

2017 CITIZEN SURVEY REPORT



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This report looks at the results of the 2017 Citizen Survey conducted by the Communications Division. Survey results were collected from June 9 – July 22, 2017.

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Gillette conducts an annual (except 2015) Citizen Survey to gather feedback from residents about City Services, plans and projects. The survey provides all citizens an opportunity to communicate their opinions and ideas to city staff and officials. Feedback from citizens is important as we collectively create our community.

This year the survey was conducted in late spring/early summer. This was an attempt to conduct the survey after any potential utility rate increases had been passed by City Council. It is recognized that utility rate increases are rarely received in a positive manner, and it was decided to distance the survey from that time frame.

The survey was shortened significantly in 2016 in an attempt to increase participation. The tactic appeared to be successful as there were increases in both the online convenience sample and random sample surveys. The 2017 Citizen Survey maintained this philosophy and again had a shorter format to encourage participation. While not as successful as 2016, the number of responses were greatly improved over years past.



SUMMER PARKS PHOTO CONTEST WINNER
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RESPONSE RATE

2017 – 1,095 Responses – 882 responses to online convenience sample, 213 responses to random sample (1,800 mailed invitations to online or paper survey) 11.3% response rate

2016 – 1,229 responses – 960 responses to online convenience sample; 269 responses to random sample (1,800 mailed invitations to online or paper survey) 14.9% response rate

2014 – 488 responses – 408 responses from online convenience sample; 80 responses to random sample (1,800 mailed invitations to online survey) 4.4% response rate

2013 – 456 responses (online only)

2012 – 133 responses (online); 300 surveys mailed (68 responses returned); 11,888 utility inserts (601 responses returned)

2011 – 3,000 surveys mailed out (829 responses returned); 28% response rate

2010 – 525 responses (online)

SURVEY METHODS

Once again this year, we took two samples. One was a **convenience sample** meaning we opened the survey to everyone. This has been the typical method used in the Citizen Survey. Since 2014 we have attempted to use the more scientific **stratified sampling technique**. This was to ensure that we would sample the same proportion of individuals from each ward. We selected at random 1,800 utilities customers, and mailed them the link to the survey with a second mailing as a reminder to take the survey. We also gave people the option to request a paper copy of the survey. These surveys were kept separate from the convenience sample we collected a few weeks later when we posted the survey for all of Gillette. They were to be the sample that would scientifically prove the validity of our survey results. In general, online surveys usually pull around a 30% response rate, which would have given us 540 responses. We had 2010 people respond to that invitation with another 3 responding with paper copies—an 11.3% response rate. This was almost a 3% decrease in responses from 2016, but still significantly over 2014. The way statistics works is that in order to have 95% confidence that our resulting averages are within a 5% margin of error of the total population averages, we needed 317 responses from 1,800 invitations. From that perspective, the response rate failed us, but with the large increase in responses from 2014 we are still much closer to achieving a statistically valid sampling.

There was also a slight decrease in the responses to the convenience sample. When we combine the random sample and the convenience sample we have 1,095 responses; 134 fewer respondents from the previous survey. If the responses were completely random, that would have given us statistically solid numbers. However, given the nature of our sampling techniques (posting the link in the paper, city website and social media), there is inherent bias. To randomly sample enough people to get that many responses would take a *lot* of staff time. Not only that, but it would limit people from taking the survey who weren't selected, but still had opinions to share. As a City, we never want to limit the feedback we get on this survey, thus the convenience sample.

We made the survey available online to all citizens for three weeks. The majority of the surveys were filled out on a voluntary basis and not by random selection. A “convenience sample” means that we take any responses we can get; it also means that we cannot be sure of the representativeness of our sample to the population at large. However, the responses collected over the last several years are quite consistent, and that consistency over time gives us a measure of confidence in the reliability of our data.

Special Note:

Throughout this document, we will frequently use the terms “favorable responses” and “unfavorable responses,” meaning respectively, any response above neutral or below neutral. The comments sections include all but “non-answer answers” such as “No,” “None,” and “N/A.” Also, the numbers presented in this document will be from the combined data from both random and convenience samples. For the most part, the charts will only include this year’s data. In some cases, we will include previous years’ data to demonstrate either a changing trend or the stability of responses to a particular question.

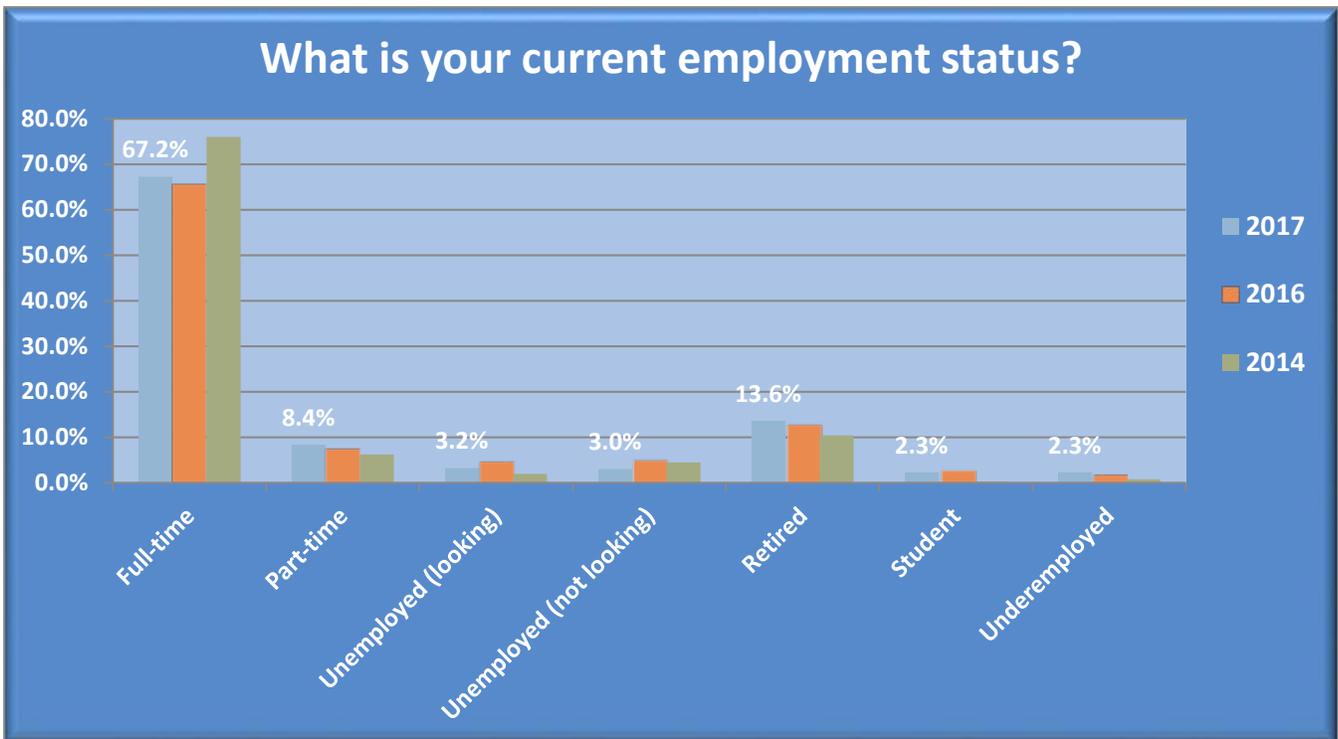
RESULTS SUMMARY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Once again, there were no surprises regarding questions of demographics. The percentage of each response was close to the percentage for that same response the year before. The chart below is representative of just how consistent many of these figures are. This information has not changed significantly over the last five years. For example, we asked about the marital status of each respondent. In general, about 18% of the people that respond to the survey are single, about 71% are married, around 8% are divorced or separated, and a few percent are widowed. This consistency is found throughout the demographic questions.

