

## **Election Year 2020!**

### **These are the profiles for the 3 Candidates running for Shafer City Council**

#### **Diane Chmielewski**

I am Diane Chmielewski and I am running for a seat on the Shafer City Council. I was born in Little Falls and grew up in Mpls., but I have lived in MN, CA, VA, IL, and four provinces of China. Over the years I have earned an AA degree from Palomar Jr. College, a BES degree from St. Cloud State University, and a MAR degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. My work experience included nine years in the US Marine Corps, several years working my way up from a computer programmer to a senior systems analyst in private industry, and nearly 28 years as a missionary in China. Through it all, I have taught computer programming in the US and English in China. I also registered an NGO (non-governmental organization) in China through which I facilitated teacher training programs, midwife training programs, a child sponsorship program and multiple medical clinics in poor tribal villages. My last couple years in China were spent running my own coffee shop/restaurant in a small town with all local staff. All of this was done while also engaging in church planting activities in tribal minority villages during the last 16 years. I returned to MN in April of 2016 and retired shortly thereafter. I then moved to Shafer, MN in May of 2017. For more than a year now I have been on the Parks Commission and have been Chair of the Planning Commission. I would consider it a privilege to serve my community on our Shafer City Council.

#### **Brad Swenson**

I am Brad Swenson. I am running for re-election on the city council. I have been a Shafer resident since 2001. I have been on the city council since 2017. While being a council member, I have been active on several committees which include Wellhead Protection, EDA, Roads, and Public Works. At this time, we are in the planning stages of our water tower rehab project. My main goal has been trying to keep city taxes down. I have enjoyed serving the residents of Shafer for the last four years and I hope that I can continue to do so.

#### **Terry Smith**

My name is Terry Smith and I am running for re-election for city council. I was born in South St. Paul and grew up in Inver Grove Heights. I moved to SHAFER in 1993 and have been here ever since for a total of 27 years. I have no children. My husband Denny was on city council and passed away in 2003. He was just re-elected for a second term. I received the opportunity to be appointed to his position on the council. I have served on several of the city commissions. I have seen the city grow with a lot of changes taken place. I will listen to concerned citizens that have questions and want to see changes. I like to volunteer to give back to the community and I also like to be out doors among people. I like the out doors in the summer to do boating, fishing, swimming, and camping. In the winter it is ice fishing and snowmobiling. I like to do things with friends and family. I would love to keep our town a small feeling even though it will grow and be able to stay strong on changes that take place. Get out and vote for me. I would appreciate it and have the honor of serving you in the community of SHAFER. Thank you. Terry Smith