

Official Candidate Statement

Jim Mackovjak, Candidate for City Council



Biographical

I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended Bowling Green State University, where I received a degree in biology. I moved to Alaska in 1970. In 1974, I moved to Gustavus and with my wife, Annie, raised three children here.

I have primarily been self-employed, working as a commercial fisherman, a charter fisherman, operating a seafood-processing plant, and doing contract writing.

For several years after it was originally formed, I was a member of the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department. I served three years on the city council, one of them as mayor.

Advocacy Statement

Our city government should function competently and effectively to support a safe, healthy community and the economy of Gustavus. I support the City Vision Statement and I expect our city government to be professional and fiscally prudent. In addition to better serving the public, this will facilitate obtaining grants and permits from federal and state agencies.

I am running again for council because I want to support other council members and to help ensure Gustavus can meet the challenges it faces, including reductions in the state's budget, PFAS contamination, and the Covid pandemic. In my opinion, the one item that I think would most improve Gustavus as a community—making it safer and more attractive to visitors—would be bicycle lanes along our paved roads.