



MEET THE WEAVERVILLE MAYOR CANDIDATES



Dee Lawrence

Lawrence is a current councilman elected in 2023. He still has two years left on his term as a councilman, so if elected, he would vacate his council seat. A replacement would be appointed from among the other council members — meaning turn-over of four council seats instead of three.

“Since the current Mayor has chosen not to run, I felt that it was important to have continuity with the Town Council, especially in light of having three or four new Council members after this election. My major goal is to make sure we have a council that is engaged in managing the expected growth of the town, as well as maintaining the high level of services our residents expect.”

Lawrence has lived in Weaverville for 18 years.



Andrew Nagle

Nagle previously served on the Weaverville town council for eight years and earned a reputation as a no-nonsense leader — someone who prioritizes results over rhetoric. As for his legacy, he hopes to continue making meaningful contributions through practical, effective governance.

“With three open council seats and only one other candidate with limited experience running for mayor, I felt like it was the time to step up. I have the experience, the knowledge and the desire to serve the town as mayor — I am ready to lead on day one.”

“I have seen town politics become more partisan and this will only hurt Weaverville. Mayor and council are non-partisan roles that only deal with the nuts and bolts of running the town, not national issues and not social issues. These roles should be filled based on qualifications not affiliations.”

Turnover

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What are the top three issues facing Weaverville, and how would you address them?

Lawrence

Lawrence said the top three issues facing the town are managing growth, traffic and affordable housing.

Nagle

Managing growth also topped Nagle’s list of priorities.

“We need to be educated when it comes to proposed developments, and we need to collaborate with the county and state regarding traffic issues.

We cannot stop growth, but we can be smart about it. Affordable housing is a major concern related to growth. We need housing that doesn’t exclude young people and those in the service field.”

Nagle is also concerned the current leadership is not listening to the public. “Meetings are not conducive to public input. I would allow for more feedback during meetings. The council must listen to the taxpayers, and the Mayor should lead by example.”

Budget concerns rounded out his list.

“The town needs to get back to a balanced budget without dipping into savings. Leadership has allowed access to these savings for the past couple of years for regular operating expenses. These funds should be saved for emergencies or high capital projects.”

What makes you the right person for this position?

Lawrence

“I bring management experience from supervising technical sales and support staff at large companies like HP, Sprint and IBM/Siemens. Because our town exists to provide the high quality of services our residents expect, moving from customer service to public service is a natural transition.”

Lawrence said his career experience gives him “the skills to fix broken things.”

In his role as a current councilman, he has been involved in the three-year strategic plan and a tracking program to help in managed progress toward the strategic plan goals.

Nagle

“I am the right person because of my experience both in public office and in business. In my professional life, I lead a company — I’m used to setting clear priorities, partnering rather than posturing and measuring results. I will bring that, plus my common-sense approach and willingness to do all the homework to make informed decisions, to lead the town.”

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