Over half of the citizens that responded this year have lived in Gillette for more than 20 years. About 67% of those that responded had full-time employment, up from 65% last year. The percentages for age groups are as follows: 1% less than 18-year-olds, 4% 18- to 24-year-olds, 22% 25- to 34-year-olds, 22% 35 to 44-year-olds, 18% 45 to 54-year-olds, 22% 55- to 64-year-olds, 10% 65- to 74-year-olds, and 1% in the 75 and up category.

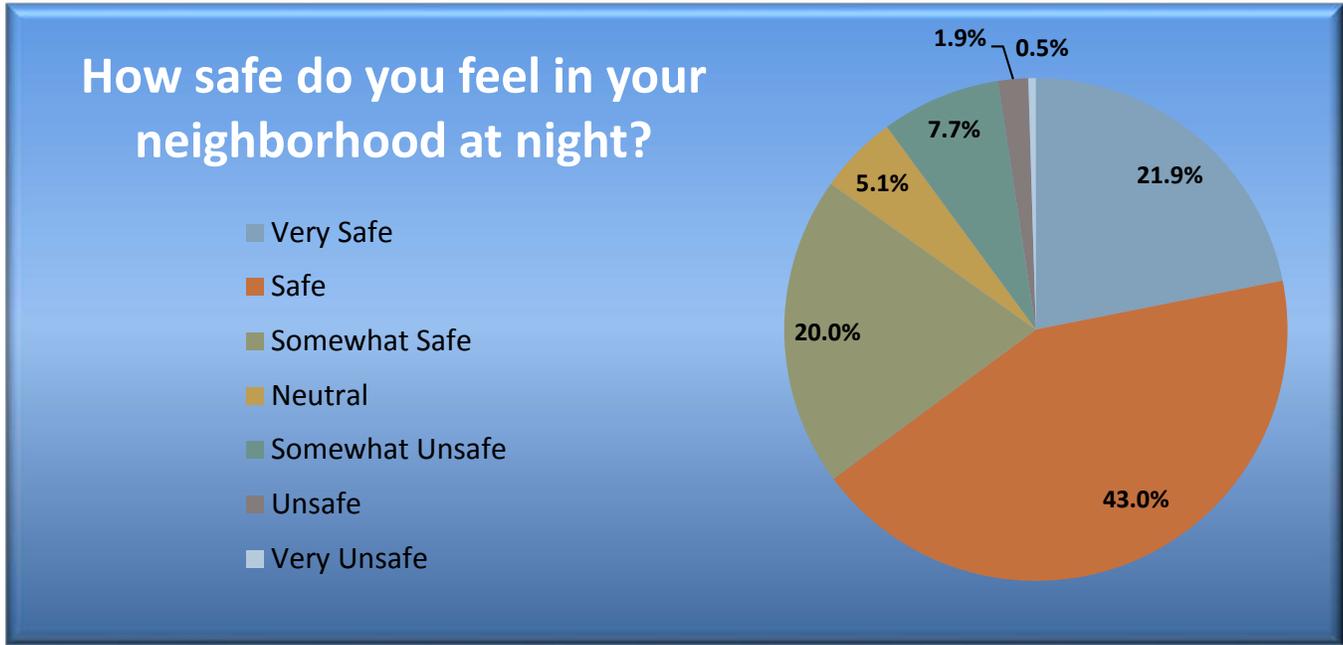
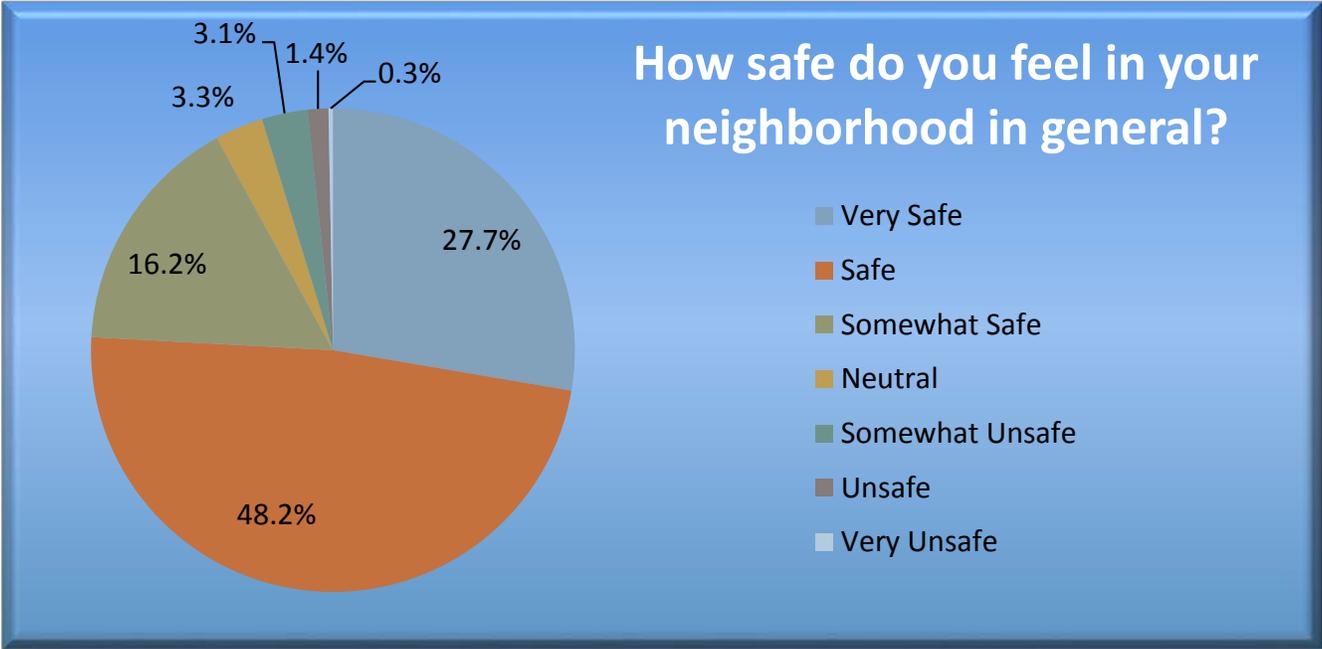
Females outnumbered males again on the survey, this time by about 8% - a 10% decrease from last year. About 14% had a graduate degree; 23% of the respondents had a bachelor's degree, 15% had associate's degrees, and 15% were high school graduates. We asked about children in various age groups. When we summed all the respondents' children, we found that 22% were 0 to 5 years old, 21% were 6 to 12 years old, 15% were 13 to 18 years old, and 42% were 19 or older.



