



**VOTER GUIDE
WYLIE CITY COUNCIL
FALL, 2020**

**WYLIE CITY COUNCIL
CANDIDATES
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MAYOR

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MAYOR PORTER IS RUNNING UNOPPOSED AND DID NOT RESPOND TO THE GALA CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Background: I am running for mayor of Wylie because I believe that I offer new leadership with a fresh perspective. I will focus on moving Wylie forward in several important areas while never losing sight of what makes Wylie a special and unique place to call home.

Education: B.A. in History - Texas A&M, Master's in Health Administration - Texas A&M Health Science Center

Occupation: Healthcare Administration

Highlights of civic involvement/accomplishment:

- Served as President of the board for the Brazos Animal Shelter (501c3 rescue)
- Volunteer foster of cats and kittens – saved over 150 lives
- Adoption counselor assisting those looking for a new best friend
- Current adoption partner with Wylie Petsmart

Platform:

Targeted Growth – I will work with the city council and staff to update the comprehensive land use plan and city zoning standards while also continuing to focus on the preservation and enhancement of our historic downtown.

Infrastructure Improvement – The city must continue to invest in infrastructure within the city that will address traffic congestion and ensure that city utilities and emergency services can be provided at the level our citizens deserve.

Public Safety – I will continue to support our phenomenal first responders. I will continue to advocate to staff and build a fourth fire station to ensure that we can continue to provide critical services to our citizens. It is also important to continue to provide our police department and emergency dispatch with the resources they need to continue their excellent service to Wylie.

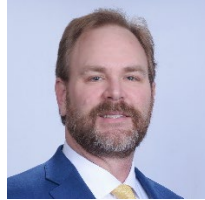
Enhancing Quality of Life – Wylie has many different opportunities to expand services to the public that enhance their lives. New parks, sports fields, aquatic facilities, arts, and more have been discussed. It will be important to develop a plan to provide those opportunities we can that will have the greatest impact.

Fiscal Responsibility – I have pushed hard to work on capping and lowering taxes for the residents and businesses of Wylie. No one should have to move because of taxes increasing faster than wages. I pledge to continue to work with staff and council to make tough but necessary decisions on how to best allocate resources without relying on constant tax increases.

Transparency – I will continue to provide updates to my constituents through Facebook while also welcoming anyone who would like to call, email or meet with me in person. I am willing to meet as a candidate/officeholder or officially as your Mayor.

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Background:

I bring you 23 years of leadership experience creating technical solutions for billion-dollar organizations with extensive experience budgeting for and managing large, multi-level departments and highly diverse teams.

Experience: I am a Solution Engineer for a major signature solution organization proposing technical solutions to billion-dollar companies. Prior to that I was a Manager of Engineering Services for a major software development company with a large department of 65 employees.

Texas Roots: I was raised in Southern California by an Air Force brat from Fort Worth and a church choir director from California. I have been married to my wife Connie since 2002 and have two beautiful children, Mireille and Lucius. We returned to my Texas roots several years ago and chose Wylie because of its highly rated schools, superb fire and police departments, and its thriving downtown community and activities. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, and I actively volunteer in my church community.

Occupation: Enterprise Solutions Engineer

League of Women Voters Questionnaire:

Growth: Collin County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. What should the City Council do, if anything, to address population growth?

As a traditional Conservative I support the rights of people to use and develop their property as they see fit. That being said, there is some responsibility on the part of property owners and the city to ensure that development does not cause disruptions in traffic, utility supplies, and other critical infrastructure elements that all citizens and people doing business in Wylie rely on. This means that both the city and developers must work together to ensure that there is responsible growth while maintaining our attractiveness to new residents.

Economy: Should the City Council try to attract more businesses? Why or why not?

Wylie needs more business, but more importantly Wylie needs more businesses that help people to shop and eat here as opposed to having to drive to other cities to find more dining and shopping options. It's not to say that Wylie does not already have these options, but if you want a Steak House you're driving to, and spending your money in, Plano; which benefits from the tax revenue instead of Wylie. The same can be said for a myriad of shopping options; from electronics, to books, to sporting goods, and many more you generally have to go to other cities to find those things.

