

Central Municipal Election, April 5, 2014

2014 Election Guide

Shelton Mayoral Bid Takes High Ground, Stresses City's Economic Development



JR. SHELTON
 Candidate for Mayor

Woody Jenkins
 Editor, Central City News

CENTRAL - Despite facing an opponent who has launched one personal attack after another, Mayoral candidate Jr. Shelton has taken the high ground and refused to respond in kind.

Instead, Shelton has stayed "on message" and stressed his plans for economic development in Central.

He says he wants "to build a modern city, deeply rooted in our Christian values, that keeps our rural lifestyle as a gift for our children

City of Central, Louisiana

Municipal Election • Saturday, April 5
 Runoff, if necessary, May 3

Mayor • Police Chief

All Five Seats on the City Council

Population: 26,864 (2010 Census)

Registered Voters: 19,874

Democrats: 6,235 • Republicans 9,114

No Party and Other 4,525

Whites 18,016 • Blacks 1,399

Other 459

Incumbents not seeking reelection:
 Mayor Mac Watts • Police Chief Donald Browning • Councilmen Tony LoBue and Louis DeJohn



Tony LoBue endorses Shelton, Page 8

and grandchildren."

In an interview, Shelton outlined his plans for infrastructure improvements, with major

emphasis on drainage and highways.

On economic development, the candidate said Central must bal-

ance residential, commercial, and retail development with none of the three getting too far
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Voters Revolt Against Negative Campaign, Say 'Keep It Positive If You Want to Win!'

CENTRAL - Mayoral candidate Dave Freneau is making Central history but not in a way that others may want to duplicate.

Freneau is a running a negative campaign against fellow Republican Jr. Shelton, making

personal attacks, charges, and accusations in virtually every speech, article, and Facebook post. But it doesn't seem to be working.

Central's two prior municipal elections in 2006 and 2010 were positive affairs, gener-

ally devoid of personal attacks.

Statewide and national campaigns have become giant mud wrestling contests that leave voters wondering how the two candidates got out of jail.

But negative cam-

paigns are apparently not what Central residents want. Freneau supporters with access to Freneau's polls say they show him well behind.

The *Central City News* spoke about the campaign with more
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Sample Ballot

Saturday, April 5, 2014
 On the Ballot in Central

Mayor

Mark David Freneau R
Jr. Shelton* R

Police Chief

Kerry Clark R
James Salisbury* R

City Council

Vote for Five

June Dupuy R
 Jason Ellis R
Shane Evans* R
Dr. Kim Fralick* R
 Eric Frank R
 Mike Gardner R
Wayne Messina* R
 Aaron Moak R
Harry Rauls* R
John Vance* R
Ralph Washington* R

BREC TAX

\$227.4 million property tax renewal by BREC
 Yes or No

***Boldface** indicates the candidate is endorsed by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge

Early Voting March 22-29

CENTRAL - Early voting in Central's April 5 election will be held from Saturday, March 22 to Saturday, March 29 at 222 St. Louis St., 10500 Coursey Blvd., 3851 Essen Lane, and 2250 Main in Baker from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BREC Tax On Ballot April 5th

BATON ROUGE - Voters throughout East Baton Rouge Parish will consider whether to give approval to two property tax renewals for parks and recreation on Saturday, April 5.

BREC proposes renewing a 4.1-mill tax, which will impose \$150 million in taxes over 10 years and 2.1 mills, which will impose \$77.4 million in taxes over 10 years, for a total of \$227.4 million.

Central City News Investigative Report

Candidate Wrote Some of Debate Questions

Chamber, CCA Were Aware of Impropriety But Failed to Inform Shelton or Stop Debate at CHS

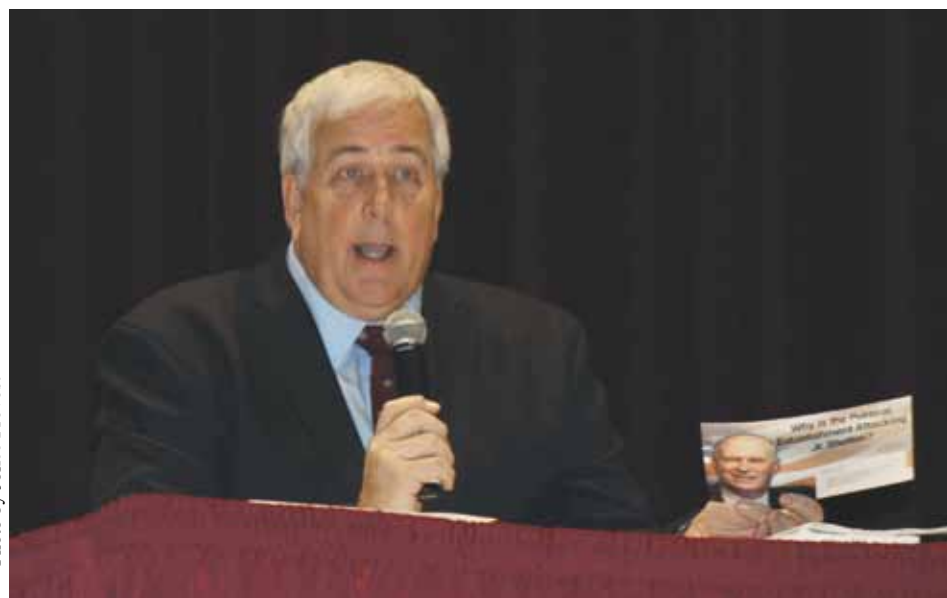


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Woody Jenkins
 Editor, Central City News

CITY OF CENTRAL - Despite strict rules that the questions asked the candidates for Mayor of Central at the March 6 televised debate be kept confidential, mayoral candidate Dave Freneau not only knew in advance some of the questions that would be asked but actually wrote those questions himself.

The fact that Freneau wrote some of the questions has been confirmed by four of the six debate organizers and panelists.

The questions written by Freneau were questions designed to attack the character and fitness of his opponent, Jr. Shelton.

The event, which was held at the Central High Auditorium, was sponsored by the City of Central Chamber of Commerce and the Central Community Alliance. Much of the debate was spent with Shelton defending himself against accusations by Freneau.

Even though they were aware just before
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DEBATE SCANDAL — Candidate Dave Freneau had knowledge of questions.

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CHIEF DOUG BROWNING ENDORSES SALSURY — Central Police Chief Doug Browning (right) and his wife Cookie have announced they are endorsing James Salsbury to succeed Browning as Chief of Police in the April 5 election. Salsbury currently serves Assistant Police Chief under Browning, who said Salsbury will make an outstanding chief.

Country Living in the City

Freneau's Negative Campaign Isn't Working

Voters Want to Hear What You Will Do, Not Run Down Other Guy

Woody Jenkins
 Editor

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 than a dozen random citizens. Two said they liked Freneau's approach. "He tells it like it is!" one said.
 But others said they disapproved of Freneau's tactics with a majority strongly disapproving.
 Here are the comments we heard:
 • "Tell us what your plans are, what you are going to do! We don't want to hear you run down the other guy."
 • "Every time I've heard Dave Freneau speak, all he talks about is the fact that Jr. Shelton took bankruptcy four years ago. So what? Didn't he hear that Louisiana has been through three or four recessions and that hundreds of thousands of people in this state have taken bankruptcy through no fault of their own?"
 • "We've all had our problems, but Freneau seems joyous that a won-

derful business went down and a good family lost so much. I can't stand listening to him."
 • "Negative, negative, negative. That's all that comes out of his mouth. This is why we have a division in this town. Some people on one side want to spew hateful personal attacks against good people on the other side. But in a way, I'm glad he's doing it. It lets people see the man he really is!"
 • "What he's saying in this campaign is just a continuation of what he's been saying in his newspaper for the past four years. Anyone that disagrees with him is attacked mercilessly."
 • "I've tried to stay out of the controversies in Central, but the ugliness he spits out has been an eye-opener for me. I'm not on the fence anymore."
 • "This is the politics of personal destruction. It is practiced in every campaign by the Democrats at the national level, and it is despicable. It's just a shame to have this come to our Central."
 • "He apparently doesn't understand the voters. Can't he see that he is destroying any chance he had to be elected by attacking Mr. Shelton?"
 By the way, the *Central City News* has a policy against accepting negative attack ads, and we make candidates