PUBLIC SAFETY

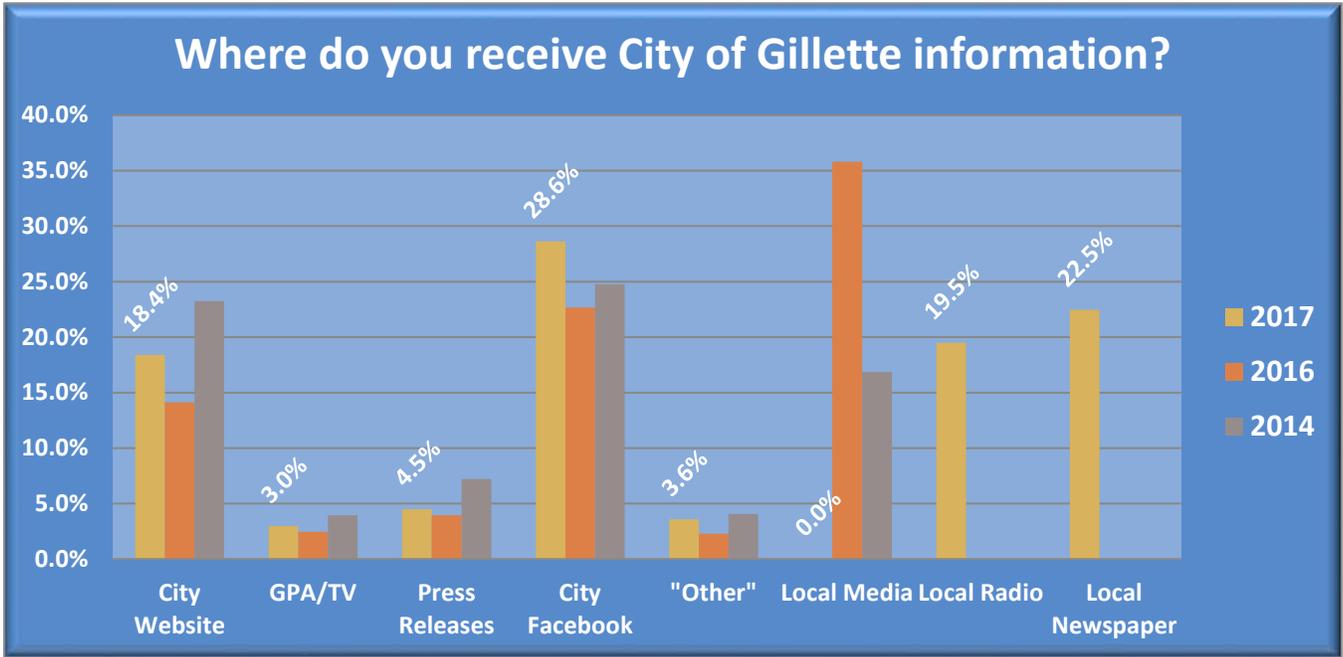
In the Public Safety section of the survey, we designed questions to obtain information about how safe citizens feel in various areas around the City, as well as their feelings of safety regarding traffic in Gillette. Respondents also rated their experiences with various emergency response teams in the City.

The majority of citizens who took the survey felt safe during the day with a 92% favorable response rate. At night, the response rate was 85% favorable, and while visiting business areas, the response was 91% favorable. These responses are very similar to recent surveys.

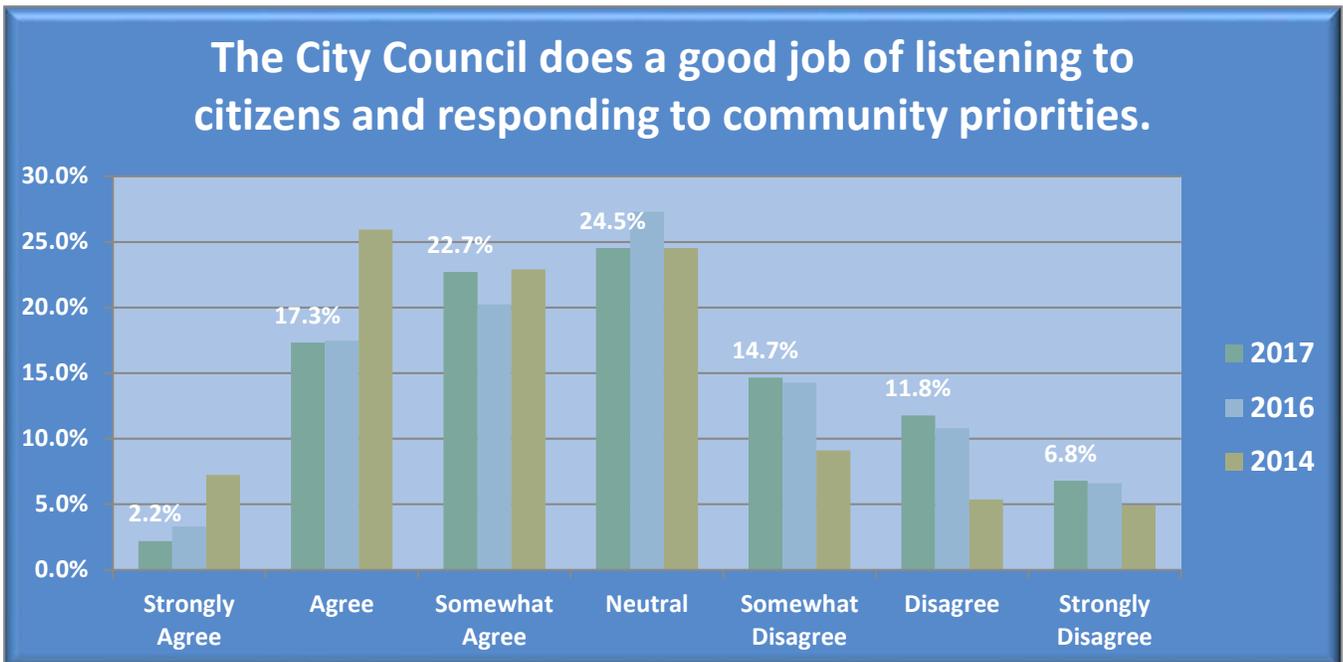


COMMUNITY INFORMATION

We asked citizens where they received their information about the City of Gillette. Respondents were able to choose all applicable responses. After last year's large increase in respondents using local media for information, local radio and newspaper were separated into their own categories.

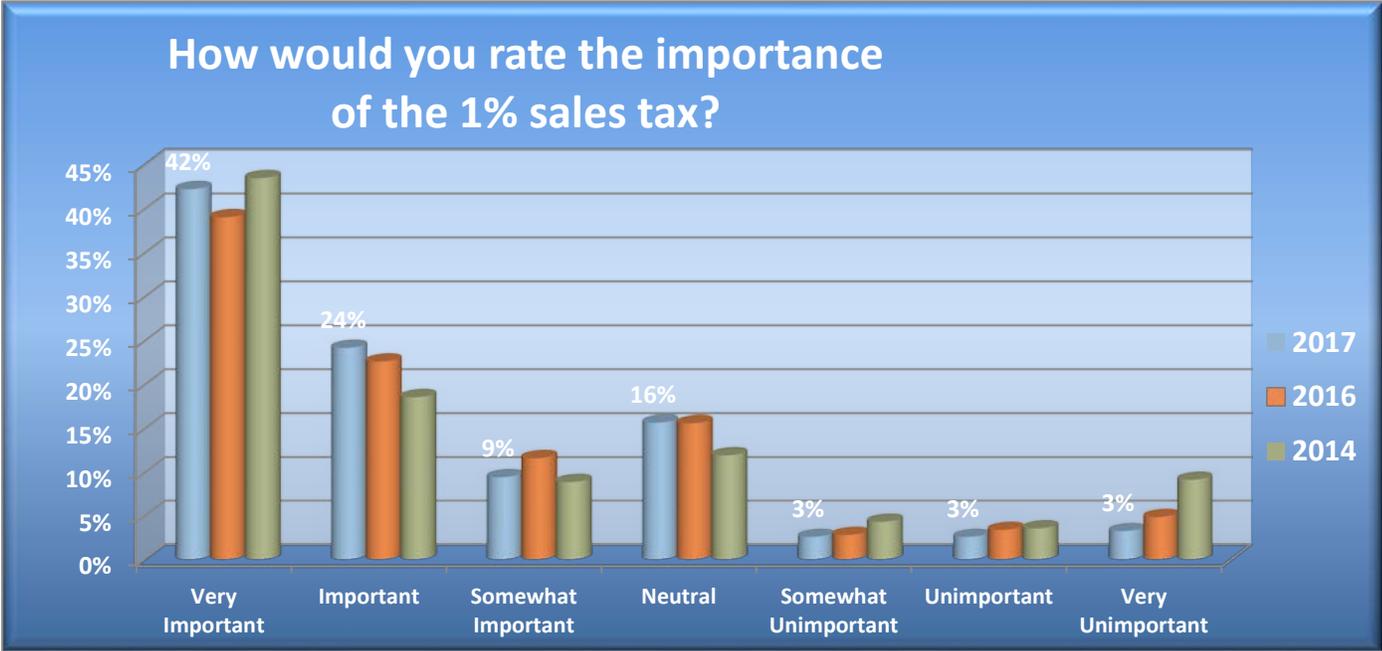


In this section, we also ask respondents about their opinion of the Gillette City Council listening to citizens and responding to priorities. 42 percent answered favorably and 25 percent were neutral, leaving approximately 33 percent that answered unfavorably to one degree or another.