Finance: What would you like to change, if anything, about the city budget and taxation?

It would be irresponsible to answer a question like this without taking the volatile nature of our current circumstances into account. Many of us know at least 1 or 2 people who have lost their jobs due to the impact of Covid 19; I know several. There will certainly be some kind of economic impact after the presidential election. In an uncertain times wise people spend more carefully in case they need to weather a storm. City spending should be no different and if the city wants to help people they can do it best by cutting taxes and focusing spending on those items we really need.



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League of Women Voters Questionnaire (Continued):

Trust: How will you work with residents to earn their trust in city government?

I invite everyone to share their ideas and concerns with me, even if they feel their ideas may not resonate with me, or if they feel I would be unsympathetic towards their concerns. Every idea should be given voice. People trust their government when their government works for them, not the other way around. Conservative values put an emphasis on people being involved in their government, so it is incumbent on citizens to bring their ideas up, and it incumbent on government to always hear them out.

Services: What changes should be made, if any, to city services? What would it take to make these changes?

Certain roads and intersections need to be improved to reduce traffic collisions and risk of fatalities. Working with the appropriate city employees and the City Manager will be necessary in this. Already we are seeing plans brought forward to improve County Club/FM 544 which is wonderful, but there are others. Water meter reporting is another issue I hear about frequently, as a citizen I can only get information about my meter, as City Council Member I can get a lot more information about the reporting system and issues to be able to look for improvements.

Other issues: What other important issues are facing the City Council, and how would you address them?

I foresee the responsibilities and business of the City Council increasing as more residents and businesses come into Wylie, as well as beyond. There will continue to be an increase of traffic passing through Wylie, bring with it more opportunities but also more challenges. Wylie has already seen tremendous growth over the last 30 years; 1990 less than 10,000 residents, 2000 about 15,000 residents, 2010 tripling to 45,000 residents, and now we're a little under 60,000. It's not the town it was 30 years ago, and Wylie needs leaders that are effective at managing constant and rapid change.

PLACE 2

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Background: I have over 25 years of engineering experience in the semiconductor industry and have worked for Texas companies to include Texas Instruments and Qorvo. I am a former US Army officer who has served in the Texas National Guard.

Education: B.S. Ceramic Engineering, 1992, Iowa State University

League of Women Voters Questionnaire:

Growth: Collin County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. What should the City Council do, if anything, to address population growth?

I believe that the city council needs to plan ahead and invest well for the future of Wylie. I have witnessed the dramatic change in Wylie since first coming to the city for my National Guard drills in the 1990's. I am happy to see that Wylie has grown in a good way. I feel fortunate to live here with my wife and 3 children. I would support continued investments in the city's infrastructure, fire and police departments, historic downtown, parks and recreation, and IT. As Wylie grows, I want to be sure that that the same great city that Wylie is today is here for my children in the future.

Economy: Should the City Council try to attract more businesses? Why or why not?

Yes. Local businesses and industries are the life blood of the community. Local sources of employment help retain people, especially younger people, to the city. Wylie's small businesses, restaurants, entertainment venues, and small industries provide a great revenue stream to the city and do much to build the sense of community. With successful local businesses, the people of Wylie do not just live here, but also want to stay here.

Finance: What would you like to change, if anything, about the city budget and taxation?

After reviewing the city expenditures, I would not change the city taxation policy at this time. To cut taxes, the city would need to make cuts to the services it provides. I am not willing to give up the clean and safe environment that my family enjoys in Wylie. For the money I pay in property tax, I believe that I get a huge return on investment from Wylie's excellent fire and police departments and city services. While continuing to invest in safety and infrastructure, I would propose delaying large-scale recreational facilities until the city debt is further paid down.

Trust: How will you work with residents to earn their trust in city government?