prove any claims made in advertising.
 ★★★
MISUSE OF FACEBOOK. Over the past few years, a lot of people in Central have misused Facebook.. Facebook should be such a positive thing but some people in Central use it to slam each other and create lifelong enemies. Freneau has been in the middle of that for years.
 However, the way he has used Facebook during the campaign has been most unusual. In the past few months, he has been on Facebook practically full-time, frantically jumping from one Facebook page to another to make posts and argue with his critics. It was not unusual for him to post on five pages simultaneously, quarrelling and doing battle with anyone who dared to disagree. For quite awhile, he included in virtually every post an attack on Jr. Shelton.
 So people who only read his paper have one view of Freneau's "negative" attack campaign. Those who follow him on Facebook probably see an even more intense focus on the

negative.
 Meanwhile, Jr. Shelton has stayed completely above the fray, saying nothing critical about Freneau and largely ignoring Freneau's attacks.
 ★★★
TIME MANAGEMENT. In a campaign, just as in life, a candidate has to decide how to spend his time. While Jr. Shelton has been out walking door to door in every neighborhood in Central, Freneau has been tearing up Facebook. It will be interesting to see which candidate used his time most widely.
 ★★★
WORDS TO REMEMBER. I seldom read Freneau's articles, but every once in awhile, someone sends me one they want me to see. Today I received one, and it is must reading, a jewel, a bit of wisdom Freneau wrote back on March 20, 2010, before Russell Starns launched him in the newspaper business.
 Here's what Freneau posted then:
 "Often when people use negative politics in an effort to gain support for their candidates, it backfires. The quickest way to lose MY vote is to tell me how bad your opponent is instead of telling me how qualified you are and what a good job you will do if elected."
 Words worth remembering.



Woody Jenkins

Councilmen Say It Was Wise to Delay Spending \$115,000

President to Sign Federal Flood Insurance Legislation



Photo by Jolice Provost

FORUM AT INDIAN MOUND — Central City Councilman Wayne Messina (center) speaks during a candidates forum Monday night at Indian Mound Baptist Church. Mayoral candidate Dave Freneau is at left, and Council candidate Harry Rauls is at right. Messina responded this week to criticism Freneau leveled about a flood insurance study.

CENTRAL - Councilman Wayne Messina said Wednesday the Central City Council made a wise decision to delay spending \$115,000 on a flood insurance study at last week's meeting.
 Councilman Aaron Moak, who proposed the spending, said it was urgently needed.
 But Councilmen Messina, Tony LoBue, and Ralph Washington voted 3-1 to delay the spending, pending the passage of federal flood insurance legislation.
 Mayoral candidate Dave Freneau blasted the three Councilmen and said it was uncertain whether or when federal flood insurance legislation would pass.
 However, that same day the United States Senate passed the bill and sent it to the President's desk. President Obama has announced he will sign the bill.
 Since the federal legislation will slash flood insurance rates, Messina

said the Council can now take a little more time to determine what action needs to be taken on the study.
 The Councilman provided a timeline on the flood insurance study proposal:
 • March 5, 2014 — U.S. House passed legislation repealing the Biggert Waters Act
 • March 11, 2014 — Councilman Moak presented an ordinance to appropriate an additional \$115,000 for flood plain studies. The Council voted to delay the matter for 90 days, in order to await federal legislation.
 • March 13, 2014 — Freneau blasted Messina, LoBue, and Washington, saying it is doubtful the Senate would pass the bill.
 • March 13, 2014 — The Senate passed the bill and sent it to President Obama.
 • March 15, 2014 — The White House announced the President will sign the legislation.

Central Municipal Election Two Weeks Away

Jr. Shelton Has Kept Campaign Positive



Candidates forum at Indian Mound

Central Must Balance Residential, Commercial And Retail Development, Mayoral Candidate Says

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 ahead of or behind the others. "These three types of development have to work together," he said. "If you have retail and not enough people, the retail closes. If you have people but not enough retail, people leave your community because it's not serving their needs. If you have people, but not enough commercial, too many people have to leave your community to work," he said.

Shelton said right now Central has the people but lacks the retail and commercial development that are needed. "More retail will make life more convenient and enjoyable. However, if new businesses open and we don't support them, Central will get a reputation as a place where you can't

make money and merchants will stay away from us."

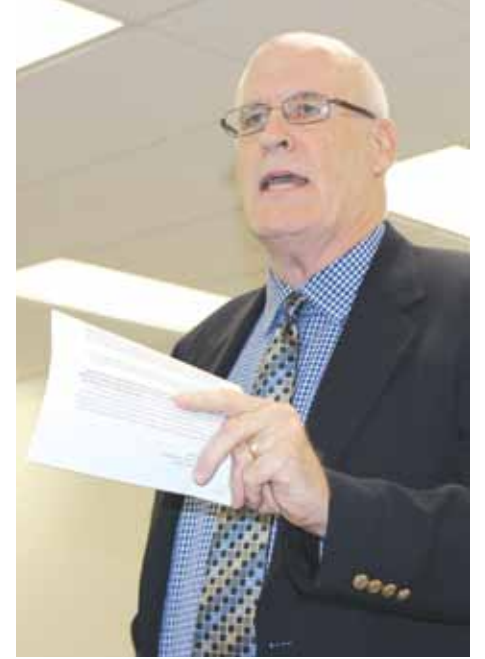
"Commercial development will give our people who are already here access to more, good-paying jobs close to home. So we need to promote commercial development as well."

Shelton said Central already has enough people to have an outstanding city. Moreover, they are well educated and well trained. "We have expertise in this community in virtually every field of endeavour," he said.

Nevertheless, because of Central's low crime rate and outstanding public and private schools, more people will continue to move here, and the city will have to prepare for that, he said.

Shelton said development needs to be controlled. "One thing I will never do is undermine our rural atmosphere. That is one of our greatest strengths and reasons for existence," he said.

At the top of his list of improvements are a major drainage program and completion of state and local road projects such as Sullivan, Hooper, and Greenwell Springs roads and a new bridge across the Amite.



Jr. Shelton at Indian Mound



Mike Mannino asks a question.



Candidates for Central city offices at Indian Mound Monday evening.



Jeri Chaney asks a question.


Re-Elect Vote

WAYNE MESSINA

EDUCATION
 Nicholls State University – BA, 1988
 Major History, Minor Speech/Debate
 Louisiana State University – 1972
 Masters of Education
 Supervision Administration/City Supervisor
 Southern University + Thirty Broadcast
 Managers

COMMUNITY SERVICE
 President Oak Shadows Assoc. – Central
 Member Central Community Alliance
 Volunteer Coaching for Kids – Central
 BREC Finance Committee
 Central Representative
 Served on Planning Committee
 for Central Community Schools
 Resident of Central for 38 Years

CENTRAL CITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
 Miles of Roads Repaired and Paved
 Ditches Cleared Out for Better Drainage
 UDC – Finished
 Architectural Design Finished
 1/2 Million Dollars Saved With New Contract With IBTS (Public Works)
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Dr. Kim Fralick

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- Married 21 years to John G. Fralick, Sr.
- Mother of five children
- 1990 Graduate UAM, BS in Animal Science
- 1995 Graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine

- Resident of Central, 17 years
- Owner, Joor Rd. Vet Hosp., 15 years
- Member, Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, 8 years
- Member, Central Community Alliance
- Conservative Republican, 27 years

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Candidates Respond to GOP Questions

City of Central Candidates April 5, 2014 Primary Election	Mayor		City Council (vote for up to five)				
	 Freneau	 Shelton	 Dupuy	 Frank	 Ellis	 Evans	 Fralick
1. Taxes. What, if any, new city taxes would you support over next 4 years?		No new taxes				I oppose any new or increased taxes unless all other means fail to provide essential services.	I am generally opposed to any new taxes.
2. City Council Apportionment. How should Council members be chosen?	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Five single-member districts and two Council members elected at-large	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Five single-member districts and two Council members elected at-large. Existing five members is too small.	A combination of single member districts and at-large. I haven't decided on total number.
3. New Bridge. Do you favor extending Hooper Road across Amite River to Watson?		Yes				Yes	Yes
4. Crime Do you support capital punishment?		Yes				Yes	Yes
5. City Attorney. Do you support retention of current City Attorney?		No I would like to contract out the work for one year on a trial basis				The current City Attorney and other applicants should apply for consideration.	It appears the city is paying too much for the current City Attorney.
6. Sewer. Should all new subdivisions be required to tie into parish sewer system?		No Some areas are too far from parish sewer lines for this to be feasible.				If a new subdivision is close to existing sewer lines, yes. If it is too far away, then they should have on-site plant.	I am not sure this is feasible at this time.
7. City Hall. Do you favor construction of a new City Hall? More questions on Page 6		With only three city employees, there is no necessity for a multi-million dollar project.				Short term, it's okay to lease but long-term we need our own City Hall.	In the future but not at this time. Use our surplus for more urgent infrastructure needs.

