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## **Jay Vavricek files for Grand Island Mayor**

“I’m proud of my lifetime record of volunteer and elected public service to our community. As your former Mayor, I’ve helped to create jobs, attract new employers, cut property taxes and worked for greater government accountability and that is why I would be honored to serve again as your Mayor, said Vavricek.”

“As your next Mayor, I will work to make local government more responsive to the needs of taxpayers and to those that create jobs. We don’t need more taxes, we need more opportunity, good paying jobs, lower taxes and transparency in government decision making.”

“My focus as Mayor will be to protect taxpayer interests, create jobs for the people of our community, be a strong communicator, treat people with respect and dignity, insure safe neighborhoods and work to increase public trust in city government. Vavricek said.”

### **Jay Vavricek’s record of accomplishment as Grand Island Mayor 2002 - 2006**

#### **Created Jobs**

- 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.

#### **Lowered Grand Island City Property Taxes**

- As approved by voters, the City's property tax rate was lowered by a third from 37 cents to 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.

#### **Addressed Ground Water Contamination and Flooding issues**

- 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 Island.

#### **Improved the Quality of Life and Community Safety for all Residents of Grand Island**

- Initiated further efforts to significantly eliminate odors from the city's waste water treatment plant.
- 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 services with the expansion of the Edith Abbott Memorial Library.
- Increased support to public safety with a new police law enforcement facility and resolved a long standing GIPD wage dispute.