I am a resident of Wylie and I trust the city government because I like what I see. I am happy that my kids have a safe town to grow up in. I enjoy the great activities such as Bluegrass on Ballard and the main street festivals that the city sponsors. As a council member I would work to continue these events. Knowing where the money goes is key to building trust. The tax calculator on the city's website is an excellent tool for financial transparency. In addition to the city website, I would propose using the city's newsletter to make residents more aware of how their taxes are spent.

Services: What changes should be made, if any, to city services? What would it take to make these changes?

As the city grows, there will be greater needs related to information technology. I would promote increased IT spending to support the existing infrastructure and to allow Wylie to take advantages of future advances such as 5G networking. The increased funding for IT can come from more tax revenue as the city grows. I would also propose increasing the city's developmental services. Through the Wylie development group, new city business and property development can bring in additional revenue to the city. Through the right projects, increased development spending can pay for itself.



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TOM AMBROSE

League of Women Voters Questionnaire (Continued):

Other issues: What other important issues are facing the City Council, and how would you address them?

Another aspect of population growth is the change to a more diverse demographic makeup. I see diversity as a key strength of the United States. I would work to foster a friendly, welcoming community which is open to people of all ethnicities and backgrounds. To accomplish this goal, I would seek input from other Wylie residents to find ways to best serve their needs. I believe in the saying that being born with two ears and one mouth, I need to listen at least twice as much as I speak.

GALA CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

What would you, as a City Council Member, do to educate yourself about the diverse community you serve, including the LGBTQ+ community? Do you consider it a priority to ensure that city employees receive diversity training which includes information regarding the LGBTQ+ community?

I would speak with local LGBTQ leaders to better understand their concerns and needs. Yes, it is a priority for me to have diversity training for city employees. I have been fortunate to work with LGBTQ individuals who have been excellent team members and have contributed much to the engineering groups that I have managed or have been an individual contributor for. I consider it a priority to bring diversity to all organizations to which I am a part of. Diversity is the strength of the United States. Leveraging the talents of people without regard to race, color, religion, gender, or sexual orientation has allowed the groups that I have managed to achieve so much. I am especially grateful to an engineer who works in my group who is of the LGBTQ community and is the best example of a team player that I have witnessed in over 25yrs of corporate manufacturing experience.

Religious Refusal bills allow businesses to deny service to the LGBTQ+ community. Would you, as a City Council Member, fight to ensure that LGBTQ constituents are treated equally by businesses in your city? If so, how would you accomplish this? If not, please explain your reasoning?

I would fight to ensure that LGBTQ members are treated equally and with respect in the local businesses in Wylie. I am a big supporter of local business and want the city government to do much to help them to succeed. However, I would drop my support for businesses which engage in discrimination.

Currently there is no state or federal law that protects LGBTQ+ individuals from employment discrimination. Your city does not currently provide such protections either. In the absence of such an ordinance, how will you ensure your city hiring, firing and promotions will be conducted without regard to sexual orientation and gender identity?

I will work with the city manager and administration staff to ensure that the hiring and firing systems are built on talent, experience, and performance without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity. I will look into the City Charter to understand what is currently written and propose changes which would align it with the corporate policy that I am familiar with which does include LGBTQ protections.

In 2016, Plano became the first city in Collin County to pass an Equal Rights Ordinance (ERO) that was LGBTQ+ inclusive. The City of Plano's Equal Rights Ordinance, in their own words, depicts their city's commitment to ensuring equality and inclusion for all citizens and visitors in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and city contracting. Would you support such an ordinance in your city? Why or why not?

Yes. I am happy to know that Plano has taken that step. I would seek to implement a similar ERO in Wylie.

Why should members of the LGBTQ+ community support your candidacy?

I will make it a priority to keep Wylie growing toward a friendly, loving, and welcoming community which embraces and values diversity.