Extended Comments on Key Issues by Central Candidates



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CENTRAL - Here are comments from candidates for Mayor, Police Chief, and City Council in Central's April 5 municipal elections. These answers are taken from questionnaires the candidates filled out from the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish. Some candidates chose not to answer questions submitted by the party. The grid above shows the candidates' answers that could be summarized briefly. The answers below include some of the candidates' more extended answers to the other questions.

JR. SHELTON
Candidate for Mayor

Biography: Lifelong resident of East Baton Rouge Parish • 1969 Graduate of Broadmoor High School • 1973 Graduate of LSU School of Business, BS in Business Administration • Married 39 years to Rita M. Shelton • Four Children • Six Grandchildren • 36 year resident of Central

• 47 year member of Broadmoor Baptist Church • Deacon 41 years • Business owner, 37 years, Shelboze, Inc. • Central Private Board Member, 16 years • V.P. of Central Private Board and Finance Chairman • Central Private School Board Member Emeritus • Member of The Republican Parish Executive Committee • Realtor with C.J. Brown • Chairman, C.J. Brown Agents' Council • Former member and board member of Baton Rouge Homebuilders Association











Shelton

Q. Why are you offering yourself for service as Mayor of the City of Central?

A. JR. SHELTON: We were incorporated in 2005 as a city and I do not believe we have been given the leadership necessary to move the city

on Central Municipal Election Issues

City Council (continued)						Police Chief	
							
Gardner	Messina	Moak	Rauls	Vance	Washington	Clark	Salsbury
	No new taxes		No new taxes	No new taxes	I could only support taxes which are voted on by the people of Central.	1. Taxes	None
Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Five single-member districts and two Council members elected at-large	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Single-member districts and two Council members elected at-large	Five single-member districts and two Council members elected at-large	Five single-member districts and two Council members elected at-large	2. City Council	Five single-member districts and two Council members elected at-large
	Yes		I favor a new bridge not at Hooper but further north at Denham or Hwy. 64	I need more information before making a decision	Yes	3. New Bridge	Yes
Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Yes	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Yes	Yes	Yes, especially for vicious crimes involving mass killing, rapes, children or the elderly.	4. Crime	Yes
	There should be an honest, open process to select a new City Attorney.		I have no problem with the City Attorney but prefer it competitively bid.	No	Let's see who the new mayor appoints. We should control his hours, and it should be full-time position.	5. City Attorney	No
Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Tough question. Much of Central is rural. That makes it difficult.	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Yes but only if parish lines are available and not at capacity.	We need more infrastructure, and we need professional advice to determine a policy.	Yes	6. Sewer	Yes
	Construct a new City Hall. We have \$1.9 million in state funds for it.		I favor an established Community Center with city offices, meeting rooms, and community areas.	With only three city employees, I think leasing is out best option right now.	We should build a new City Hall.	7. City Hall	At some point we need our own buildings

forward to provide the citizens with the goods and services, safety, and economic development needed to underwrite the lives of our citizens. I believe I am the person who can do that, unselfishly and with indepen-

dent thought, owing no one person or group, but rather owing my service to all of the citizens of Central.

Q. Four years from now, what specifically would you hope to have accomplished as a Mayor?

A. JR. SHELTON: I want our economic development to be a model for municipalities across the nation. I want our citizens to have a trust in their government that gives them confidence that every decision made is done so with their interests first and foremost. I'd hope they would be happy with the progress made on infrastructure improvements with regard to streets, drainage and sewerage. Four years is really a short time

in the life of a city, but while I believe we can accomplish the aforementioned items, we need to produce a long range plan that is the stepping stone to great things for Central. If we don't have a road map of where we are trying to go, we won't get anywhere.

Q. In your opinion, what is the purpose of and what are the limits of civil government?

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Candidate Questionnaires

All Candidates for Central's Mayor, Police Chief, and City Council Are Republicans

The GOP invited all candidates to complete a six-page questionnaire on issues affecting Central. They were also asked to document their claims of residency, university degrees, military service, and other credentials. Most of the candidates completed that questionnaire. The candidates' answers are public, and the *Central City News* is publishing them here. A grid showing summaries of the responses to some questions is found on pages 4-7. Some of the more detailed answers are found below.

Note: Some of the candidates chose not to answer the questions or to provide any information on their campaigns to the newspaper. Others did not answer the questionnaire but did provide us with a statement. We are publishing their statements at the end of this article.








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City of Central Candidates April 5, 2014 Primary Election	Mayor		City Council (vote for up to five)					
								
		Freneau	Shelton	Dupuy	Frank	Ellis	Evans	Fralick
8. City Center. Do you favor construction of a Town Center or City Center in the City of Central?			Yes but it should be done by private enterprise. The city should not be in the development business.				Work with private enterprise on vision of development next to new City Hall.	If a new City Hall is built, it should be paid for by the city. Any commercial development should be done by private enterprise.
9. The Loop. Do you favor construction of the Baton Rouge Loop?	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire		No I vigorously oppose the Loop.	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	No	No. When the City Council considered the Loop, I gathered signatures against the Loop and spoke against it.
10. Red Light Cameras. Do you favor use of Red Light Cameras in Central?			No an unmanned program is truly set up to increase revenues.				No citizens deserve traffic enforcement by human beings in uniforms.	No I am opposed to Red Light Cameras
11. Privatization. Do you support continued privatization of city government?			Yes if contractor adheres to contract, is open and honest, and there is strict oversight.				I favor managed privatization where a city employee/manager oversees the private company performing the required tasks.	Yes as long as checks and balances are in effect. It is a wise use of taxpayer money.
12. Public Records. Will you vigorously support access to public records?			Yes requests should be honored timely within the legal framework thru City Clerk.				Yes, I favor Transparency in Government. Officials who try to hide public records are often concealing much larger problems.	Yes we should make them as accessible as possible. Save money by having City Clerk handle this.
13. Constitution. From 10 to 1, should it be "strictly constructed" (10) or be considered a "living document"(1)?			10				9 to 10	10
14. Major Influences. What have been the major influences on your life?		Jesus Christ and his example of Servanthood. My wife and children as examples of unconditional love.	Trying to model my life on the way Jesus lived his life, my parents and grandparents, my wife Anita, and becoming a father.	Faith in Jesus. My conservative upbringing. My family. My church. My desire to live a life of integrity.				

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A. JR. SHELTON: Government, in my opinion should work in the background of the lives of its citizens. That is to say, we should first provide for the safety, health and welfare of our citizens by being certain we give them the right to make

decisions without government being intrusive, but by our laws and ordinances being fair and collectively ensuring the opportunity for the peaceful living they want. I believe if government works right, it is not talked about by citizens. We should be a facilitator of progress,

not the determining factor of someone's success or failure. Government should not be a candy store handing out samples, but rather it should be an entity that puts into place the mechanisms that allow citizens to live their lives, without infringing on other's rights, in a way that provides

for themselves and their families the lifestyle they so choose.

