

Glenwood City Council – At Large

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Other - Information about making contact with the candidate.

Dan McComb	10/22 – spoke with candidate at Forum, gave paper questionnaire. 10/24, 1:38pm, Left phone message. 10/26, 8:53pm, left phone message. 10/26 10am, candidate returned call, said will provide written answers on 10/27. 10/27 10 am, written answers acquired.
Ryan Roenfeld	10/22 – spoke with candidate at Forum, gave paper questionnaire. 10/24, 1:11pm, Left message with woman. Answers copied from email received 10/24/15, 6:01pm.
Joe Sainato	10/22 – spoke with candidate at Forum, gave paper questionnaire. 10/24, 1:36pm, Emailed reminder. 10/26 10:44am, left phone message. 10/26 10:59am, emailed reminder. Answers copied from email response received 8:59am, 10/27/15

Biographical - Please include biographical information, e.g. family members, church affiliation, employment, etc., you consider important for voters to know and/or reference your website.

Dan McComb	Sandra and I have been married for 20 years. Sandra has worked all of her life at Glenwood State Bank and has two daughters. I am retired and I have two sons. We have 10 grandchildren. We are member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Mineola, Iowa.
Ryan Roenfeld	I am a 5th generation resident of Mills County and live in the neighborhood I grew up in with my fiancée and two children.
Joe Sainato	My name is William Joseph Sainato. I go by my middle name, Joe. I was born in Mesa, AZ and moved to Massachusetts at age 3. My family moved back to the Phoenix area when I was 10 years old. From there I enlisted in the Marine Corps. After serving 5 years I moved back to Phoenix. My mother went to high school in Bellevue and encouraged us to move to Omaha. I work for Glenwood Rescue and I am a Volunteer Firefighter. I moved to Glenwood after working here for over a year. I am married and we have a 16 year old daughter and an 11 year old son. Glenwood has become the place that we are proud to call home and we don't plan on leaving here ever. I am Catholic.

Motivation - What has motivated you to seek this office? What do you hope to accomplish?

Dan McComb	I want to help get the city financial issues back in order. I think this will give the citizens of Glenwood more trust in City Hall when that is accomplished.
Ryan Roenfeld	The city seems to have lost direction, fiscal responsibility, and vision for the future.
Joe Sainato	My motivation for running for city council is simple: I want to make a difference in the community I have come to love. I hope to bring a fresh perspective to the city government and I hope to help the council become a team that puts the needs of the residents of this city first. Most of all I want to preserve the wonderful feel of home this city already has.

Qualifications - What three qualifications do you bring to this office?

Dan McComb	<p>I was a member of the Clarinda School Board for 9 Years. I was employed at Lisle Corporation for 48 Years. I was a member of the Iowa National Guard for 40 Years.</p> <p>On my first board meeting I learned our district had made a mistake and over spent our school district by \$200,000.00 Dollars. For the next three years we had to pay the State of Iowa back. There were some very hard decisions to make for the school district. Programs and positions not filled. At Lisle Corporation my last 18 years I was a supervisor. I held management position in the following departments. Lisle employed around 200 workers. <u>Tool & Die</u>, All die repair and upkeep. All machine repair in the factory. Made all of the experimental tooling and testing prior to new development of a tool for marketing to public. <u>Shop Foreman</u>, First, Second and Third shifts per day depending on the work load. Finished machine work on tooling, robot and Mig welding of tooling. <u>Turret Lathe Foreman</u>, Ran 24 Hour shift five days a week. 2-CNC Lathes, 12-6 Spindles Cones, 2-8 Spindles Cones. 6-Brown & Sharp.</p> <p>My last 18 years in the guard I held the position of 1SG for 9 years in 3 Infantry Company. I graduated from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas in 1996. I held positions in 34th Maintenance CSM, 67th Troop Command CSM, my last assignment CSM HHD, 185" Corps Support Battalion in Iraq 2004. I feel I can collect information and make correct decisions for our city. I have learned from my work environments that if a problem is not corrected you have now set a new standard. Correct the problem. You are an elected official do your job.</p>
Ryan Roenfeld	I was on the Glenwood city council in 2002-2003 and understand how municipal government is supposed to operate, I am the former president of the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County and know how to manage a budget, and I'm so stingy I'd rather hang my towels up to dry than pay Mid-American Energy to do it.
Joe Sainato	Leadership. I learned leadership skills in the Marine Corps and I will bring these fundamentals to the city council if elected. Integrity. This is a quality that I believe in entirely. It is a necessity that the people that have put their faith in us to represent them know that we will do what is right for them without hesitation. Decisiveness. The ability to make a decision in a critical situations based on the information at hand without hesitation.

Priorities - What order of priority would you place on dealing with which issues facing the city?

