

East Bethel Candidate Profile



Candidate Name: Tammy Gimpl

Office Sought: Mayor

Bio:

I have been in the area much of my life and have watched the development and growth. A high school Graduate of ISD 15 and several Technical College certificates, I have lived and worked in East Bethel since 1999 with my husband. We raised two sons both also graduating from ISD 15.

Wanting to give more to the city and the citizens, I joined the East Bethel Fire Department in 2004 where I obtained my Emergency Medical Technician, became a State Certified Instructor for the Technical College system of Minnesota, instructing Firefighters all over Minnesota, as well as North Dakota and Nebraska. I am very proud of my accomplishments and was the only Fire Officer in East Bethel selected 5 times to attend the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland in which I was very honored. I served the residents of East Bethel for 17 years, with 13 years of which were as a Fire Officer achieving Captain protecting the City's People, Property and Environment.

I have been a small business owner operating in East Bethel for 25 years. So of course I am very pro-business! It is vital that the City of East Bethel be more than just a drive through City. As Mayor, I want to work to attract businesses. I have heard from others as well as experienced it myself, how anti-business the city can be, and it needs to change. I am confident that I can assist with balancing the needed businesses, such as a grocery store, and retail along the Hwy 65 corridor while preserving the rural charm that we all want, yet growing the tax base so the residents don't shoulder the major tax burden. Listening to large and small businesses to figure a fair system that works to entice businesses to start and grow in East Bethel.

As your Mayor, I would serve East Bethel by exerting more leadership in City affairs. I would lead by example and would give the residents every opportunity to be heard. I believe in a residence freedom of land use with City ordinances and if necessary, change the ordinance to be fair, updated and less restrictive. As your Mayor, I'll take every challenge as an opportunity to better the City of East Bethel for the residents and businesses.