Q. What if any new taxes would you support?

A. JR. SHELTON: I am, as a rule, against any new taxes. I believe that new taxes are a cop out on not trying to reduce spending or move monies

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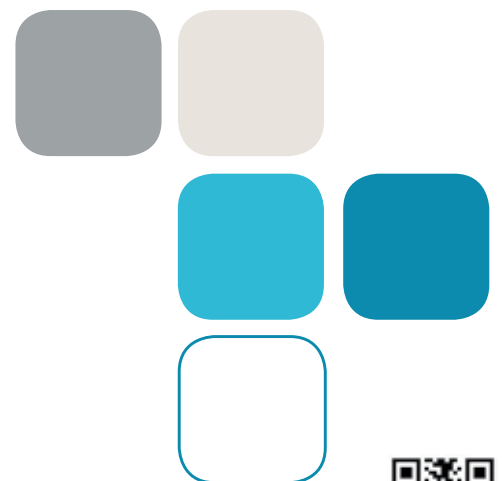
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City Council (continued)						Police Chief	
Gardner	Messina	Moak	Rauls	Vance	Washington	Clark	Salsbury
	Municipal building should be built by the city. Commercial development should be by private developers.		I favor a City Complex with community center. But commercial development by private enterprise.	The city should spend its money on infrastructure needs instead of a City Center.	City Government should have its own public buildings but not get into the development business	8. City Center	Need more information
Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	No	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	No I OPPOSE a loop through Central. It needs to run north of Central.	No	No	9. The Loop	No
	I am totally against this. My opinion is it is about money.		No I am opposed to Red Light Cameras	Could improve public safety and produce revenues but there are constitutional issues, including right to your day in court.	It's a two-edged sword that could somewhat improve public safety but it is mainly a money raiser. I am not really in favor of it	10. Red Light Cameras	For our city, I do not see a need
	Yes We are unique.		Yes, private industry can do a better job, and Central will know the cost and budget accordingly.	Should be constantly evaluated to get most fiscally responsible services. It provides flexibility to meet our needs	Yes	11. Privatization	Need more control
	Yes All requests should go through City Clerk. Requests should themselves be public records.		Yes	Yes transparency encourages integrity.	I have in the past, and I will continue to do so.	12. Public Records	Yes
Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	8	Did NOT Respond to Republican Party Questionnaire	8	10 Our Forefathers got it right!	5	13. Constitution	7
	My mother and father and the way they raised me. My teachers and my coaches.		Family and friends.	God and family.	Growing up in a rural area, I have values typical to that area and was raised in the church, believing in God. My goal is to always be a good Man.	14. Major Influences	My family

from one purpose to another. In Central, for the most part, our expenses are fixed. We have enjoyed over a million-dollar surplus for the last several years. However, I believe most of the surplus is derived from not providing services to our city. With careful planning, I believe we can do more

without having to raise taxes. Central will reach unprecedented growth in the next few years and that is why our economic development must be planned in a way that ensures the success of each part: Commercial, Retail and Residential. We operate with only a sales tax, no property

taxes, and if any one of these parts of economic development over develops, then none will be successful.

Q. What specific changes could be in Central's budget to ensure the best prioritization of use of public funds?

A. JR. SHELTON. As stated

above, I believe our surplus is contrived by not providing all the services we can for our citizens. As of now, our dedicated funds for road improvements and drainage are not being utilized to the fullest extent that they can be. Our DPW department-

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Central City Council Candidates Tell

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ment is contracted out and I believe we need to review that contract to add to it services our citizens are now lacking. We can still budget a surplus each year to protect ourselves for future and unknown emergencies.

Q. Would you oppose the commitment of public funds for promoting fairs, festivals, concerts, conventions, or other activities in Central?

A. JR. SHELTON: As a small community operating only on sales taxes, I don't believe we have the luxury of being able to "gamble" on a payoff of giving public funds for private activities, hoping for a bigger return. So my answer is yes, I would oppose it.

Q. What, if any, do you believe is the appropriate role for the City Council in addressing the crime problem?

A. JR. SHELTON: The City Council needs to take the leadership role in providing safety for our citizens.

They should allocate necessary funds upon the request of our Police Department that will help deter any crime within our city, no matter the severity of that crime. The biggest deterrent to crime, I believe, is a strong, outward show of resistance before it becomes an uncontrollable situation.

Q. Do you feel the war on drugs has been effective or ineffective?

A. JR. SHELTON: Most would probably say it has not been effective. My answer is where would we be if there were no "war on drugs"? The problem with this "war" is there's so much money involved that the bad guys refuse to give up. Drugs will destroy society. I would be willing to see harsher sentences, carried out to the fullest extent. I do believe the war is worth battling. Whether we are effective will never be determined, but if we quit, we are guaranteed failure.

Q. What would be the single most important way to help small

businesses grow and expand in Central?

A. JR. SHELTON: Create an inviting environment for businesses to operate. By that, do not approve intrusive, restrictive ordinances that discourage businesses.

Q. Do you favor construction of a City Center by the City of Central or leaving it to private enterprise?

A. JR. SHELTON: The free enterprise system should always take precedence over government intervention. The city has no business in the development business and competing with private developers.

Q. Do you favor construction of a new City Hall or continue to lease space for City Hall?

A. JR. SHELTON: With only three city employees, no one has convinced me of the necessity for a multi-million dollar project for a City Hall. I am fine with a leased space until we have the need for more space that would dictate our

own building.

Q. Do you believe in increasing access by citizens to public records and meetings of the Mayor's Office, the City Council, and the city contractor, in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, the Public Records Law, and the Open Meetings Law?

A. JR. SHELTON: Absolutely. The request should be made; the request should be honored within the legal timeframe. No one should impede this process. The city attorney DOES NOT have to be involved in these request, as the City Clerk is an attorney and can handle the process expeditiously.

Q. Will you support continued privatization of city departments, agencies, services, or functions, in the way that the City of Central has done in the past?

A. JR. SHELTON: Yes. As long as the contractor adheres to the contract, is open and honest with the

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Dr. Tony LoBue Backs Jr. Shelton In Mayor's Race

CENTRAL - Four years ago, Dr. Tony LoBue ran first out of nine candidates for the Central City Council. He received 5,282 votes — 2,000 more votes than either of the two candidates for mayor that year. Today Dr. LoBue, who is not running for reelection, announced his endorsement of Jr. Shelton for Mayor of Central: "As I reflect on my time as a councilman, I am humbled with the outpouring of kind words and sincere support the citizens of Central have so willingly given to me."

"It has been an interesting four years. There have been some hilltops and some valleys, but through it all, the City of Central is a unique place to live with many caring people. I am grateful to have served this great community. I decided to embark on this endeavor because I wanted to give back and to serve the citizens of Central. I have always kept in mind that I was working for you, the people. Thank you for putting your trust in me!"

"Because of my own business and the desire for more family time, I have chosen not to seek re-election."

"As we move forward into the next term, there are many challenges ahead. The upcoming election is very important to move us in the right direction. I know that Jr. Shelton will be the right candidate for mayor to lead our city. I am confident that he will work well with the citizens of Central and the City Council."

"He is a man of integrity whom I have had the privilege of getting to know within the past four years. Please consider giving him your support! May God continue to bless our community. Very sincerely yours, Tony LoBue."

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Why They Are Offering Themselves

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citizens and there is strict oversight by the Mayor as to their work, then privatized services can be a success. Not all companies can provide this however. The first contractor we had as a city, in my opinion, was not forthcoming with the citizens or elected officials and didn't provide the services in a professional manner. Our current contractor, IBTS, has restored the public's confidence and provided the services in a professional way. They seem eager to work within the city's oversight.

DAVE FRENEAUX
Candidate for Mayor

Did not respond to questionnaire.

