



VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

2019 General Election and Special Bond Election TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

This Election will be a Vote by Mail Election. A Vote Center will be located at the American Fork Library (64 S. 100 E.) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

vote.utah.gov

afcity.org

The Election Officer will post on the city's website (www.afcity.org) the location of the each voting precinct, each early voting polling place, and each election day voting center, including any changes to the location of a polling place and the location of an additional polling place. For more information regarding the location of the polling place, please call 801-763-3000.

American Fork City Resident:

On November 5, 2019, American Fork City voters will have the opportunity to vote in the General Municipal Election. In addition to the three Council seats up for election, citizens will have the opportunity to vote on the American Fork Fire Station Bond.

The 2019 Municipal Elections are being conducted "Vote by Mail" which is a system where all registered voters will receive their ballot in the mail beginning the week of October 14th. On Election Day, a Vote Center located at the American Fork Library (64 S. 100 E.) will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for voters who did not receive their ballot, misplaced their ballot, those who need assistance with voting, or want to vote in person. Voters may vote at any of the Vote Centers located throughout the county.

Please visit www.vote.utah.gov or www.afcity.org for more information on the elections.

This pamphlet contains information on the American Fork Fire Station Bond, including the arguments for and against the bond. Also included in this Voter Information Pamphlet is information on each candidate, registering to vote, Vote by Mail procedures (including how to return your ballot), Early Voting dates, and Election Day Vote Centers.

Please take the opportunity to study this pamphlet so you can make an informed decision.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 801-763-3000 or elections@afcity.net.

Sincerely,

Terilyn Lurker
City Recorder

OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL GENERAL BALLOT
AMERICAN FORK
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019



Terilyn Lurker

Terilyn Lurker, City Recorder

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for the candidate or candidates of your choice, fill in the oval ● next to the candidate's name. Use a black or blue ballpoint pen. If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, contact the County Clerk's office. Completely fill in the oval. ●

American Fork City Council
Four Year Term
Vote for up to 3 candidates

- KYLE BARRATT
- KEVIN J BARNES
- JEFFREY C SHORTER
- ROBERT SHELTON
- CLARK P TAYLOR

American Fork Fire Station Bond

Shall American Fork City, Utah be authorized to issue General Obligation Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$8,500,000 and to mature in no more than 21 years from the date or dates of issuance of such bonds for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of purchasing real property, acquiring, constructing, and equipping a new fire station ("Station") and related improvements?

If the Bonds are issued as planned, without regard to the taxes currently levied for outstanding bonds that will reduce over time, an annual property tax to pay debt service on the proposed bonds will be required over a period of 21 years in the estimated amount of \$38.94 per year on a \$ 300,000 primary residence and in the estimated amount of \$70.80 per year on a business having the same value.

The City has other outstanding bonds for which a tax decrease would occur upon the retirement of such bonds, which may not occur if the proposed bonds are issued.

The foregoing information is only an estimate and is not a limit on the amount of taxes that the City may be required to levy to pay debt service on the bonds. The City is obligated to levy taxes to the extent provided by law in order to pay the bonds.

- FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS
- AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

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FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY ESTIMATE

The proposed bonds of \$8,500,000 would fund construction of a second fire station in the northeast portion of the city and purchase land in the southwest portion of the City for a future fire station. The estimated tax impact of these bonds would be \$38.94 per year on a home valued at \$300,000 and \$70.80 on a business having the same value. Debt service on the new bonds is estimated at \$575,000 annually. The City currently has 4 General Obligation bonds outstanding. Two of these bonds, the 2015 and 2016 General Obligation Refunding bonds, were issued to build the City's pressurized irrigation system. These bonds are repaid through user charges and not property tax. The City's remaining two General Obligation bonds (the 2014 and 2011 General Obligation refunding bonds) are paid through property tax revenue and were used to build the City's police & courts building, along with the City's current fire station. The police & courts building bond will retire in 2020, and the fire station bond will retire in 2021. If the proposed General Obligation bonds are approved, the annual debt service on the police/courts and fire station bonds would be replaced with the new General Obligation bonds. Based on current estimates, there would be a 27 percent decrease between current debt service (2020) and debt service in 2022. If approved, the new bonds would be issued in 2020.