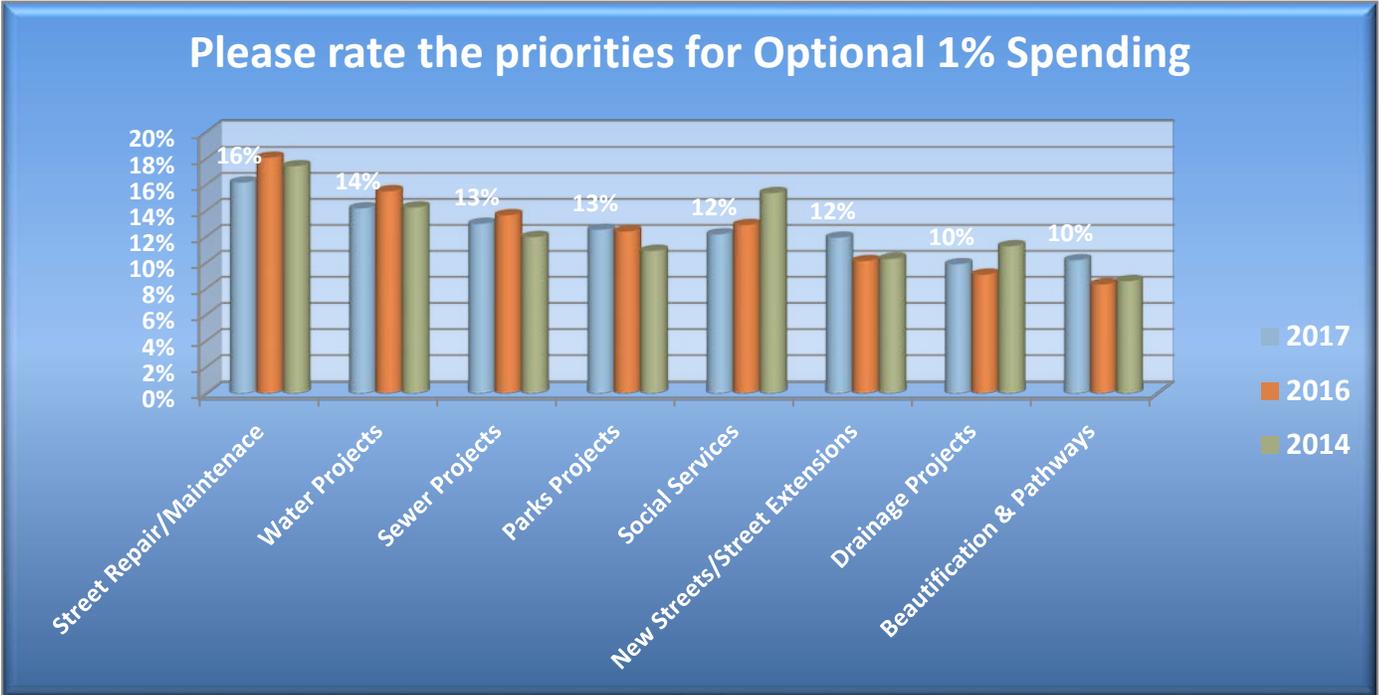


OPTIONAL 1% SALES TAX

Citizens were asked about the importance of the Optional 1% Sales Tax. 76% of respondents indicated a favorable response for the importance of the Optional 1% Sales Tax. This is a 3% increase over 2016 and a 5% increase over 2014.

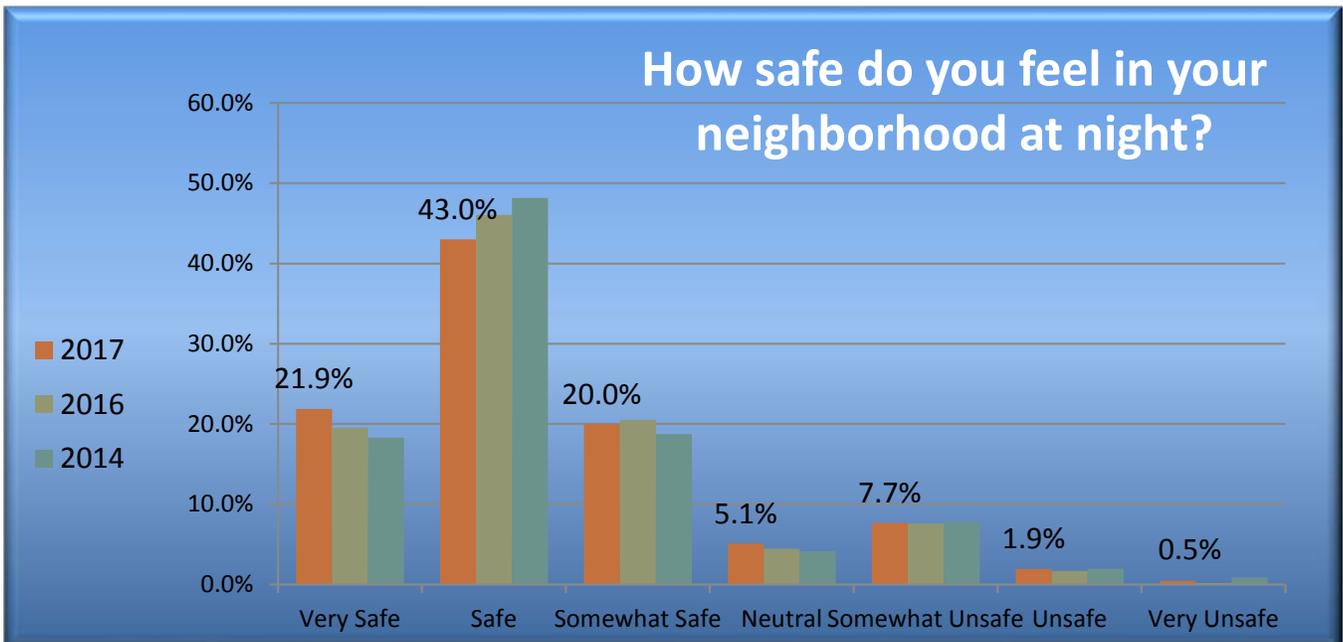
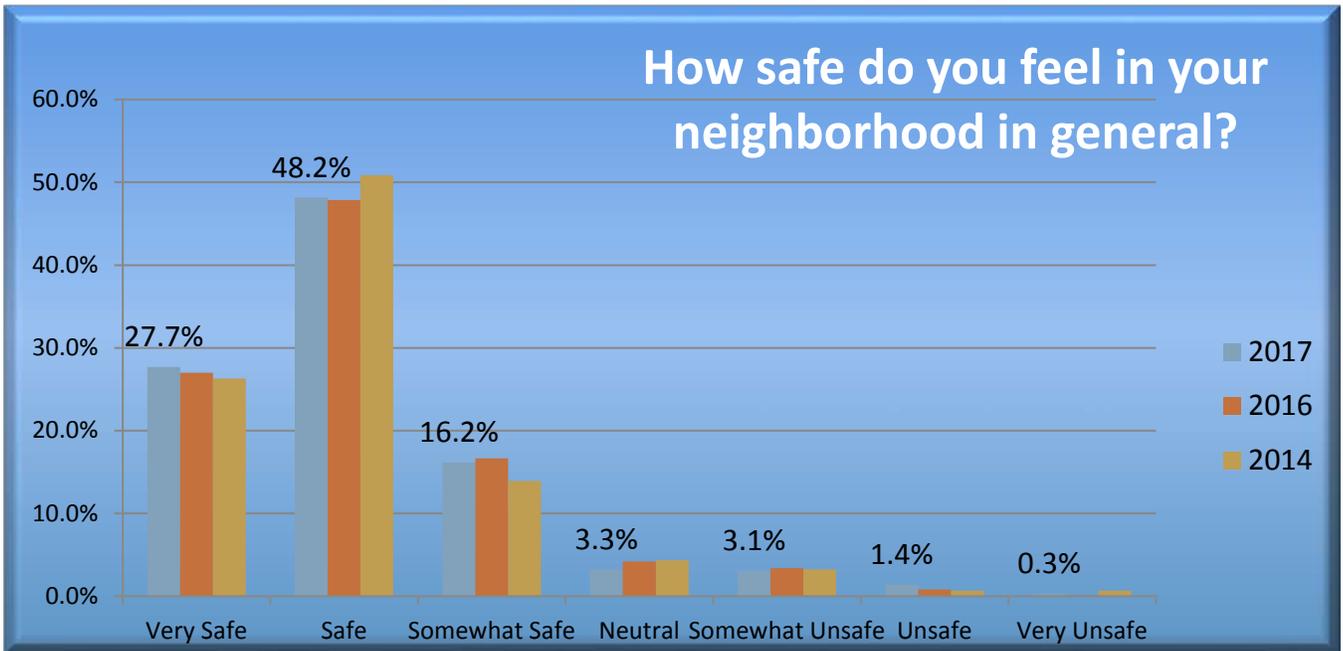