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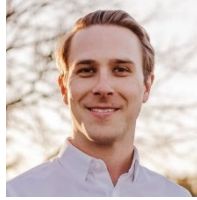
**COUNCILMEMBER WALLIS IS RUNNING UNOPPOSED
AND DID NOT RESPOND TO THE GALA CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Statement from Councilmember Wallis' Facebook Page:

Hello, Firstly, I want to thank each and every one of you that visit this page and take some of your time to learn more about me. I am a 9-year resident of what I deem the best city in Texas in fact the entire United States. I am a veterinarian that graduated with my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Louisiana State University in 2006. I am married to the most beautiful and amazing woman anyone could ask for, we have 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl, ranging in age from 20yrs to 15 months. I have been an Associate at Parker Road Veterinary Hospital since January of 2008, and a partner since 2014. My oldest graduated from Wylie East in 2015 and is currently in Basic Combat Training/AIT for Military Police for Texas National Guard, my 12 year old attends Davis Intermediate, my 8 year old attends Dodd Elementary, and of course my 3 year and my 14 month old are a bit young for school, but will attend Dodd as well. I have been asked, "What's the main reason that I am seeking a seat on the city council?" My answer is stewardship, I believe that we have been blessed with an amazing city. Having 5 children and a business here in Wylie, I have a strong vested interest in ensuring that our city continues to be one of the elite communities in America. I believe that there are 3 S's that constitute a successful city: Stewardship- we must take care of what we have for our children, Service- we are here to serve the community as a whole, and Strength- one of our greatest strengths is our sense of community, we as a whole were tested in that last spring, and from my point of view we passed with flying colors due to putting each of our differences aside and opening our hearts to one another. All in all, I want to serve as your steward to maintain the many strengths we have, so that our great city of Wylie, TX can remain successful for our future generations

PLACE 6

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Background: Garrett chose to put roots down in Wylie with his wife, Andrea, when they had their first son. They were attracted to Wylie because it's a safe city with a vibrant, diverse community. Wylie is a great place to call home. Garrett is an attorney who represents people who have been hurt by the negligence of others. He holds people accountable, fights hard on behalf of his clients, and believes that the law should help people who need it most. He believes the same about our city government, and he wants to fight for you at City Hall to make Wylie an even better place to live. Garrett has the skills and passion we need. Garrett is a lifelong Texan, proud father, and a dedicated husband. He married his high school sweetheart, Andrea, who is an architect and a loving mother. Garrett was born in Dallas, grew up in Garland, and moved to Wylie after law school.

Education: Bachelor's Degree – UT Austin
Juris Doctorate - South Texas College of Law

Occupation: Attorney

League of Women Voters Questionnaire:

Growth: Collin County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. What should the City Council do, if anything, to address population growth?

Like many people, my wife and I were attracted to Wylie for many reasons and chose to put roots down here when we had our first son. We were attracted to Wylie because it is a safe city with a vibrant, diverse community. We can continue to enjoy this high quality of life so long as we plan accordingly and continue to build our city so that it is responsive to the needs of its people. We must work big picture and think long term to address our city's transportation needs to reduce time spent in traffic.

Economy: Should the City Council try to attract more businesses? Why or why not?

Absolutely. I will strengthen our local businesses while encouraging economic development. Our community is built upon local and small businesses. Their owners have invested in our city and their investments should be nurtured and protected. Additionally, I believe that the city should encourage our economic development corporation to recruit the right new businesses into our community and retain them for years to come. By protecting the small and local businesses in our city and attracting new businesses, we can continue to strengthen our city's economic foundation.

Finance: What would you like to change, if anything, about the city budget and taxation?

Our budget and tax rate must be able to deliver high-quality city services that our residents expect and rely upon. Our city's taxpayers should receive good return on their investment in the city. I believe residents of a city are also customers of its services. I will work to identify and promote efficiencies within the budget to deliver the highest quality services at the most affordable tax rate possible. I believe that all of these considerations must be balanced and that city council members must make the decision that is in the best interest of the citizens who elected them.

Trust: How will you work with residents to earn their trust in city government?

I will work to earn the trust of Wylie through my ability to collaborate with others. As an attorney, I go to bat for my clients every day, but I do so with integrity and professionalism to reach the best outcome. I have learned to present my case and take the time to understand other people's perspectives to find a common solution. I will maintain an open mind as a council member and build bridges, not tear them down. Our city works best when we work together. I will foster cooperation on council. I will put people over politics.