THE ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSED BOND ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS:

ARGUMENTS FOR THE BOND:

American Fork City is seeking to purchase land, provide site improvements, and construct a new fire station by financing the project with an \$8.5 million general obligation bond. The new station would be built in the northeast section of the community, providing quick response to both the east and west sides, via the soon-to-be-built Murdock Connector. These areas currently have a response time of 8-10 minutes. National service standards indicate emergency personnel should arrive to render assistance within 4-6 minutes of receiving a call. With the new station, 90% of the community would receive service within the recommended time. The station will be built in one year. It will include three equipment bays, a training room for public safety personnel, and an underground firing range for police to maintain critical skills. The bond will also include funding to purchase land for a future fire station to be built south of I-15.

The American Fork Fire & Rescue mission statement says "We believe in creating a safer everyday life...We back that up with our passionate people, premier performance, and an almost obsessive drive to innovate and improve." These exceptional qualities need to be augmented with sufficient facilities to enable the firefighters to best serve. American Fork needs to build another fire station – **now** – to meet that objective and save lives and property.

Response time is critical. Statistics show that house fires double in size every 60 seconds, and 10% of heart muscle dies every minute during a heart attack. The current A.F. fire station is the busiest in Utah County, with 3,182 calls in 2018. The next busiest single fire station in the county responded to less than half that demand at 1,433 calls. One-third of calls dispatched were received when crews were already on a call. Concurrent calls for service add additional burden and stress on our public safety department, potentially decreasing effective service. The area anticipated to be served by the new station generates approximately 800-1000 calls per year, reducing the enormous burden on the current station. Over the last five years, calls have increased an average of 7% each year.

American Fork has one of the best fire protection ISO ratings in the state. This rating affects the amount homeowners pay for their fire insurance. However, there has been a warning that to keep this rating, another station should be constructed immediately.

Bond rates are currently low and this project can be done while actually **lowering the city's debt**. The current police and courts building bond will have its final payment in 2020. The first payment for the new fire station is anticipated in early 2021. General obligation (G.O.) bonds provide the lowest interest rates of any available financing options. To issue G.O bonds at today's historically low rates, the city is asking voters to approve this action.

The department's motto is "Always Ready." Please assist our fire department in honoring this motto by voting "YES" for the Fire Station General Obligation Bond.

Submitted by:
Mayor Bradley J. Frost
Council Member Barbara Christiansen
Ryan Hunter
Ernie John
Stan Street

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE BOND:

No eligible voter submitted arguments "against" the bond, pursuant to Utah Code 59-1-1604.

Kyle Barratt

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Message: Thank you for taking the time to inform yourself about the future City Council. The City Council is elected BY the people FOR the people. You are who we represent and work for.

Background: I am a sixth-generation resident of American Fork. I was born and raised here. I purchased my first home here in 2006. This is my town.

Education: I have obtained a Master’s degree with an emphasis in State and Local Policy. I’ve written extensively/researched on issues facing American Fork.

-Bonds - *The Failing Bond: How did Five local Government Bonds Fail in Utah and what can be done to help Government Bonds pass.*

-Roads - *he Road Bond Failed: A Budget Analysis of how the Roads can be Fixed Without Bonding.*

-Property Rights - *Analysis Memorandum: Protecting Property rights in American Fork and defining where the issue is.*

-Utility Rates - *An Analysis of Utility Rates across Utah: Are American Fork City Utility Rates Higher than Five other Utah cities.*

-Outsourcing - *When should Government consider Outsourcing? Outsourcing: The Case Study of Clark County School District and American Fork City.*

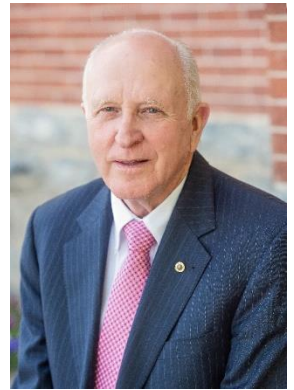
Vision: I am committed to listening to you...my constituents. Please reach out if you have any questions.