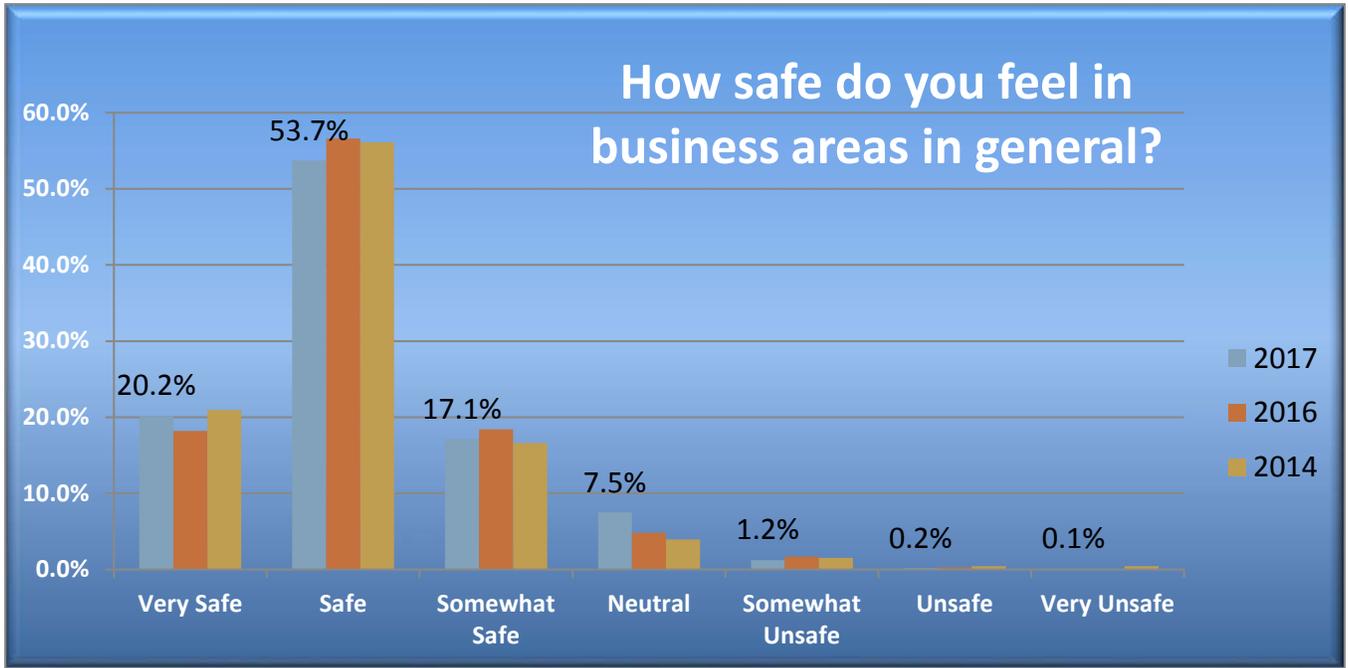
Citizens were also asked to rank the priorities spending of the Optional 1% Sales Tax. Street repair and maintenance remains the number one priority again this year.



RESULTS DETAIL

PUBLIC SAFETY





PUBLIC SAFETY COMMENTS

What type of crime are you most fearful of in Gillette?

Theft (103)

Robbery (9)

Burglary (7)

burglary (6)

Drugs (57)

Robbery (36)

Burglary (40)

vandalism (3)

Kidnapping (2)

Home Invasion (26)

Drug related (11)

Stealing (2)

Breaking and entering (2)

Child kidnapping (2)

break in, theft

Unstable person acting out (making threats, with or without weapons), theft

Burglary or just teens up to no good.

Violence

I am not really afraid of crime in Gillette

cars running red lights/pedestrian safety

Drivers running red lights. I see this almost every day.

breaking and entering

Meth

My house getting broke into or car vandalized.

City Government- Too many cops

Robberies

Theft and drug use

Cars being broken into

Juvenile vandalism or destruction of property

Theft/Break ins

Child abduction, and stealing from my property

thief, crimes against children, hit and run

MS 13 gang & drunkdriving

shootings, break ins

Drugs, destruction of property,

Breaking & entering by meth heads looking to steal stuff

Destruction of property

breakins

DRUGS

Theft and drug and alcohol related crimes. Others driving impaired (alcohol and drug) Also identity theft and scams.

crazy drivers

Drivers running red lights

Home invasion looking for money for drugs.

buglary

impaired drivers

children safety

vandalism and drug use

drug use

burglery

someone braking in to my vehicles

The violence and assault on our law enforcement, firefighters, etc

House break ins

theft/burglary

meth related

Assualt

theft/vehicle accidents due from people texting while driving!

Hit and run

petty crime and DUIs

burglary, sexual assault, animal cruelty,

Breaking into home

Brake in and home invasion

DUI

Kidnapping...not just in Gillette but everywhere.

Breaking in homes and vehicles

break ins

Burglary/destruction

theft break-ins

break ins

DRUGS AND DUI

Human Trafficking

Something stolen or Vandilsim

drugs - fallout from: b&e, theft, rage, assault, battery, child abuse, spouse abuse

Auto accident by idiots running red lights at every intersection in Gillette. Drunk, Drug related incidents would be my next concern.

drugs and retaliation

Burglery or Vandelism

not real afraid of any

personal attack

Robery

some idiot with a gun trying to be billy the kid

Home invasion, harrassment from neighbor and drug usage in neighborhood.