RALPH WASHINGTON
Candidate for City Council

Q. If you have held elected office, what policies or bills were hallmarks of your service?

A. RALPH WASHINGTON: I have served on the City Council and as Mayor Pro-Tem since the first day of incorporation in July 2005. It has been an honor to be on the ground floor of creating a completely new city in a conservative, free enterprise model, unlike any other in Louisiana. We are completely privatized. Our city of 27,000 has a city government with only two employees. Everything is contracted out to a private, non-profit organization called IBTS, which has 26 of their employees assigned to Central. We have an annual budget of \$6.3 million and have a surplus of more than \$1.3 million a year. Our accumulated surplus is now almost \$20 million, which makes it possible to make needed infrastructure improvements without going into debt. We have created a positive environment for families or anyone to live with low crime and great public school system. Although the Council is not responsible for our school system in Central it has been very supportive and helped create an economic climate for the school system to prosper. I have worked to make sure that our council takes a strong stand in favor of public access to public records and open meetings. In addition, we have completed a Master Plan that should guide development for years to come.



Washington

Q. Why are you offering yourself for service as a City Council member?

A. RALPH WASHINGTON. I believe I have made a difference in the past and that I can continue to make a difference for the next four years. We still have much to do, and I would be honored to be part of it.

Q. Four years from now, what specifically would you hope to have accomplished as a Council member?

A. RALPH WASHINGTON: Better infrastructure with roads and sewer. Better services to our people, and a new contract between the City of Central and the city contractor.

Q. In your opinion, what is the purpose of and what are the limits of civil government?

A. RALPH WASHINGTON: I think government should be limited in its involvement in our lives. We should be concerned about public safety and the physical development of the city but it should be limited in

how it impacts our lives.

DR. KIM FRALICK
Candidate for City Council

Q. Why are you offering yourself for service as a City Council Member?

A. DR. KIM FRALICK: I have spent the last three years attending council meetings, committee meetings, workshops and other planning activities. I have diligently worked to keep myself informed and educated. I believe after these observations that I have enough knowledge and experience to run for the office of City Council. I have a desire to serve the community and would strive to fairly represent all the citizens of Central.



Fralick

Q. Four years from now, what

specifically would you hope to have accomplished as a Council member?

A. DR. KIM FRALICK: I hope to have helped develop a concise plan of action for retail growth in Central. I will work to make sure our city council will be elected by districts in the next election. I will work with our P&Z to iron out the kinks that still exist in our Zoning Ordinances. I will help institute better communication between the elected officials and the citizens through town hall meetings, neighborhood meetings and media of different forms.

Q. In your opinion, what is the purpose of and what are the limits of civil government?

A. DR. KIM FRALICK: The purpose of government is to ensure the individual rights of all citizens are protected. Civil government should be limited by the governed people, its constitution and a system of checks and balances.

Q. Do you feel the "war on drugs" has been effective or ineffective? Why or why not?

A. DR. KIM FRALICK: Ineffective. Government cannot address the problems of the heart. Drug misuse, prescription or non-prescription is a spiritual problem. I do believe, however in faith-based initiatives and support them.

Q. What would be the single most important way to help small businesses grow and expand in Central?

The citizens must support the local businesses and the elected officials must seek those businesses that are needed and the citizens will support. This will entail a current Feasibility Study. I also believe that certain tax incentives could be explored as well.

WAYNE MESSINA
Candidate for City Council

Q. What are the major influences on your life?

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Candidate for Mayor
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A. WAYNE MESSINA. My family. How I was raised by my mother and father. My teachers and coaches.

Q. If you have held elected office, what policies or bills were hallmarks of your service?

A. WAYNE MESSINA. The contract with IBTS, UDC, Architectural Design passed. We brought the Counsel on Aging to Central. Term limits passed. Districts passed but were vetoed.

Q. Four years from now, what specifically would you hope to have accomplished as a Council member?

A. WAYNE MESSINA. Bring back Central pride.

Economic development. Districts with two at large if that is what the people want. A Greenwell Springs BREC park and RV Park.

Q. In your opinion, what is the purpose of and what are the limits of civil government?

A. WAYNE MESSINA. To ensure that there will not be anarchy. There must be "Law" but that law should not infringe upon a person's

right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This is stated in the Preamble to our Constitution.

Q. Do you feel the "war on drugs" has been effective or ineffective? Why or why not?

A. WAYNE MESSINA. I would hate to think where we would be as a nation if we did not have the "War on Drugs". It is as effective as the court system will allow it to be.

Q. Do you support capital punishment? Yes.

Q. What would be the single most important way to help small businesses grow and expand in Central?

A. WAYNE MESSINA: Friendly, welcoming environment by the leaders of Central. Show them we are behind them and we are business friendly.

JOHN VANCE
Candidate for
City Council

Q. Why are you offering yourself for service as a City Council member?

A. JOHN VANCE: I have become disappointed in the way our city government operates. It seems that private interest and personal relationships have become more important than doing what is right for the citizens of Central. Some citizens are equipped to support the leaders and some are equipped to lead. I believe my life experiences have equipped me to lead.

Q. Four years from now, what

specifically would you hope to have accomplished as a Council member?

A. JOHN VANCE: I hope to return belief in local government to act responsibly and with integrity. Our city will continue to grow and with good leadership we will grow in a manner that will be in the best interest of citizens of Central.

Q. In your opinion, what is the purpose of and what are the limits of civil government?

A. JOHN VANCE: The purpose of local government is to enact the voice of the people. The local government should protect and promote the safety, wellness and prosperity of the citizens they represent. All of the duties should be conducted within the laws of the state and federal government and most of all within the Constitution.

Q. What would be the single most important way to help small businesses grow and expand in Central?

A. JOHN VANCE: Ensure the government does not interfere with or create obstacles that prevent local businesses from being competitive. In short, the government needs to get out of the way and allow local business to make their own decisions.

HARRY RAULS
Candidate for City Council

Q. If you have held elected office, what policies or bills were hallmarks of your service?

A. HARRY RAULS: Have never run for elected office other than business, social, or civic organiza-

tions. Currently appointed to Central P&Z since 2010 and have participated in Central's Master Plan, new Comprehensive Zoning Plan, Governmental and School System committees.

Q. Why are you offering yourself for service as a City Council member?

A. HARRY RAULS: I believe Central is positioned, and has all the attributes, to be one of the leading cities in the state. But we must insure uncontrolled growth does not overwhelm our resources and Central's quality of life. The Councilmen we elect to serve for the next four years are vital to the successful future growth of the City of Central. I believe I have the maturity, experience, integrity, independence, fiscal responsibility, moral character, and the commitment to serve only in the best interest of the citizens of Central.

Q. Four years from now, what specifically would you hope to have accomplished as a Council member?

A. HARRY RAULS: A more equal representation of area citizens in city government via districts or possibly Home Rule Charter. Completed or improving street and sewer infrastructure projects and improved flood control. Steady and sustain Economic Development. Expanded professional, business, educational, and



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Q. In your opinion, what is the purpose of and what are the limits of civil government?

A. HARRY RAULS: I equate civil government as the local grass roots beginning point of all government, i.e. All government is local. It affects where you live. You want it to be unintrusive to let you do as you please, but when your rights are being disturbed by your neighbor, rules for you and your neighbors and surrounding community are formed into a civil government. They form a Parish, a State, a Nation. Limits of the civil government are those rules governing your local community on a local basis.

Q. What would be the single most important way to help small businesses grow and expand in Central?

A. HARRY RAULS: We need a strong Chamber of Commerce which provides business classes, seminars, and leadership training. In my opinion, our current Chamber is more of a business to business lunch and social club. I would also suggest sponsoring a Central Jr. Chamber of Commerce to encourage new business startups, support and training, and community involvement.

Q. Should the City Council be apportioned by single member

districts, at-large, divisions, or a combination? How many members should the Council have?

A. HARRY RAULS: With a city of 66 miles and 28,000 residents, I believe we need districts for better area representation. I prefer five districts with two at-large as was approved by the present council and then vetoed by the current mayor. Having just five districts will result in the same 3-2 split we currently have. That is why we need two at-large to be concerned for the overall city benefit on a majority vote. I would also recommend the at-large elected by the largest vote be the Mayor pro-tem, thereby being elected by all Central voters. This gives each Central voter a voice in his area as well as a voice for the city as a whole. Seven Councilmen also give the advantage of using standing committees. Complaints of bigger government are easily offset by better citizen representation and management. Additional cost is easily offset by reallocation of the Mayor's Economic Development budget which has only been wasted for eight years with no economic development to speak of. Two additional Councilmen will cost less than about half that.