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League of Women Voters Questionnaire (Continued)

Services: What changes should be made, if any, to city services? What would it take to make these changes?

We must ensure that the Wylie Police Department has the funding necessary to complete their mission of serving all of Wylie's people equally. I'll work with our Police Department to ensure that everyone continues to be served with dignity and respect. This includes providing training to minimize use of force, prevent bias, and promote de-escalation. It also includes recruiting and retaining top talent who will continue to strengthen trust within our community. We must stand behind our police as they work each day to affirm their core value of treating others as you wish to be treated.

Other issues: What other important issues are facing the City Council, and how would you address them?

We must support our residents' health and wellbeing by making Wylie a healthy city with plenty of room to play and exercise. I will be a strong advocate for our parks and recreation department's goals to create a park system that serves everyone. Additionally, I will be a voice for our recreation center and senior citizen recreation center. When our city invests in parks and recreation infrastructure, we are investing in our own health, the health of our community, and the health of our neighbors for years to come.



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GALA CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

What would you, as a City Council Member, do to educate yourself about the diverse community you serve, including the LGBTQ+ community? Do you consider it a priority to ensure that city employees receive diversity training which includes information regarding the LGBTQ+ community?

I commit to meeting with and supporting LGBTQ+ people in our community in order to listen and to learn about their needs and experiences. I will make sure that they know they have an ally at City Hall who they can come to in order to address their concerns with. I wholeheartedly support equality. I consider it a priority that city employees should receive diversity training, including information regarding the LGBTQ+ community. This is because our LGBTQ+ residents are entitled to equal treatment in the delivery of municipal services.

Religious Refusal bills allow businesses to deny service to the LGBTQ+ community. Would you, as a City Council Member, fight to ensure that LGBTQ constituents are treated equally by businesses in your city? If so, how would you accomplish this? If not, please explain your reasoning?

I am committed to fighting against discrimination in all of its forms, including discrimination against people in the LGBTQ+ community. I will accomplish this by speaking up as an advocate for Wylie's LGBTQ+ residents right to shop, dine, and be treated with dignity and respect. I will work collaboratively with my fellow council members to ensure that Wylie remains a welcoming community for all people.

Currently there is no state or federal law that protects LGBTQ+ individuals from employment discrimination. Your city does not currently provide such protections either. In the absence of such an ordinance, how will you ensure your city hiring, firing and promotions will be conducted without regard to sexual orientation and gender identity?

Thankfully, the Supreme Court of the United States decided earlier this year in *Bostock v. Clayton County, GA* that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 entitles LGBTQ+ employees to legal protections against discrimination on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation. This was an important decision for the movement for equality in our country. Our city council should codify this landmark ruling into a city ordinance in order to increase awareness and ensure compliance with the law as our city is subject to Title VII.

In 2016, Plano became the first city in Collin County to pass an Equal Rights Ordinance (ERO) that was LGBTQ+ inclusive. The City of Plano's Equal Rights Ordinance, in their own words, depicts their city's commitment to ensuring equality and inclusion for all citizens and visitors in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and city contracting. Would you support such an ordinance in your city? Why or why not?

I would support an equal rights ordinance in Wylie for two reasons. First, it is the right thing to do. Wylie is a welcoming city, and I believe that an equal rights ordinance, affirming the rights of LGBTQ+ folks to patronize businesses that serve the public without discrimination, aligns with our Wylie values. Second, it would be beneficial for our city's economic development. Simply put, equality is good for business, and countless corporations recognize this.

Why should members of the LGBTQ+ community support your candidacy?

I am a strong ally of the LGBTQ+ community. I have worked to support LGBTQ+ equality at a statewide non-profit, testified before the Houston City Council in support of the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance when I was a law student at South Texas College of Law Houston, and received the AMICUS Achievement Grant for LGBTQ Equality when I was in law school, a scholarship that recognizes individuals who have worked to advance LGBTQ+ equality.

