

# Mayor and/or City Council 2021

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## 1. Candidate Information

### 1. Candidate Name

Tony Gillette

### 2. Candidate for Ward # (if applicable)

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### 3. Address

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### 6. Campaign Website

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## 2. Candidate Background

### 7. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

Sales/National Accounts; ISOFlex Packaging Corp.

### 8. If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held.

n/a

### 9. Other recent political/community experience (50 words or less)

Youth Coach 3&2 Baseball; Youth Coach GABL Basketball; Board Member Lakepointe H.O.A.; Precinct Committeeman; Chairman, Northwest Johnson County Republicans PAC; KS State Director, Convention of States Project

## 3. Issues and Policy

### 10. As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (100 words or less)

1. Keeping an eye on growth and development that considers the fit & feel to our neighborhoods.
2. I believe Shawnee is an ideal place to start a family and build a career, attend great schools and churches, to buy a home and build a community with a small-town feeling with all the benefits of a robust suburban area. Like you, I want to preserve that incredible quality of life.
3. Be the people's voice.

### 11. What are your views on the services and value the City's citizens receive for their local tax dollars? (100 words or less)

Shawnee serves our citizens well, however a renewed effort to limited government, and spendind the People's Money wisely

is required.

**12. What changes, if any, would you like to see to the City budget? (100 words or less)**

same as #11

**13. What role, if any, do you believe the City should play in economic development to bring jobs and capital investment to the community? (100 words or less)**

The City should help to fund a thriving Economic Development Program to attract new small businesses and manufacturing and technology business to our community, to lower the tax burden to homeowners.

**14. As the City considers future development and redevelopment projects, describe your views on how the City should best manage and balance growth? (100 words or less)**

Keeping an eye on growth and development that considers the fit & feel to our current neighborhoods is the key to growth.

**15. What is your philosophy on the role the City should play in terms of metro-area issues? (100 words or less)**

Shawnee should be a cooperative City member to the Metro-area, but not be a slave to group-think narratives.

**16. What do you believe the takeaways for the City should be, if any, from the COVID-19 pandemic experience? (100 words or less)**

Lockdowns and shutdowns do not work. Trust the people to make their own decisions for their health.

**17. What do you believe are the greatest challenges the City faces over the next ten years and how would you address them? (100 words or less)**

We need to balance the tax burden to homeowners with more industrial business, and be careful with the retail market which is rapidly changing. Also, our City pipes and roads infrastructure needs to be fully funded.

**18. Why are you seeking this public office? (100 words or less)**

"I promise to be your voice at City Hall. The residents of Shawnee deserve a Council Member that represents YOU, the taxpayers. My focus will be on the basic "blocking and tackling" of local city services (to borrow a football metaphor). Keeping an eye on growth and development that considers the fit & feel to our neighborhoods is key. I will always remember that it's your tax money first - not the government's money. As your Councilman, I will carry these messages forward."

**19. What do you believe makes you uniquely qualified to serve in this position and most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race? (100 words or less)**

As a resident of Shawnee for 25 years, I am passionate about the Liberty and Freedom in our country, our state, and our city, and we are blessed by the opportunity to live the American dream right here in Shawnee. As noted, Shawnee has been my chosen hometown for over 25 years. My wife, Lynda, and I have been blessed to have two sons who were born and raised in Shawnee. We fully support the great DeSoto District K-12 public schools which they attended. I want to give back to City and its citizens.