic development</b>	No comment.	Hire a director who spends more time visiting with local business owners about their needs.	Hire a part-time director and meet with more area employers who might open sites here.	Hire an economic development director and develop more housing.
<b>Fighting crime and drugs</b>	Crack down and improve housing so the cost is unaffordable to drug users.	Refocus law enforcement on high-crime areas of town.	Encourage neighborhood watch programs.	Police should have more presence in areas known to have high drug use; strengthen and enforce condemnation ordinances.
<b>Where city spends too much</b>	No comment.	The city could cooperate more with Hillsboro and reduce spending.	Spending on items without consulting the city's comprehensive plan.	Doesn't know the city's budget well enough to answer.
<b>. . . and too little</b>	No comment.	"We really don't have the resources to do everything."	The city needs to follow a plan for capital improvements.	Doesn't know the city's budget well enough to answer.
<b>Paying for water, electric projects</b>	No comment.	Raise utility rates instead of property taxes so those who use utilities pay for them.	Terms of water loan require utility rates to pay it back, but city could look at existing funds for part of the cost.	Raise utility rates.
<b>Fate of industrial park's sales tax</b>	Wants to continue the tax for other projects.	Supports ending the tax.	Should be used to help pay for electric system upgrades.	Continue the tax to fund other projects.
<b>Links to lake, reservoir, Pilsen</b>	Wants to develop ties to tourism of those assets.	Wishes city could incorporate county lake into city limits.	City should build on tourism for these areas to draw money from beyond the immediate area.	Recreation should be a top-priority focus.
<b>Hike and bike trail</b>	Supports development.	Supports development.	Supports development.	Supports development.
<b>Dollar store controversy</b>	No comment.	Believes the city should have been more forthcoming with information on why drainage reserve wasn't needed.	City should have consulted zoning regulations before agreeing to sell land designated as reserved.	City should have honored its agreement with Dollar General to not allow a competitor in the industrial park.