Kevin J. Barnes

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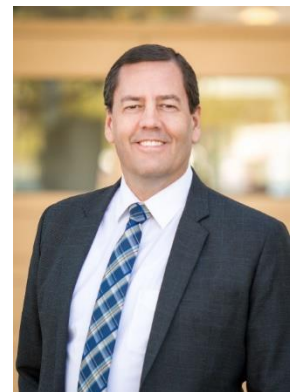
Four years ago when I ran for city council my platform was simply to serve the residents of American Fork. I did not have a particular agenda, grudge, or problem with the city or anything that was happening here. I have worked the last four years to serve and feel this has happened. Originally I was planning to serve only one term. However, things in our personal lives have changed and so I decided to run for a second term. My wife Donna and I have lived in American Fork for over 40 years and have raised our six children here. We love AF and truly enjoy living here and have no plans to ever leave. There is much that is happening here related to growth and the associated challenges. Two of the most important items for city government are (1) police and fire protection and (2) good infrastructure, including roads, water, and sewer. As a council we have worked hard to provide funding for these items while continuing to provide money for quality of life items such as parks, the recreation center, the library, and other related items. I would love the opportunity to serve another four years.



Jeffrey C. Shorter

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Jeff.shorter@utahlaw-smart.com**

I would like to represent the fine people of American Fork for the next four years. I will work to make sure the money paid by taxpayers is used wisely while keeping in mind how hard people have to work to earn their money in the first place. I have lived in American Fork Since 1996 and have enjoyed getting to know so many good people. I would like your vote and I will do my best to preserve the quality of life we currently enjoy. I believe limited government is always best. Thank you for voting.



Robert Shelton
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www.voteshelton.com

Thank you for being a significant contributing member of our community through being an informed voter! As this election cycle comes around, many amazing residents, just like you, have encouraged me to run for office again. Serving you has been a highlight of being on the City Council. The trust you place in a candidate by filling in the circle next to their name on a ballot is something that humbles me.

We have seen significant improvements to critical services and the quality of life at the same time striving to be efficient with precious tax dollars, utility fees and other resources. While these are great accomplishments, building lasting relationships with those I serve is what I value the most.

Although not perfect, I am confident that we are on the right course and that together, we can continue our progress in the years to come. Please visit my website www.voteshelton.com to learn more about my experience and endorsements. While on the website, look up my contact information. I would love to hear your questions, concerns and issues about how we can continuously improve our incredible community.



Clark P. Taylor

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Thank you for taking a moment to read my information.

I've always believed that life is all about what you put into it and that no one is responsible for your happiness and welfare more than yourself. I take that same attitude about my community (American Fork). If I want good things to happen here, see great opportunities for my family and neighbors then I need to dig in and work. I feel like my hometown is my responsibility and I take that responsibility seriously. Truth be known I'm just a lot better at "putting up" than "shutting up" and so, for years I've chosen to get involved and try to make a difference.

Some of my qualifications include:

- Current city councilman and Mayor Pro Tem
- Served for 2 years on the Am. Fork Planning Commission
- Past Parks and Recreation committee chair
- Served on the Arts Council and Historical Preservation
- Member of the Steel Days Committee
- Resident of Am. Fork for over 45 years

City Government doesn't solve problems, people do and I believe that good people working together can accomplish tremendous things in our community. I ask for your support this November & welcome input from all.



****Please note that the candidates have been given the opportunity to submit these statements. American Fork City does not endorse these statements or guarantee their truth or accuracy. The statements reflect the candidates' view and opinions and not the city's position.****

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

There are several ways you can register to vote:

- Online registration: You can register to vote online by going to vote.utah.gov and completing the online form. In order to register online you must have a current Utah Driver License or ID Card. You must submit your registration at least 7 days prior to the election to be eligible to vote in that election.
- By-Mail registration: You may use a by-mail registration form that can be found in the same webpage above. If you choose this method, you must mail your completed registration form to the address on the form at least 30 days before the election to be eligible to vote in that election.
- In-Person registration: You may register in person at the Utah County Elections Office, 100 East Center, Room 3600, Provo, Utah. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed weekends and legal holidays). You must register in person at least 7 days prior to the election to vote in that election.

VOTE BY MAIL

Utah County elections are conducted as Vote By Mail. Ballots will be mailed to all active, registered voters the week of October 14, 2019. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked **no later than Monday, November 4, 2019**. Ballots may be dropped off at the City Recorder's Office (51 East Main Street) Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ballots may also be dropped off in the Ballot Drop box located at the Library (64 S. 100 E. on the west side by the book drop) or at the Vote Center located inside the library on Election Day.

EARLY VOTING

As the election is being conducted Vote By Mail, early voting will only take place at the Utah County Elections Office from Tuesday, October 22, 2019, to Monday, November 4, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Utah County Elections Office is located at 100 East Center, Room 3600, Provo, Utah.

