



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 27, 2009

Contact: Jay Vavricek (308) 380-4913, JVavricek@krgi.com

Jay Vavricek Announces Run for Grand Island Mayor

“As our state and local economy faces an economic uncertainty, I believe in smaller government, fewer taxes and more value for each tax dollar spent. We must make our government more responsive to the needs of taxpayers and to those that create jobs. We don’t need more taxes, we need more opportunity, jobs, lower taxes and openness in government decision making. That is why I am running for Mayor,” said former Grand Island Mayor Jay Vavricek. “My focus as Mayor will be to protect taxpayers, help create jobs for the people of our community, be a strong communicator and increase public trust in government. I am energized and overwhelmed by the enthusiastic support from those whose advice I’ve received in making this decision.”

Jay Vavricek’s record of accomplishments as Mayor:

- As approved by voters, the City's property tax rate was lowered by a third from 37 cents to a 25 cent mill rate
- Lowered the City's property tax rate a second time from a levy rate of 25 cents to a lower 23.8 levy rate.
- Rallied to address community emergencies of ground water contamination and the 2005 Flood including cutting North Road to recede flood waters threatening North West Grand Grand Island.
- Initiated further efforts to significantly eliminate odors from the city's waste water treatment plant
- Promoted greater cooperation and trust with Hall County Government
- Increased services to senior citizens while expanding the Grand Generation Center
- Increased emergency responder service to tax payers with a new fire station on donated land from Fonner Park
- Increased public safety with a new police law enforcement facility and resolved a long standing GIPD wage dispute
- Increased services with the expansion of the Edith Abbott Library.
- Increased the expansion of over 2700 new jobs important to our local economy including the successful recruitment of the Nebraska Army National Guard Aviation facility to Central Nebraska.

“We need to insure every tax dollar is wisely invested. I believe citizens share in my concern to maintain an even safer community and the effects of illegal immigration, doesn’t make it any easier. I’m proud of my lifetime record of volunteer and elected public service to our community. I’ve helped to increase jobs, landed new employers, cut property taxes and worked for greater government accountability. I’ll be a strong communicator, work hard, stretch every dollar and treat each person with respect and dignity. I’m proud of what we accomplished and be honored to serve again as your Mayor,” said Vavricek.

Paid for by Vavricek for Mayor