

*2018 Candidate Questionnaire for candidates running Versailles City Council races:*

- 1. What are some specific skills you can bring to improve the City of Versailles as a City Council member? Please share a personal accomplishment to date. Why are you the best candidate for the position you seek?**

**Tristan Ferrell**-A few key skills I can contribute to our town are an understanding of both the history of Versailles, but also its unique qualities. Along with this, I possess a community minded work-ethic, and a drive to see it prosper. A very personal and meaningful accomplishment of mine is both the co-founding and directing of Spark Community Café, a new, pay-what-you-can restaurant opening later this year in downtown Versailles.

- 2. What is the biggest challenge, and biggest opportunity you see facing the City of Versailles?**

**Tristan Ferrell**-The biggest challenge facing Versailles is transparency. Our government has an obligation to be an open book to its citizens, and that has not been the case as of late. However, in every challenge lies an opportunity. The goal of our council now is to promote and prioritize the interaction between citizens and government. By implementing a livestream of every city council meeting, archiving these meetings, and issuing an email addresses specifically for government use, we can bridge the accessibility gap in our community.

- 3. The updated 2018 Comprehensive Plan [Goals & Objectives](#) prioritize infill/redevelopment as a primary strategy to accommodate urban growth needs. What specific recommendations do you have to protect the character and context of existing neighborhoods while pursuing an infill/redevelopment strategy? Please share your ideas for infill and re-development within the Versailles Urban Service Boundary.**

**Tristan Ferrell**- My recommendations for infill and redevelopment can be summed up in three words: repurpose, renovate, and revitalize existing structures and land within the USB. Once these methods are considered and proposed, we should look at what can be done. If these methods cannot be executed within the USB, then we should thoughtfully and strategically consider other options.

- 4. Please share some of the ideas you have about enhancing Versailles' downtown business district. How will you help attract businesses to re-locate to Versailles?**

**Tristan Ferrell**-Given the historic integrity of Versailles, many businesses are limited to minimal signage. To combat this, a very simple business listing sign posted at each intersection will give consumers a concise view of all business in the downtown. To attract businesses to re-locate to Versailles, I will continue to discuss with the consumers and citizens of our town to discover what they would like to see here, and strategize how to implement those wants in the community.

5. **Are you in favor of further annexation of surrounding land outside the Versailles urban services boundary (USB)? If so, where and how would you change the boundary?**

Tristan Ferrell- I believe the current USB is in place for a reason, and that any further annexation should be carefully considered and planned before action be taken. Furthermore, I am more in favor of revitalizing, renovating, and repurposing current buildings/land within the USB before any action be taken outside of the boundary.

6. **Do you support the study of a merger of the county government with one or more of the city governments?**

Tristan Ferrell- I support a thorough set of information sessions on the topic of merged governments provided to the citizens of Woodford County.

7. **In your opinion, is Versailles city transportation and infrastructure adequate to support our community? If not, where would you like to see improvements made?**

Tristan Ferrell- The two areas that I believe could use more attention are our energy and information infrastructures. By investing our time into the research and study of renewable energy, we can work to make Versailles a more environmentally conscious community. Furthermore, our information infrastructure can be improved by offering more internet, cable, and fiber optic options to our community.

8. **What are your plans for improving the environmental sustainability of our county? How would you support investments in more renewable alternative energy development?**

Tristan Ferrell- Environmental sustainability is crucial for a healthy community to prosper. A topic that many citizens have brought to my attention has been their want to see Big Springs park revitalized. Being so close to our historic downtown, it seems that this project should take precedent to combine both of these amazing aspects of our community.

Any investments in renewable energy development throughout Woodford County interest me, and I would fully support the council taking the time to identify which would be most beneficial to both the city, and its residents.

9. **Do you support or oppose the extension of Falling Springs Blvd. at or near U.S. 62?**

Tristan Ferrell- I oppose the extension of Falling Springs Blvd at or near U.S. 62

**10. Agriculture is an annual \$565 million-dollar industry that supports 1 in 3 jobs (specifically 2,783 jobs) in Woodford County. Woodford County farmland also anchors a burgeoning travel and agri-tourism industry. What are some ideas and specific policies that you have to strengthen the agriculture industry sector within the Versailles city limits?**

**Kyle Branham**- The agriculture industry is extremely important within our community; I would use the strengths that currently exist for tourism as it continues to flourish and build upon those. I feel that it's important for the City of Versailles to work hand in hand with our agriculture industry sector to continue to improve the quality of life for all citizens.