Dan McComb	My first priority would be to meet with all of the department heads and hear first hand their issues they may have. I would have areas that I feel we need to address to save money. The bottom line is the council and mayor need to get the financial issues in order. You cannot run your home without knowing your balance in your accounts and the city cannot operate either not knowing their balances.
Ryan Roenfeld	Get the budget balanced and find ways to encourage increased sales tax revenue.
Joe Sainato	As I've stated numerous times, my main priority is the people of this community. I think one of the biggest issues this city is facing is a divided city government. It is imperative that our collective goal is the well being of our residents that have chosen us to lead them and our personal feelings or goals need to be put aside when making decisions that affect the city as a whole. The city's budget is a big issue right now and needs to be dealt with right away, but it will be close to impossible unless the members of the council and the mayor can work as an effective team.

Eminent Domain - Describe your thinking on eminent domain and private property rights.

Dan McComb	I feel in a large city you may have eminent domain issues with enlargement of Inter- states highways, new bridges. I do not see that in Glenwood, but if you did you better do your homework very good before making any decision.
Ryan Roenfeld	I can see almost no reason why eminent domain should ever be used and never ever for private commercial development.
Joe Sainato	I believe that private property rights are very important and I don't agree with eminent domain. No property owner should ever be put in a position to be forced to sell their property.

Personal story - Please briefly describe a situation where you had to stand alone for what you thought was right when the momentum was pushing the other way. What was the result?

Dan McComb	We have all had issues in our life that we must deal with. All are different and are handled in different ways. You learn from your decisions and at times wish you had maybe changed the direction you took. Easy to say after the fact.
Ryan Roenfeld	While on the council I voted against the Y because I did not think it would best serve all members of this community. I was outvoted. People still tell me it is too expensive, particularly if they have two or more children.
Joe Sainato	There was never a time I can remember that I was in this position. However, I am confident that if I am ever put in this position and I believe in what I am standing for I will stand strong and work ethically, rationally, and steadfast to achieve my goal.

[Regardless of what office is being sought, we ask the following questions so voters can better predict how you will handle tough issues.]

Decision making - To whom/what will you go for counsel in decision-making?

Dan McComb	At times the Mayor and council may discuss personal issues in a closed door meeting, but in open meeting each council member has a vote on that issue.
Ryan Roenfeld	I keep my own counsel in the best interests of the taxpayer.
Joe Sainato	When I was in the Marine Corps I had a Sargent that inspired me in more ways than I am able to convey. He was, and remains, a driving force for good in my life. He is a patriot, a good family man, and one of the most humble leaders I have ever had the pleasure of serving under and I know that he will be there for me to consult with and offer an opinion that is unbiased and fresh and he will provide me with a honest and open-minded view no matter what the issue. Thank you Sargent Mercer.

Abortion - What definition do you give for each of these terms: pro-life, pro-choice? How do you define yourself and how did you arrive at that view?

Dan McComb	[not answered]
Ryan Roenfeld	It ain't my business to tell a woman what she can or can not do and it sure isn't the governments. That is up to her and her god.
Joe Sainato	Pro-life: Anti-abortion by definition. Pro-choice: Advocates for abortion rights. This is a tough issue. My view is that every situation is unique. I believe in an individual's right to make their own decisions about their own life. However, I believe in making responsible decisions so that these harder decisions don't need to be made. There are some circumstances that may require more consideration than others. I don't believe in bringing children into the world if those children won't be properly cared for. I also am not a woman and I couldn't begin to imagine what it would be like to be faced with the decision to bring a new life into the world. Personally I am largely pro-life, but as I stated above, every situation is unique and I do not think that this issue can be blanketed in a single black and white ruling.

Marriage - Discuss your response to the Supreme Court's decision concerning gay marriage.

Dan McComb [not answered]

Ryan Roenfeld Again, it's not my business, or the governments, to determine what grown adults want to do.

Joe Sainato My response to the supreme court's decision concerning gay marriage is that it doesn't affect me at all. Religion aside, this is America and I believe in the individual's right to do what makes them happy inside the limits of the law. I don't believe in putting restrictions on any American's pursuit of happiness. I am happily married to the woman of my choice and I don't see why everyone else shouldn't be able to make the same choice in their lives.

Anything else – Declare anything else you want voters to know about you.

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Ryan Roenfeld I'm from a small town in Iowa. Live and let live.

Joe Sainato I am not a politician. I am an American and I am a patriot. With all my heart and all my soul, I believe in the fundamentals this country was founded on. I believe in community and family and service to those ideals and I will represent those who have chosen me to help secure their interests to the best of my ability without letting my personal feelings impede my views. I will do so with honor and integrity and I will not let the people of this community go unheard.