Home theft

Breaking and entering-theft	Stealing (2)
Violence	Drug use (2)
cyber	Home break in (2)
Noise violations and kids doing stupid things	Stealing (2)
shooting	Drug related crimes (2)
Theft	Violence (2)
Home break ins and theft	All (2)
Theft from vehicle	Child abduction (2)
home or vehicle breakin	Theft and drugs (2)
Vehicle been vandalized, meth is becoming a problem	Drug (2)
Theft, Drugged people/acting out	Armed robbery (2)
having stuff broken into like cars or houses	Gangs (2)
Murder (9)	Drugs and burglary (2)
Breaking and entering (8)	Robbery (2)
Break ins (11)	Breaking and entering, theft, drunken driving (2)
Drunk drivers (5)	Dui (2)
Vandalism (5)	Drugs (2)
Rape (4)	home invasion (2)
Robbery, break ins (4)	Thieft (2)
Drugs and dealers. (4)	house robbery or being robbed while walking out of store.
DUI (3)	Drug crimes and people being weird because they are on drugs.
Drug related crimes (3)	Theft, Breaking and Entering, Vandalism
Kidnapping (3)	narcotics, violent crimes
Vandalism (3)	Dealing with drugs
Breaking and entering (3)	cyber crime aka personal identity theft
Home invasion (3)	Breaking into houses and automobiles
Shootings (2)	Theft of property
Assault (2)	

Robbery/Murder (crazies on drugs-when will they snap)

Burglary, Home Invasion, Robbery

Property Crimes

Drugs and traffic safety (running of stop signs and traffic lights, speeding)

Drunk drivers and anything related to the schools and the safety of the kids.

Robbery & drugs

im affraid of getting robbed or my kids getting hurt like raped

Property Crimes / Theft

Robberies to support therei habits Driving with no insurance and uder dr ugs which I consider alcohol a drug along with all the rest.

I have had no crime exposure since moving here 2 1/2 years ago.

embezzlement from businesses

suicide bomber

Auto Accidents

Robbery and child molesters

Buglery

Hate crimes

Theft, assault

Crooked cops

Drugs, domestic violence

Burglary and car accidents from drunk drivers

Home break ins.

Vandalism and burglary

Theft, drunken disorderly, drugs

A reckless driver.

Shooting and drugs

Drugs and robberies

Assault or break ins

vandalism and break-ins

Home invasion/Burglery

Dogs running around with no owners,

Hate crimes agwinst minorities, POC, and LGBTQ+ community members

DUI drugs and alcohol

People who commit crimes while on drugs.

thefts

Breaking & Entering

DUI and robbery/vandalism

government corruption . its pretty rampant and always has been .

Drugs..Meth use/distribution

Burglary, drugs

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Any further comments regarding the public safety of Gillette?

More police officers. (4)

I feel our Police Officers do a excellent job

our city police department does an outstanding job

PD does a good job. Question cutting back on PD positions since you want to add more subdivisions.

too many stop signs, timing of state traffic signals & we need to have designated traffic engineer

Overall I think Gillette is a safe place to live. There seems to be more crime recently - maybe it is due to the economy and the desperation of those out of work.

Seems like robbery and drug crimes have gone up a lot in the last year.

i think there needs to be more patrol on force road cause people like to speed and i have had fruit thrown at my house

On the whole they do well

The State of Wyoming needs to pass a law giving pedestrians the right of way.

I have requested patrols in my area and have been told the police have better tings to do than routine patrols

Some major intersections, I think, need red light cameras. There are a lot of red light runners in this town. It's very frustrating and dangerous.

Seems to be a lot of police officers for the size of the town - are we a little excessive?

I feel like I see way too many people texting while driving, I fear from car accidents from distracted drivers.

Enforcement of stop signs and lights

Lots of speeding through neighbor hoods.

Need stricter/harsher dui/dwi laws

Police need to do a better job at patrolling our streets and catching the drivers that are running red lights, improper turning, speeding. Example: intersection of box elder and highway 59.

LEO not enforcing lighter traffic laws, in my opinion leads to more egregious violations.

Theft and break ins are getting totally out of hand.

Not enough police on patrol during the day.

Even in the parks, police drive by dogs unleashed

I think our pd does a great job

Gillette feels less safe than a year ago.

capital punishment for drugs and legalize fireworks

red lights that don't mean stop in Gillette, especially from 6:30-7:00 am at the stoplight at Lakeway and 59

Traffic enforcement. Drivers in this town are terrible and very rarely seen stopped for traffic violations

Need to watch speeders, stop sign & red light runs

The drivers are horrible but the police set a bad example.

break in, theft, mugging

I admire and thank our police officers, EMS and firefighters for their service to us.

Need to get control of the drugs

12th is a very busy street and low income apartment -some of the people that walk by my town are pretty scary lot of police

The lack of funding for the Fire Department is a major concern.

Stop pulling people over just because it's late and your suspecting them to be up to no good. Has happened 3 times just because it's after hours, never was up to anything but taking care of life and family.

City police force excellent. Very professional and courteous

We need more cameras around town.

I don't walk out of my neighborhood at night and seems like there is a lot of theft.

Generally, I feel pretty safe around here.

Traffic is ridiculous

The most dangerous acts all of us face daily are bad drivers. We need more enforcement for red light violations, speeding, and reckless driving to name a few.

Seems like we are having more breakins.

Yep, watching the police not stop people for running red lights, and driving around either on the phone or laptops

Drunk drivers

I think our police and emergency personnel do a most excellent job!

I've lived here my whole life and generally feel very safe. The exception to that is when walking I come in contact with many dogs not fenced or on s leash.

there has been a lot of theft lately. I live on Emerson and strangers from the motel behind me are always messing with my dogs. They still come on my property after I put up the no trespassing signs like I was told to. the drunks have even came into my fenced yard. I have called the law often. this never happened until the motel was built. I have lived in my house since 1987.

With the loss of economy in Gillette we hear more about theft. I think maybe patrol cars should be seen more.

I moved from Billings, MT and in general I feel much safer here than I ever felt there but you become accustomed to being on guard regardless of a location change.

Drinking & driving needs a harsher penalty.

I think that our local law enforcement is doing a wonderful job

Speed in residence- need kids at play signs

Crack down on drugs and drinking.

Traffic safety, every one is running yellow and red lights. Very few drivers respect people walking.

need to slow traffic down, enforce traffic lights

Pedestrian safety at crosswalks is very bad. More enforcement should be done on vehicles encroaching on crosswalks.

The incidence of red light running desperately needs to be addressed!!! Specific intersections are especially dangerous, and if you are a pedestrian for any length of time, you will find that crossing most intersections is not safe. Please issue more citations for this!

We need some common sense gun control measures. We also need better access to mental health services as our hospital's services are terrible.

It's very safe

Consequences need to be more severe- criminals are getting away with reduced sentences far too often.

Generally I feel the City of Gillette Police Department does an excellent job in maintaining safety.

Please ticket people at the intersection of boxelder and 59. It is an absolute disaster zone some days.

We need cameras at the college that actually record the parking areas and walking back to the dorms.

Overall I feel good about most places in Gillette in regards to safety.

drivers

Forcing all fire fighters to do 36 hour a month at station 3 will result in there being less fire fighters. We are volunteers

Speed bumps around schools

Gillette is a very safe excellent place to live.

over all I feel public safety is good - just wish that for some of the younger generation (elementary school age through high school) there is better communication and relationships between the them and law enforcement.