SHANE EVANS

Candidate for City Council

Q. What are the major influences on your life?

The major influences on my life are learning and trying to model my life on the way Jesus lived his life, my parents and grandparents, my wife Anita, and becoming a father.

Q. Why are you offering yourself for service as a City Council member?

A. SHANE EVANS: Because I feel that Central has given me and my family many gifts, which have

included a deep sense of community, lifelong friendships, safe schools that have been a blessing to my children and a sense of pride in what we are and what we can become. I feel I owe a debt to Central for these things and hope to repay it through service as a City Councilman.

Q. Four years from now, what specifically would you hope to have accomplished as a Council member?

A. SHANE EVANS: In four years, I hope to have been a part of a team effort that has enhanced public safety in Central, as well as addressing infrastructure improvements that are planned and executed in a very fiscally responsible manner. I also hope to have been able to review and readdress certain overly restrictive components of the City of Central zoning requirements pertaining to rural residential properties.

Q. In your opinion, what is the purpose of and what are the limits of civil government?

A. SHANE EVANS: To provide adequate police, fire and emergency medical services to ensure comprehensive coverage for the community. Careful identification, approval, planning and inspection of both private and civil engineering projects and diligent maintenance and stewardship of city as-

sets and infrastructure. To identify and entice business, recreational and residential development that will be positive long term assets to the city, aesthetically, socially and economically. I believe the limits of a city government should be to the duties outlined above. What that means to me is that it is a city government's duty to focus on those items while remaining vigilant to not unnecessarily interfere with law-abiding citizens lives, or the use of their private property.

Q. What would be the single most important way to help small businesses grow and expand in Central?

A. SHANE EVANS: Not to impose overly burdensome building restrictions on new commercial construction. I will go further and add that home-based business should be encouraged, rather than the current anti-home-based business environment that exists. Some of this country's greatest businesses started in garages.

Q. Should the City Council be apportioned by single member districts, at-large, divisions, or a combination? How many members should the Council have?

A. SHANE EVANS: As a result of my experiences on the campaign trail, and speaking with many Central residents, I believe that the City Council should consist of five district council persons, and two at large for a total of seven. I observed at a recent council meeting that one was absent due to illness, and another barely made it due to

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I will consider the impact to our schools in every decision. We must have growth in our community to sustain our schools. The growth must be at a rate that our schools can maintain.

SECURE HOME VALUES

The type and quality of future development plays a key role in maintaining the value of our homes. We must improve the infrastructure of our city so we can take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

PERSONAL

Married for 12 years to Lesley Vance - 2 children. Served 7 years as a Blackhawk pilot in the Army. Worked in private industry for 10 years — Plant Manager, Maintenance Manager, New Construction Manager, Regional Operations Manager. Currently manage air ambulance helicopter operations in South Louisiana.

Elect
John VANCE
Central City Council

Freneau Was Told Questions Were to Be Confidential

Things Were Not as They Seemed at Debate

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MAYORAL DEBATE — Neither candidate Jr. Shelton (right) nor moderator Phil Rainier (center) knew that candidate Dave Freneau already had some of the questions.

One Candidate Had A Big Advantage: He Wrote Questions Used in the Debate

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the debate that Freneau had written some of the questions, Ron Erickson of the Chamber and Harry Rauls of the CCA allowed the debate to go forward. Neither insisted that the questions written by Freneau be removed from the debate or that the debate be canceled. Nor did they inform candidate Jr. Shelton that Freneau knew some of the questions in advance.

When he learned the Friday after the debate of what had happened, Shelton

“ Apparently, he wrote the questions himself and then wrote out the answers. I didn’t have that advantage. Before the debate, I saw him in the hall practicing reading something he had written. ”

— Jr. Shelton, Candidate for Mayor of Central

said he felt something was not right in the debate because of the “attack” questions and the fact that Freneau seemed to be reading his answers to certain questions. “Apparently, he wrote the questions himself and then wrote out the answers. I didn’t have that advantage. Before the debate, I saw him in the hall practicing reading something he had written,” Shelton said. Shelton said he felt an apology was in order from the Central Chamber and the CCA for allowing the de-

bate to go forward.

The confidentiality of the questions was made clear in numerous emails among the debate organizers, including emails sent to Freneau and Shelton. Under the rules, the questions had to be placed in sealed envelopes and not shown to anyone.

However, in a meeting just before the debate, the breach of protocol was made known to the organizers. Those responsible for questions were Rodney Bonvillain, Angela Summerville,

Ted McCulley, and Lucky Ross. Just before the debate, they met with organizers Ron Erickson of the Chamber and Harry Rauls of CCA. At that time, Rauls asked each of those responsible for the questions if they had shown them to anyone.

The *Central City News* sent emails to each of the six individuals in the meeting. We asked if Dave Freneau knew any of the questions in advance or if he wrote any of the questions.

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CCA Apologized; Central Chamber Refused

Irregularities in Mayor's Debate

An investigative report by the **Central City News** on the Thursday, March 6 mayoral debate at the Central High auditorium showed that

- Candidate Dave Freneau had prior knowledge of some of the questions.
- Dave Freneau actually wrote some of the questions he and Shelton were asked.
- Jr. Shelton had no prior knowledge of the questions.
- The debate organizers, Central Community Alliance and Central Chamber of Commerce, both knew Freneau had prior knowledge of the questions and that Freneau had written those questions.
- The debate organizers nevertheless went forward with the debate and allowed the tainted questions to be used.
- The planted questions challenged the character and fitness of Shelton.
- Debate organizers allowed Shelton to walk onto the stage without informing him that Freneau had prior knowledge of the questions, which allowed Freneau to write out his answers and prepare his remarks in advance.

Harry Rauls of Central Community Alliance acknowledged the facts above and issued a formal apology to Shelton. While not disputing the facts, Wayne Leader of the Central Chamber said the debate was run properly and did not apologize.

Harry Rauls, president of Central Community Alliance, said:

...the Central Community Alliance and the Central Chamber of Commerce worked diligently together to present a balanced and unbiased Mayoral Debate... **Both Candidates, the CCA, and the Chamber understood the importance of protecting the integrity of the questions from being known in advance of the debate by candidate or public. In the meeting to present the sealed questions to the Moderator, it was disclosed that the questions from one candidate, Dave Freneau, had in fact not only seen his questions, but he had just emailed his questions that afternoon to his panelist...** Hindsight is great. The panelists had no way of knowing that Mr. Freneau would use prepared, well-rehearsed, and negative comments about Mr. Shelton. He did. In hindsight, we could have switched questions, or even called the debate compromised and canceled it. We did not... **As President of the CCA, I am totally responsible for our actions in this debate, and I apologize for any action I took to compromise the reputation of CCA. I have personally called and apologized to Mr. Shelton.**

Wayne Leader, president of Central Chamber of Commerce, said:

After exhaustive research by myself regarding any improprieties regarding the recent Mayoral Debate hosted in part by the Central Chamber of Commerce and the Central Community Alliance, **I stand 100 percent behind the actions of our President Ron Erickson, panelist Lucky Ross, and Rodney Bonvillain, and the process by which the debate was procedurally administered.** I consider this issue closed and no further statements will be made.

Ted McCulley, panelist for Jr. Shelton, said:

[Ron Erickson of the Central Chamber] stressed that **"Questions are to remain confidential and will be submitted to the moderator."** ... The emails sent to Shelton, Freneau, and Rauls never said the candidates were to formulate the questions... Wayne Leader's statement that he did "exhaustive research" and concluded that there were no improprieties on the part of the Chamber and the CCA.: I beg to differ with him. There were only four panelists. If he had spoken with all of us, he might have gained more insight into the fact that **there were improprieties which made the debate weighted toward one candidate.** As of this writing neither Wayne Leader nor Central Speaks newspaper has contacted me. Had they done so they might have both avoided stating and printing misconstrued and false statements about the events of the Mayoral debate.

