

# Mayor of Glenwood

## Jessie Lundvall

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### Other - Information about making contact with the candidate.

**Jessie Lundvall** 10/21, 9:03 am, Left message. 10/21, 8 pm, candidate called back asking for email. 10/21, 8:45pm, Emailed questionnaire. 10/22, 12:25 pm, candidate sent back completed questionnaire.

**Brian Tackett** 10/21, 9:01am, Called and spoke with secretary at law firm. Was told to go ahead and email questions. 10/21, 9:18 am, Emailed questionnaire. 10/22, 9:00pm, Spoke to candidate at Forum asking for a response to email. Stated he was very busy and many of the questions did not pertain to him. 10/23, 3:53pm, candidate informed by emailed that opponents had answered. Fri, 23 Oct 2015 3:59pm Candidate emailed, "I appreciate the follow up. Unfortunately, I have family in this weekend that I see rarely, so I will be taking the weekend off. I will do my best to look it over next week." 11/10, 5:47pm, re-sent email questionnaire.

### 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.

**Jessie Lundvall** I am 34 years old and have resided in Glenwood for most of my life. I am a fifth generation resident. I served six years in the Iowa Army National Guard. I am employed as a career firefighter with a department in Nebraska. I own a small business which operates in Glenwood. I am married and have two children ages 3 and 5. We also have two foster children, ages 15 months and 2. We attend Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. I currently hold the "At Large" seat on the Glenwood City Council. I have been with the council for nearly two years. My interest in politics started as a young child. My grandmother would share stories of my grandfather's election experiences from when he was the Mills County Sheriff. As I continued into high school, I found myself very interested in democracy. In my professional life, I have found being an advocate for people as well as being a public servant is my true calling.

**Brian Tackett** [Waiting for response]

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

**Jessie Lundvall** [not answered]

**Brian Tackett** [Waiting for response]

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

**Jessie Lundvall** I have an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from Iowa Western Community College and a Bachelor's of Fire Science and Emergency Management from Kaplan University. I have many years of experience serving the public in a volunteer and professional capacity as a firefighter. I have two years of experience being directly involved with Glenwood's City Operations. I am well versed with the budget and the struggles of operating within that budget and respecting the amount of money we have been given. I have experience as a business owner as well as experience in serving the people of Glenwood to recognize that my elected position be that of a liaison for the people of Glenwood. To help express their wants through my vote. I have experience managing employees and making tough decisions that are best for the institution.

**Brian Tackett** [Waiting for response]

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

**Jessie Lundvall** As a mayor of Glenwood, my first priority is maintaining a balanced budget. We have to be able to operate with in our parameters of tax dollars. With that in mind-we also need to make sure that our employees who oversee the budget and financial operations of the city are knowable and well experienced in their department. That being said, my second priority would be the expansion of Glenwood's tax base. We have an Urban Revitalization and Urban Renewal Program that was created to attract new businesses as well as assist existing businesses. These programs along with the new Highway 34 corridor give our community great opportunities to grow and be attractive to new businesses. My third priority is developing an ordinance to maintain Glenwood's integrity through creating a standard for rental properties. This would assure that rental properties did not become substandard and hinder its surrounding properties valuations.

**Brian Tackett** [Waiting for response]

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

**Jessie Lundvall** I feel people should be given the option to sell their property to the government, rather than it be mandated to be sold. I feel that this option also allows for a fair price to be agreed upon. My Great Grandfather was affected by Eminent Domain during the development of Highway 34 and the Highway 275 overpass, south of Glenwood. His farm land was used to develop that area. Although we could not imagine life without those passage ways, he struggled to get the fair amount from the government and was later compensated for the state's underestimation of the land's worth.

**Brian Tackett** [Waiting for response]

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?

**Jessie Lundvall** When I ran for City Council, my mother asked me why I was running. I told her that I wanted people to have a voice and I wanted to make a difference in the community that I love and want my children to love. I wanted to be apart of making something great for years to come. I wanted to show the citizens that it doesn't take being wealthy or having social status to give back to a community that has given me so much. Since being on council, I have had no problem questioning projects and proposals. I refused to vote for the pool's design and estimation--the 45 page document was given to us during the meeting. I, nor the other council members had had a chance to review its contents. I was against the vine street project and the special assessment for the property owners on that street. I was able to work with two other council members to join me, we worked out a plan with our financial advisory specialist. We passed the project with no special assessment for those property owners. I also demanded higher levels of accountability from our City Administrator, I researched Iowa Code and found a written law where financial information was to be submitted to Council by a certain date. This was adopted as practice and this has helped our city with solving its financial deficiencies.

**Brian Tackett** [Waiting for response]

[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?

**Jessie Lundvall** When making a difficult decision, I ask citizens what they want. I ask my 87 year old grandmother who lives on a fixed income. I ask myself, who is a middle class citizen. I meditate/ pray. I listen when people tell me their thoughts. I educate them on lost details and they educate me on how my decision will affect their life. As an elected official, I am a liaison, not a dictator. I acknowledge the same people who elected me, can change that in the next election. It's very important for me to be their voice and advocate at city hall.

**Brian Tackett** [Waiting for response]

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?

**Jessie Lundvall** Abortion is a tough topic. Personally, I am pro life. I believe every child is created with a purpose. With that being said, I have not walked in the shoes of a scared pregnant teen or had to carry a child that resulted from rape. I have not been faced with choosing to live or die by delivering a baby. Therefore, I am in no position to judge those who make the decision for abortion. As a foster parent and child advocate, I know there are many parents waiting to love that unexpected/unwanted child and give it the best of opportunities they could. I wish mothers who are making the decision to have an abortion would think of adoption as an option and that the gift of life is really a gift. It's not given to everyone--let adoption be considered.

**Brian Tackett** [Waiting for response]

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

**Darcey Butts** The Supreme Court 's job is to interpret the law, not to make the law. But it seems to me they are now making the law in this case.

**Jessie Lundvall** In the eyes of the law, I believe everyone should be able to marry. All people in this great nation are entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

**Brian Tackett** [Waiting for response]

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

**Darcey Butts** I will listen to the voters and not the special interest groups of the city. I think the business environment must be more welcoming than restrictive with undo permitting and zoning.

**Jessie Lundvall** [Nothing further noted.]

**Brian Tackett** [Waiting for response]



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