Our Officers do a superb job! We are lucky to have them

Over grown weeds and grass in public right way ,lack of mowing

Crack down on speeding

I've asked numerous times for extra patrol on Buckskin between Gurley and Northern drive. I've seen police there a couple of times in the last year running radar and checking at the park they need to spend time in the neighborhoods north of warlow

If you are going to post speed limits in neighborhoods you should enforce them. Running of red lights is awful in this community

Textingwhile driving, lack of turn signals, texting while driving, tailgating, texting while driving, failure to maintain lane, texting while driving.... there seems to be zero enforcement and an overall acceptance of them is behavior.

Improve roads , turning lanes and more stop lights or roundabouts

I feel the city is doing the best with the resources available.

I would feel safer without property taxes.

Increase the Fire Department budget for better services

Need to get rid of the drugs

Could do with more police. I've been told by PD sometimes as little as 4 police officers on duty for entire city (weekends, etc.). Too few police even for a town this size.

I do not feel safe crossing the streets. Drivers do not watch or stop for pedestrians, even in crosswalks.

Continue to encourage support for the police. National Night Out participation would be beneficial as well. I would like to see more community policing efforts as well. Police involvement with helping to set up neighborhood watch would be nice. I would also prefer to see more preventative patrols in residential areas.

Tell police to crack down on parking near intersections in residential areas or paint the curbs yellow for no parking.

Speeding in residential neighborhoods where is a huge problem

stupid ass drivers

More interested in bathrooms than law enforcement

It would be nice if more arrests were made regarding violation of protection orders and domestic violence batterers were removed from the home.

The Flying J is NOT a safe place for residents or visitors in the summer. Homeless people beg those fueling up for money/hand-outs, they sleep behind the Visitor Center where the visitors have to go to the Geo Cache, and I've personally witnessed a drug exchange behind the bushes at the flag poles.

Gillette is a safe place to live

There is a street light right in front of my house, so I'm glad that there is always light on my home, that gives me peace of mind during the night and when/if we are away.

It would be great for Gillette to crack down on all of the illegal drug use

It would be nice to see more law enforcement around

There are far too many dogs at large in Gillette. I feel unsafe going for a walk because of all the roaming dogs.

street lights need to be checked to make sure they are working. Seeing more police would help.

I was pulled over by a cop who told me my registration was expired. I'd gotten it a month prior. Harassment.

They do an amazing job!!

just keep it safe

Gillette Police Department has quick response time. Officers do a great job at a time when the profession is under fire across the nation

Still pretty safe.

To many police watching for nonviolent crimes

More patrolling.

instead of patrolling Burma, concentrate on high traffic areas

Speed limits and stop signs doesn't mean anything to a lot of drivers in Gillette.

law enforcement should give out more tickets for violations , out of state plates (lots of out of state plates for people working in wy , the mines ,schools , think of the revenue that would bring in)

Sure would like to see Foothills Blvd's speeders and line crossers better monitored. We sit on our front porch and watch it happen daily. You could substantially increase the city's operating budget if you'd come ticket these crappy drivers doing up and down Foothills Blvd.

continue to support police department

I would like to see more police patrols in my area

I live in an area where neighbor takes care of neighbor and sheriff deputy and 2 firefighters live close

Our police force is amazing.

Somehow track the illegals better so we know who is here and where they are at

Drugs everywhere, drunk driving rampant, dangerous drivers during the day.

I believe law enforcement does a difficult job very well.

poor drivers - no consequences for them

I find a lack of traffic citations given in town less than satisfactory. Every day I am on the road it goes without fail that I see multiple cars speeding, driving recklessly (motorcycles esp.), and running red lights.

Crimes involving weapons

Stop Lites at Dogwood & Lakeway, hard to turn when Lakeway is busy.

Try to be aware of my surroundings at all times.

The drug issues; meth is out of control in Gillette. Twice someone entered our house and I was home. I hollered hello and they left and I couldn't see who it was or where they went. It was strange.

traffic

Gillette is a safe Town - if you call 911 - you get a quick response

none - blue lives matter, citizens will back up if blue is in distress

Would like to see more officer/citizen involvement to gain familiarity /trust relationship, rather than only traffic stops

It would be nice to have more law enforcement present; so many traffic violations too many to count. Especially in the subdivisions people running stop signs.

seems like when you need a cop or one should be around you can never find one

bad drivers cause injuries

Drugs have made Gillette unsafe.

Gillette is a really safe town, and I appreciate that. I came from flint Michigan and that city is horrible. I've lived in Gillette for 12 years and there isn't anywhere within the city that is unsafe. Keep up the good work

drugs/selling drugs

Overall the Police are doing an excellent job

increasing drug problem is troublesome

Concerns with people using drugs and the associated issues, domestic violence, child abuse, theft, etc.

- I believe we could do better in patrolling neighborhoods, Dalbey Park and South Highway 59 for people speeding and running red lights. When the portable radar is set up people follow the proper speed limit and when it is removed people start driving their normal way. In my opinion the police dept. should not tell the locations where they will be monitoring for violations. Also they should be patrolling between 6 and 8 am and 4 and 6 pm when people are commuting to work. - If people are going to be arrested for various crimes they need to be held accountable. If not why arrest them?

Overall Gillette is a safe place

You should run them out of town.

The city continues to short change the Police Department. The mayor and city council undercut the morale of the PD through pay cuts, loss of benefits and loss of over time. Did the Chief and high ranking officers have an equal loss of total money? Also you ask about public safety while at the same time making it extremely difficult to recruit additional officers because of these cuts. Make any sense to the people with the most authority. I think not, as a concerned citizen.

Nice town compared to the past

the uniformed police do a great job. Sick of the fire dept always wanting some thing. I think they have it pretty good.

We have let the younger generation down somehow by not being able to keep the drugs away.

Vehicles parked too close to the intersection in the subdivision causes reduced visibility and an increased risk of collision

I hear stories about gangs in Gillette which causes concern

Traffic is a free for all during the day. Nobody uses turn signals

Police response to vehicle accidents is slower than it should be. I respect and appreciate our Police and Sheriff officers.

under staffed PD, or poorly staffed

Muslim community growing.

Growing Muslim community

I feel the city is pretty safe in general

SOME OF OUR JUDGES ARE THE BIGGEST CRIMINALS.

Too many drug related crimes

Gillette is a safe place but traffic and adherence to traffic laws are problems

I think the Police and Sheriff's Departments do a very good job.

i think our local law enforcement personal do a great job considering they continually arrest the same people

Meth addicts and people who huff scare me because they don't behave rationally.