Vote Shane Evans



Shane and Anita Evans

1) I pledge transparency in government. Taxpayers are entitled to the full set of facts when it comes to government operation, and the expenditure of our tax dollars.

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3) Central First! I pledge to work towards careful planning and zoning that puts Central businesses and residents FIRST. Smart, conservative growth is the key to Central's success for the future.

4) I promise to work towards enhancing public safety in Central and fully supporting those public safety professionals that serve us.

VOTE!

Shane Evans

Councilman

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"A bridge has no allegiance to either side."

~ Les Coleman

Candidates Tell Their Stand on Issues

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an injury. If that injured council person had been unable to attend, they would have not been able to conduct city business.

JAMES SALSBUURY
Candidate for Police Chief

Q. Why are you offering yourself for service as Police Chief of the City of Central?

A. JAMES SALSBUURY: I want to build onto what I have started as Asst. Police Chief of Central.

Q. Four years from now, what specifically would you like to have accomplished as a Police Chief?

A. JAMES SALSBUURY: To have a basic working police force with contract employees and reserve officials.

Q. In your opinion, what is the



Salsbury

purpose of and what are the limits of civil government?

A. To provide the services day to day to live in a free country, respecting the will of the people and the Constitution.

Q. What specific changes could be made in Central's budget to ensure the best prioritization of use of public funds?

A. JAMES SALSBUURY: Allow the Police Department to control its own budget within the total appropriation approved by the Council.

Q. What if any, do you believe is the appropriate role for the City Council in addressing the crime problem?

A. JAMES SALSBUURY: The Council can best help by supporting the needs of the Police Department.

Q. Would you support focusing resources on addressing misdemeanor crimes such as panhandling, vandalism, and prostitution or on violent crimes? Or both?

A. JAMES SALSBUURY: We must do both. I want to focus on all

crime.

Q. Do you believe there is a connection between the prosecution of misdemeanors and violent crime rates?

A. JAMES SALSBUURY: Absolutely.

Q. What other methods, in addition to more officers on the beat, would you advocate to address the pressing problem of violent crime?

Simple things would help, such as better record keeping and better communications among law enforcement agencies.

Q. Louisiana has one of the world's highest percentage rates of incarceration, along with a huge crime problem. What are your thoughts about the growing prison population?

A. JAMES SALSBUURY: Use inmate labor for the building of new prisons, thus reducing costs to the taxpayers and developing skills for inmates.

Q. What would be the single most important way to help small businesses grow and expand in Central?

A. JAMES SALSBUURY: Having our own functioning police department will help reduce crime and thus help attract new businesses.

ERIC FRANK
Candidate for City Council

[Editor's Note: Eric Frank did not respond to the Republican Party questionnaire. However, he did provide a statement to the Central City News, which is reprinted below.]

Biography. Graduated from E.D. White Catholic High School in 1987, attended Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, 1987-1988, graduated from LSU in 1993



Frank

with a Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts, resident of Central for 21 years, married to Alice Frank for 23 years with two children, owner and operator of Eric Frank Photography LLC for 13 years, active member of St. Alphonsus Church, volunteer with Cooking in Central (as a cook), and member, Knights of Columbus.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to let you know why I want to be your Councilman. It is hard for me to put into words the passion that I have for our community but I will try my best.

For those of you who don't know, I am a transplant to Central. When my wife and I moved here 21 years ago we were looking for a home, but instead we found a community. A community that welcomed us with open arms.

I am proud to call Central home, and I am committed to protecting and improving the community that we live in. I want those who built Central, as well as their children to continue believing in and investing in our hometown. Fostering that sense of community, and keeping our young talent, while honoring and respecting our traditions, is the formula for success.

The hard working people of our community have paved the way for many of us to have opportunities that we dream of, opportunities that our community has made possible. I am committed to this greater calling. If we value family and community, it is because we know that it fosters the environment for individual success. So, if the community is an essential element of our individual success, we cherish it, we honor it, and yes, we love it.

A council position should be held by an individual who can actually bring solutions that will change our town for the better. Our town needs a new approach before it is too late. If we do things the way that they've always been done, then things will remain the way that they've always been.

We need to work on issues today while keeping an eye on what we want for the future. We can't have a councilman simply putting out today's fires while larger issues pass us by. We need a progressive city councilman who will be proactive in building partnerships for our already successful schools, beautiful neighborhoods and plans that create opportunity.

As our city grows with business, housing and open space, future planning should benefit all of us living and working in Central today and tomorrow. As councilman, I will work to keep you informed about what is going on and what we can do to make a difference in our community.

I am running to serve Central because I love Central. Putting Central first means putting the people of our community first because they are the essence of the community that we love. Central first means we will help our neighbors because it's the right thing to do. Putting Central first requires that our elected officials and public servants set aside ideological or personal differences to attend to the service of the residents in our community. That is why I am running



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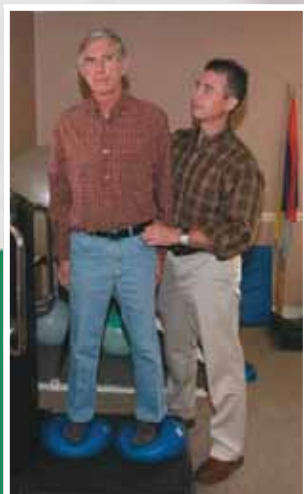
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CPA Board Records Reveal Freneau Was Neither a CPA nor 'Inactive CPA'

La. R.S. 37:83-84 Provides 1 Year Imprisonment for Using CPA Title Without 'Valid Active Certificate'

CENTRAL - When Dave Freneau announced his candidacy for Mayor of the City of Central on Aug. 22, 2013, he emphasized that he was a CPA. During his campaign, he referred to himself as a CPA and at other times referred to himself as an "Inactive CPA." He also allowed himself to be called a CPA in public forums and the media without seeking a correction.

But the Louisiana Board for Certified Public Accountants says that he was neither a CPA nor an Inactive CPA.

The use of the term CPA and Inactive CPA are protected by law. CPA is a license issued by the Board. Inactive CPA is also a license issued by the Board. It requires making application and the payment of an annual fee.

According to the Louisiana Board of Certified Public Accountants, Freneau has not held a CPA license or an Inactive CPA license since Dec. 31, 2006. La. R.S. 37:83 says that in order to use the title CPA, a person must have "a valid active certificate" issued by the CPA Board.

Criminal Penalties. If anyone violates this section of law, he is subject to a fine of up to \$500 and imprisonment for up to one year or both, for each violation. The misrepresentation of Freneau's status as a licensed CPA is relevant to the candidate's credibility and compliance with ethical and legal standards.

But it has also been important politically during the current race for Mayor of Central. Freneau has repeatedly used the term CPA and Inactive CPA in order to bolster his claim to business experience and expertise.

On March 10, 2014, the Louisiana Board of Certified Public Accountants received an inquiry asking whether Freneau held a valid active certificate as either a CPA or an Inactive CPA.

Later that day, he announced that he would no longer refer to himself as a CPA. The board could have issued him a warning advising him to immediately cease and desist using the term CPA or else face disciplinary or criminal action.

In a statement, Freneau said he had made meticulous efforts to make sure that he did not misrepresent his status as a CPA. However, his statement failed to acknowledge that he had apparently been violating state criminal law by referring to himself as a CPA or Inactive CPA when in fact he was not licensed as either.

If he had wanted to refer to himself as an Inactive CPA, he could have applied to the Board. How-

Louisiana Revised Statutes La. R.S. 37: 83. Unlawful acts

C. No person shall use or assume the title "certified public accountant" or the abbreviation "CPA" or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate that such person is a certified public accountant, unless the person holds a valid active certificate issued as provided for in this Part or a privilege pursuant to R.S. 37:94.

R.S. 37:84. Criminal penalties

B. Any person or firm who knowingly violates any provision of R.S. 37:83 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars for each violation or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

ever, he did not explain in his statement why he used the designation without seeking Board approval.

Freneau contacted the *Central City News* on Wednesday, March 19 and made a statement on his use of the CPA title. He said he has not used the term "CPA" in an attempt to practice or do the work of a currently licensed CPA.