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Juris Doctorate from Wayne State

Occupation: CPA

Platform:

Reduce Tax Burden

I recognize that Wylie's fiscal health is a top concern. The money that is collected must be spent wisely so it reduces the burden on taxpayers. While there has been some improvement in this arena in the past couple of years, there is still more than can and should be done to ensure that the city's needs are met without taking on unnecessary debt or increasing taxes. I believe that my background as a CPA, the professional fiduciary code, and the experience I have reading and analyzing financial reports are useful skills for managing the city's budget. Measured planning and spending will ensure the viability and sustainability of our vibrant community.

Improve Parks and Recreation

Parks and recreation are an important part of a thriving community and a necessary amenity for the enjoyment of our community members. Recently, there is growing concern that funds are being mismanaged. Especially because the Rec Center has run at a yearly loss since its opening over a decade ago. Last year the loss was over \$1.1 million dollars. As a council member, I will keep my finger on the pulses of the community's wants and needs. I will collaborate with parks personnel and the city council to reduce waste of taxpayer resources and find ways to increase utilization of the Rec Center, which will reduce losses.

Better Infrastructure

As the city grows, the addition of homes and businesses route higher traffic volumes throughout the city. Wylie's infrastructure needs attention now. In a small city like Wylie, heavy delays in traffic simply shouldn't be the norm. I will work with the council and city employees to partner with organizations such as Collin County, TXDOT, and the North Texas Council of Governments who have the resources and experts we can tap now to improve roads, access, and traffic patterns without placing the burden solely upon taxpayers. Maintaining Wylie's status as one of the best places to be is important to everyone who lives, works, and plays here.

League of Women Voters Questionnaire:

Growth: Collin County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. What should the City Council do, if anything, to address population growth?

Wylie's growth has led to a need to address traffic congestion and focus on smart development. The current council has begun the work, including approving a new plan for the intersection at FM 544 and Country Club. This, and other improvements funded in the budget, should be the start of increased infrastructure investment in our city. It is also critical for the council to make wise decisions about future growth. Land available for development is decreasing while becoming more valuable. The council must look to partner with developers and businesses that will add to what our city offers.



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ERIC RUSSELL

League of Women Voters Questionnaire (Continued):

Economy: Should the City Council try to attract more businesses? Why or why not?

The city council should continue to work in a close partnership with the EDC to target new businesses and primary employers. This will add new retail options in the community that provide a better quality of life for citizens and an increase in both property tax and sales tax. Primary employers can also add local, good paying jobs that help boost the economy in more ways than one. Finally, it is important that the council continues to focus on growing and improving our historic downtown.

Finance: What would you like to change, if anything, about the city budget and taxation?

It is important that the city continues to work to enhance and improve budget and spending transparency with its citizens. The city has worked to improve this with better communication, and I will support continuing this effort. The city will have capital needs in the future for public safety, infrastructure and for projects in the parks master plan. We must work to ensure that we are fiscally responsible while maintaining and expanding what we offer citizens. Being fiscally responsible will ensure that we do not overburden our citizens with taxes or let services become substandard.

Trust: How will you work with residents to earn their trust in city government?

Transparency and accountability are the keys to citizen faith in government. As a member of the council I will always make sure that citizens have access to information on decisions being made by the council. I will work to increase public awareness of the role that local government plays in their lives. I will also hold myself accountable by continuing to be accessible to citizens who wish to provide input, feedback or who reach out for assistance.

Services: What changes should be made, if any, to city services? What would it take to make these changes?

It is important to continue to fund the building and staffing of a fourth fire station to ensure the safety of our citizens. This will take a bond as well as a commitment to dedicating city revenue to staffing the new station. There is also a need to look at expanding some of our parks and recreation offerings. I would support a bond committee that would weigh costs with the benefit to the community and make recommendations that the council could consider taking to voters.

Other issues: What other important issues are facing the City Council, and how would you address them?

It is critical that as Wylie continues to grow that we do not lose our values and commitment to the community. I am proud of the many community events that the city leads and partners in. The commitment we have made to providing top quality public safety through our first responders must be continued. We must not lose sight of what makes Wylie special and why we have all chosen to call it home.