

City of Hewitt City Council Runoff Election

| Election Location | Early Voting Dates and Times | Election Day and Time |
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| Hewitt Public Safety Facility 100 Patriot Court Hewitt, TX 76643 | Wed 11/28/18 to Fri 11/30/18 : 8AM-5PM Mon 12/3/18 to Fri 12/7/18 : 8AM-5PM Mon 12/10/18 to Tue 12/11/18 : 7AM-7PM | Sat 12/15/18 7:00AM – 7:00 PM |

Voter's Guide

Erica Bruce

Betty Orton

Why and How are you qualified to be on city council? (limit 50 words)

I can promote competent critical thinking, logical problem solving, and connected leadership that is built on a foundation of integrity and transparency. Respectfully considering opinions of others, honoring the experience that the city staff leaders have, making decisions after objective consideration, is how we should be approaching decision making.

I've been a resident of Hewitt 44 years, served 19 yrs as City Sec. and 6 months as interim City Mgr. I volunteered service on the Planning & Zoning Commission 12 yrs, worked with the city leaders on a comprehensive plan for the direction of Hewitt.

What is the main issue you believe needs to be addressed by the city and how do you propose to address this? (limit 50 words)

The lack of trust in our city. I think people are disheartened with the controversy that surrounds Hewitt. They have no faith in the council, they don't trust the decision-making motives, and they are tired of all of it. My first priority would be to begin to rebuild trust.

Gain trust, confidence and transparency in our city government. We need to resolve present issues quickly and work together as a team, making wise decisions for the benefit of Hewitt. I would like to see better communication between the council and citizens.

What is a second issue you believe needs to be addressed by the city and how do you propose to address this? (limit 50 words)

Another issue is the lack of communication that exists between the council and the citizens they serve. The connection between the citizens, city staff, and council has to be restored to begin to move forward. That will not happen with the lack of communication, lies, and lack of transparency.

The spending of money and reviewing the 2018/19 budget. I would like to review expenditures allotted in each department for items that could be over or under estimated. The city needs to continue building the reserve fund.

What is your long-term direction for the city? (limit 50 words)

I would like to see our city embrace diversity such that our stakeholders (citizens, city staff, etc.) feel they are heard and that the council is respectfully considering their opinions prior to making decisions. Additionally, approaching city finance in a reasonable manner will be critical as we grow.

Reduce debt and encourage citizens to be more involved in city government. We need to continue working with the Chamber of Commerce, encouraging new businesses and making decisions on the proper use of vacant property. Hewitt is an outstanding place to live, with great potential.