

Jeff Dold

Candidate Information

Candidacy for:	City Councilman
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Occupation/Vocation:	Retired from General Motors. Now working with US Customs and Border Patrol.
Resident of Garden City:	55 years

All answers below are in black ink and are verbatim from the candidate's responses to the questionnaire. Edits were made to correct minor errors (e.g. a misplaced apostrophe). Bracketed words are edits where words were inadvertently left out by the candidate. Unanswered questions are left blank.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Why are you running for office? To help improve the quality of life for our residents

What experience do you bring to the role for which you are running? Over the years, I have served and continue to serve in leadership roles in many civic organizations, the GC Goodfellows, the SE Michigan Veterans Stand Down, and the American Legion to name a few. I was appointed to and sat on the Garden City Planning Commission for a decade. I am a GM retiree with many years of experience serving the 15,000 employees at my plant as their UAW Local 735 2nd Vice President.

AFFORDABLE LIVING IN GARDEN CITY

Do you consider Garden City an affordable community for its current and prospective residents? *Choose one: Yes, No, Undecided.* Yes

Please explain your answer to the question above. How is it proving affordable? Or if unaffordable, what changes would you advocate to make it more so? Our struggles are no different than our surrounding communities. However, I believe there are always ways to tighten our belts, review unnecessary Spending and ease up on our taxpayers. That being said, our housing base remains stable and affordable.

GARDEN CITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Is Garden City's vision to be a business-friendly community succeeding?

Choose one: Yes, No, Undecided. Yes

How is Garden City succeeding or not succeeding to be a business-friendly community? What specifically could the City Council do, if anything, to bring more businesses into Garden City? We are filling our vacancies and there is new renovation happening throughout the city. The city has hired a Community Development Director and part of his position will be to recruit new businesses and assist with existing business growth.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY/SECURITY

Do you believe the general safety and security in Garden City's neighborhoods are at risk? *Choose one: Yes, No, Undecided.* No

Please share your thoughts about the safety and security in the community. Our PD and FD are among the best, they have excellent response times and patrol our streets vigilantly. However, I would like to see the city be able to afford to hire a few more officers on both sides.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

In light of today's divisive cultural climate, there is debate on whether the current restriction of speech which threatens or incites direct physical violence should be expanded to include speech perceived as emotionally or spiritually harmful (or "hate speech" as it is often called).

Do you support modifying the free speech standard to disallow speech that is perceived as emotionally or spiritually harmful? *Choose one: Yes, No, Undecided*
No

Please explain your position regarding speech that is perceived as emotionally/spiritually harmful and how it relates to the First Amendment. Freedom of speech should be just that, freedom. Freedom for all to say what they choose to say.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES

Do you believe the promotion of DEI initiatives in Garden City's government and community activities is beneficial or not beneficial? *Choose one: Beneficial, Unbeneficial, Undecided* Beneficial

Please share the pros and cons that you see related to DEI either in principle or implementation. If implemented and managed well, DEI initiatives would create a welcoming workplace to all cultures and race. My concern would be hiring for diversity instead of qualifications and education.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Do you believe humanity's impact on climate change poses an immediate threat to the Garden City community? *Choose one: Yes, No, Undecided* No

Please share how Garden City should respond to this issue. I don't believe there is an immediate threat, to some degree climate change is part of a natural cycle. Whether we believe this is a threat or not, we can still engage in activities that will protect our environment, such as planting more trees, building sustainable buildings and improving our energy consumption.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

Who do you consider the most vulnerable and in need of protection in Redford? *Choose all that apply: The elderly, The unborn, The disabled, the LGBTQIA+ people, Other:_____.* The elderly

Please share how you would like to see these vulnerable persons ensured greater protection in the Garden City community. I would like to improve our communication with our senior community, providing them with a 'one stop shop'. I will work to ensure they feel safe communicating their needs and will work diligently to provide them.

ENGAGING WITH THE FAITH COMMUNITY

Garden City has a diverse faith community, many of whom are practicing some form of Christianity and attending one of the local churches. This questionnaire has been developed for these practicing Christians.

Are you regularly engaged with a local church either in Garden City or in a nearby city? *Choose one: Yes, No* Yes

ENDORSEMENTS

Please list any organizations or public figures who have given you their endorsement. Senator Dayna Polehanki, Representative Dylan Wegela, Wayne County Commissioners David Knezek and Glenn Anderson. UAW Region 1A, Detroit Electrical Workers Local 58 IBEW, UAW Local 735 Retirees

CONCLUDING WORDS

In 10 words or less, what do you consider the most pressing need for Garden City? This brief answer will be included in the printed voter guide. Transparency, Integrity and Recovery

Feel free to share additional comments to the question above. For too long the residents of Garden City have not been given the full picture, I am open and honest and will communicate the what's and why's of my actions. I want to work to reclaim all that has made Garden City a great place to live in the past, while securing us our place in the future.