When asked why he used the term CPA in his announcement statement when he was not a licensed CPA, Freneau said, "Simple lack of careful proofing on my part in the midst of a brand new process for me of running for a public office... The reference was not meant to offer my services as a CPA or to claim to be practicing as a CPA."

At the Mayoral debate on March 6, Freneau was introduced as a CPA. When asked Wednesday why he did not correct that introduction when he took the podium, since he was not a CPA, Freneau said, "I did not even pay attention

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For Immediate Release – August 22, 2013
Contact: Dave Freneau at 225-262-DAVE (3283) or www.DaveForCentral.com and FaceBook and Twitter – DaveForCentral.

Founder of Central Speaks Announces Candidacy for Mayor
Dave Freneau Pledges "Stronger Voice" for the People of Central

CENTRAL, La. – Successful business owner, CPA and newspaper founder Dave Freneau has announced he will run for Mayor of the City of Central in the April 5, 2014 election, pledging to give the people of Central a stronger voice in decisions that affect their lives.

to the specifics of the introductions. I'm not sure but it probably came from the same original press release

Louisiana Board of Certified Public Accountants

Mark David Freneau 'Inactive CPA' license expired 12/31/06

According to Board's website on March 1, 2014, Mark David Freneau has not been a licensed CPA or an 'Inactive CPA' for nearly eight years.

On March 10, 2014, the CPA Board received an inquiry as to whether Freneau had an active valid license as either a CPA or an Inactive CPA. Later that day, Freneau announced he would no longer refer to himself as a CPA.

from my announcement." Two days after the Mayoral debate See Page 16, Col. 4



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Organizers Feared Leaked Questions

Moderator Phil Rainier Was Kept Out of Loop To Insure Confidentiality

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- CCA president Harry Rauls said, "Rodney Bonvillain told me that, yes, Dave had sent Rodney the questions this afternoon."

- Ms. Summerville and Ted McCulley responded that they heard Bonvillain say that Freneau was aware of the questions and had in fact written them himself.

- Rodney Bonvillain confirmed that his questions came from Freneau.

- Ron Erickson of the Chamber responded he would have a statement on the matter the following Monday morning. Chamber chairman Wayne Leader later responded.

- Ross did not respond.

In an interview Friday night, Harry Rauls said he feared Freneau's breach of the rules and the failure

of the Central Chamber and CCA to take action before the debate were terrible mistakes that might do irrevocable damage to the reputations of the Chamber and CCA.

Rauls made available to the *Central City News* all of the emails among the organizers (Harry Rauls and Ron Erickson), the candidates (Jr. Shelton and Dave Freneau), the panelists (Angela Summerville, Rodney Bonvillain, Ted McCulley, and Lucky Ross), and the moderator (Phil Rainier).

The emails were almost all directed to the candidates. Some of the other participants were left "out of the loop." The emails to the candidates stressed confidentiality of the questions.

Security about the questions was supposedly very tight.

Even Phil Rainier, the moderator, was denied the opportunity to attend the question meeting Sunday night before the debate out of fear the questions might be leaked.

Only two persons could benefit from leaked questions — Jr. Shelton and Dave Freneau.

Ron Erickson to Dave Freneau and Jr. Shelton 2/27/14

For a total of eight questions. Questions are to remain confidential and will be submitted to the moderator.

Here is the exchange of emails between CCA president Harry Rauls and moderator Phil Rainier:

- HARRY RAULS to PHIL RAINIER: "Sorry I cannot invite you to meet with question selection meeting Sunday. Call me if any questions."

- PHIL RAINIER: "Harry, I just saw the note about not being able to invite me to be at the planning meeting. So, you do not need me out there today? What is the reason?"

- HARRY RAULS: "Phil, mostly, Chamber is afraid of leaked questions beforehand. I have also recused myself, Messina, and Fralick also, so we canceled meeting on Sunday. Angela Summerville and David Barrow will come up with CCA's 2 questions and present them to you with the other 6 at 30 minutes before Debate."

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me or Ron Erickson. See you on Thursday. Thanks"

In an atmosphere of such security over the questions, it seems disingenuous to suggest that a candidate could write the questions that would be asked his opponent.

In an interview the Monday after the debate, one of the panelists, Rodney Bonvillain, who had been named a panelist by Freneau, said he was unaware that Freneau was not supposed to know the questions. He said, "I wasn't trying to hide anything. I freely admitted that I got questions from Freneau. It was an innocent misunderstanding. I had no intent to violate any rule."

The review of emails showed Bonvillain was not included in the same email chain as candidates Dave Freneau and Jr. Shelton. As a result, while Freneau was repeatedly told the questions were confidential, Bonvillain was not.

In the days after the debate, Harry Rauls issued an apology to Shelton on behalf of himself and CCA.

However, Central Chamber chairman Wayne Leader issued a statement saying the debate was conducted properly and that he would have no further comment.

Freneau Backs Away from CPA Claims in Bio

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bate, the *Advocate* ran a major story about the debate on Page B-1. The story focused on Freneau's attacks on Shelton. The lead paragraph of the story identified Freneau as a CPA. When asked whether he had asked the *Advocate* for a retraction or correction, Freneau told the *Central City News* that he had not. "I do not recall seeing the reference. So I could not have asked for a correction."

When asked why he has sometimes referred to himself as an Inactive CPA, which is a category of license issued by the CPA Board when he was not in fact an Inactive CPA, Freneau said, "I have never introduced myself as 'CPA Inactive' and have never printed that on any campaign literature. I believe the only reference was a facebook comment..."

However, in the Jan. 9, 2014 issue of *Central Speaks*, Freneau referred to himself as a "CPA Inactive."

Freneau says that six days ago he applied to the CPA Board and was granted a CPA Inactive license.

Earlier in the campaign, Freneau, a Republican, refused to answer a standard questionnaire from the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge, seeking information on his background and his position on issues. The party routinely verifies claims by Republican candidates on their residency, college degrees, military service, and licenses, in order to insure that Republican candidates are representing themselves honestly to the voters.

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The people of Central are deserving of a government with representatives who have gained academic and practical knowledge and will carry out their responsibilities with unwavering integrity, faithfulness and commitment. The contrived political separation of people can only hold back the progress and dignity of our government. I am a firm believer of teamwork, networking and forming a coalition of leaders to develop goals, plans and accomplish tasks for the betterment of our community. Lets not divide our city into groups with an agenda, power based politicians or dishonesty.

I am asking all citizens of Central to get involved, to thoroughly select candidates with insight, understanding and wisdom. Join me in fighting attempted control and division over political candidates and citizens alike. Please get out and vote on April 5, 2014, and we will make a difference and climb above these individuals who are more interested in their own self gratification. The perpetration of questionable tactics that are being used in Central's campaigns will be carried forward into our government. I would like to join a team of men and women who will unify not divide, strengthen not weaken, build not teardown and move forward a strong meaningful group of professionals who have the interest of Central in the forefront.

Secondly, I would like to reiterate my sincere appreciation to the (15) fifteen Chief's of Police who have endorsed and supported me in my endeavor to become the next Chief of Police of Central. I am especially proud of the fact that (3) three of the men who have reached the highest position of the Baton Rouge Police Department, where I retired, trusted me in positions, including managerial, of major projects that effected the efficiency and needs of the department. The remaining (11) eleven Chief's from outside departments worked closely with me as well, and trusted my decision making ability to provide needed departmental equipment based on the quality and cost effectiveness recommended by me. My current Chief appointed me his assistant.

These highly respected men would not have placed there confidence and reputation supporting me if they felt I was not qualified to become Central's next Chief of Police. Law Enforcement is not just patrol activity and tactical preparedness. These departmental jobs are important, as are many other jobs, such as Criminal Investigations, Traffic Enforcement, Administrative and Service. My highly qualified staff and I are prepared to move the Central Police Department forward and provide the law enforcement needs to the citizens of Central, as I have in the past years that I have been working for the Central Police Department.

Central: Our home, our community; please continue to support our department's effort as you have since forming our great city. Elect me, Central's next Chief of Police.

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