ELECTION DAY VOTING

Vote Center Locations are available for those voters who did not mail in their ballots no later than Monday, November 4th, or who need assistance with voting. Vote Centers are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and voters may go to ANY voting service center in the County to cast their ballot on Election Day, November 5, 2019.

Vote Center Locations are:

Alpine City

Alpine City Office
20 N Main St
Alpine, UT 84004

American Fork City

American Fork City Library
64 S 100 E
American Fork, UT 84003

Eagle Mountain City

Eagle Mountain City Office
1650 E Stage Coach Run
Eagle Mountain, Utah 84005

Elk Ridge City

Elk Ridge City Office
80 E Park Dr
Elk Ridge, UT 84651

Highland City

Highland City Office
5400 W Civic Center Dr
Highland, Utah 84003

Lehi City

Lehi City Office
153 N 100 E
Lehi, Utah 84043

Lindon City

Lindon Community Center
15 N Main St
Lindon, UT 84042

Mapleton City

Mapleton Community Center
115 West 400 North
Mapleton, UT 84664

Orem City

Orem City Office
56 N State St
Orem, Utah 84057

Payson City

Payson City Office
439 W Utah Ave
Payson, UT 84651

Pleasant Grove City

Pleasant Grove Community Room
108 E 100 S
Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062

Provo City

Provo Recreation Center
320 W 500 N
Provo, UT 84601

Salem City

Salem City Office
30 W 100 S
Salem, UT 84653

Santaquin City

Santaquin City Office
275 West Main Street
Santaquin, UT 84655

Saratoga Springs City

Saratoga Springs City Office
1307 N Commerce Dr
Suite 200
Saratoga Springs, UT 84045

Spanish Fork City

Spanish Fork Senior Center
167 W Center St
Spanish Fork, UT 84660

Springville City

Springville Civic Center
110 South Main Street
Springville, UT 84663

Vineyard City

Vineyard City Office
115 S Main
Vineyard, UT 84059

CURBSIDE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

The following cities have curbside ballot drop boxes available for voters to drop off ballots 24/7 until the General Election Day on November 5. On the day of election, the boxes will be open until 8:00 p.m. only.

Locations are:

American Fork City

American Fork City Library
64 S 100 E
American Fork, UT 84003
On the Library Loop

Eagle Mountain City

Eagle Mountain City Office
1650 E Stage Coach Run
Eagle Mountain, Utah 84005
At the city office on the north end of the building

Highland City

Highland City Office
5400 W Civic Center Dr
Highland, Utah 84003
At the City Offices

Lehi City

Lehi City Office
1153 N 100 E
Lehi, Utah 84043
At the city offices

Lindon City

Lindon City Office
100 N State St
Lindon, UT 84042
At the city office next to the utility dropbox

Orem City

Orem City Office
56 N State St
Orem, Utah 84057
Two Locations:
1st Box: Library Loop on 100 N State St
2nd Box: South End of Parking Lot on State St and Center St

Payson City

Payson City Office
439 W Utah Ave
Payson, UT 84651
Next to the utility fee dropoff area

Pleasant Grove City

Pleasant Grove City Office
70 S 100 E
Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062
At the City Office next to the utility fee dropbox

Provo City

Provo City Library
550 N University Ave
Provo, UT 84601
On the north end next to book return

Salem City

Salem City Library
59 S Main St
Salem, UT 84653
Next to the book dropbox on sidewalk

Santaquin City

Santaquin City Office
275 West Main Street
Santaquin, UT 84655
Next to utility payment dropbox

Saratoga Springs City

Saratoga Springs City Office
1307 N Commerce Dr Suite 200
Saratoga Springs, UT 84045
Next to water utility payment dropbox in the parking area

Spanish Fork City

Spanish Fork City Offices
40 S Main St
Spanish Fork, UT 84660
Next to utility payment dropbox

Springville City

Springville Civic Center
110 South Main St
Springville City, UT 84663
South side next to utility payment drop box, facing West

Utah County

Utah County Administration Bldg
100 E Center St
Provo, UT 84601
South side of building, next to Postal Service mailbox

Vineyard City

Vineyard City Office
125 S Main
Vineyard, UT 84059
Adjacent to the front door on the east side of the city office