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If I Were Mayor

If I were mayor, I would ensure that my community is in the best condition possible and make things more useful for the citizens. I would do this by creating green spaces and renovating abandoned lots, taking care of first responders, renovating the county fair, and improving the O.B. Nelson Fields. I would aim to bring more people to our town and keep them entertained. I would suggest and promote things that would benefit the community.

I would create green spaces to improve the citizen's health. Cleaning up abandoned lots would make our community more vibrant and likable. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, "Among community-dwelling adults, self-reported feelings of depression and worthlessness were significantly decreased, for those living near greened vacant land." Having a clean community would benefit many citizen's mental health. It would promote our town by having a safe and clean environment.

As mayor, I would make sure first responders are taken care of and funded. They do so much work for us, so I would make sure they feel safe and have good mental health. First responders keep our community safe, so they should be taken care of. I would also host a community appreciation event for first responders. This would benefit the community because they do a lot of work for the community, so we should pay them back. I would do this by holding banquets and auctions, and making laws to protect first responders.

Renovating the Jefferson County Fair would make it a better attraction. Our town held the first State Fair, and it's important to Fairfield's history. It should look nice to honor our history and the 4-H kids working hard on projects all year. The fair would bring more money to the community if it looked and felt nice. It would benefit the whole community because so many people are involved in the Jefferson County Fair. It's not just about the fair, but about what

relationships and futures are being built there. I would hold events to fundraise money to help restore the county fairgrounds.

Improving the O.B. Nelson Fields would bring money back to the community. Sports are rising in popularity, so it would be smart to refurbish the fields to make a softball, baseball, and soccer complex. According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association, "In 2023, 242 million Americans, or 78.8% of Americans, participated in an activity one or more times, a 2.2% increase from last year." It would benefit the community because people play sports, they get hungry, and want to explore the town. The town would raise money by holding fundraisers and promoting the idea on social media. The renovated fields would support our small-town businesses. In addition, kids involved in sports learn life skills, time management, teamwork, and they improve self-esteem. The renovated fields would encourage kids to try new things and do school sports.

To conclude, if I were mayor, I would create green spaces and renovate abandoned lots, take care of first responders, renovate the Jefferson County Fair, and improve the O.B. Nelson Fields. My goal as mayor would be to support small businesses and bring money back to the community. I would also ensure that the citizens of my community are happy with the town. As mayor, I would listen to feedback to improve the citizens' concerns. Fairfield would be a safe, fair, and clean community if I were mayor.

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