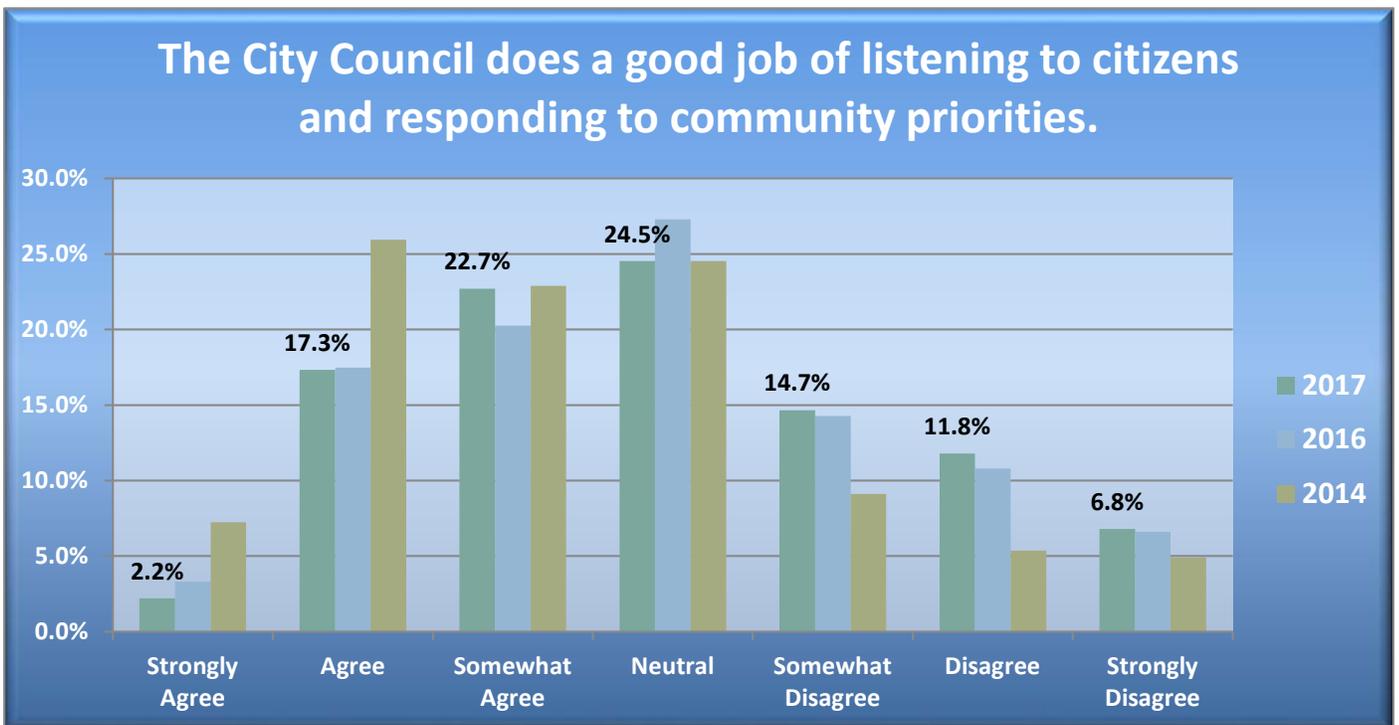
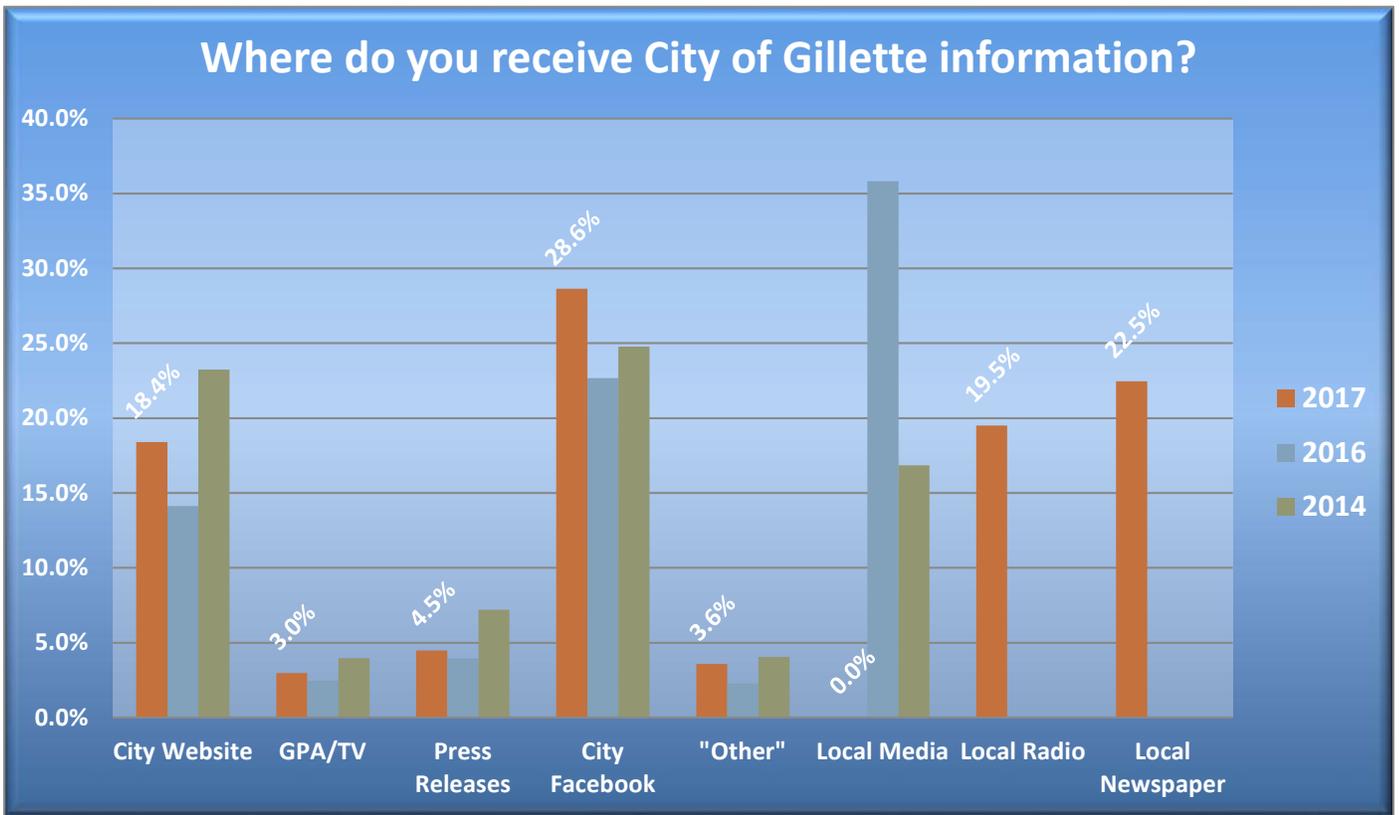
identity theft, drugs, drunk driving and crimes related to these are our greatest concerns

more law enforcement of people running red lights

No streetlights in our neighborhood.

I think our Officers and Deputies do a Great JOB!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND INVOLVEMENT



COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMENTS

9. What City services impacted by the economic downturn would you like to see improved?

Snow Removal/Plowing (102)

Street/Road Maintenance/Repair (20)

None (10)

Recycling (23)

Streets/Roads (13)

mowing (2)

yard waste/recycling

Street sweeping

Parks Watering and Mowing

Park management

Local businesses surviving

Law enforcement, parks (20)

Parks (9)

Schools (3)

Social services (3)

Utilities (2)

Park maintenance (2)

Lower water bill (2)

School board decisions. Keep funding the schools to allow for high quality educational growth. (2)

School funding (4)

More funding for social services. (2)

Recycling @ county refuse center (2)

Spend more on fire department (2)

I feel the city is doing a great job

I'm very impressed with the stability in our community despite the economic downturn. I thought for sure that we would see a fee for the City Pool and the fact that you guys made it free for another year is amazing. Times are tough and I appreciate all that you have done to keep Gillette on the up and up.

I believe you guys are doing best

Watering of parks and roadsides. There has been a lot of work done to these areas over the years and I don't like to see them turning to weeds.

1. street maintenance/snow removal 2. residential water costs

Using scoria when it snows. I think this would be more cost effective than using the ice melt that damages roads and vehicles. Bring back the recycle program. Those who choose to recycle should not be penalized with an extra fee each month. Everyone in the community should be doing their part to recycle and save the landfill.

Side walk snow removal

Park upkeep and snow removal

City pool should be free.

Road care

Return neighborhood yard waste receptacles so that people do not just find the next large business trash receptacle rather than drive out to the disposal site

Streets; beautification-keeping weeds trimmed

Road crews and city maintenance

street upkeep

Street repairs.

City bill increasing, water and electric rates. Need to start cutting the budget better. Stop forcing the community to pay for foolish spending. The voters turned down the last penny tax and you raised rates with electric and now water, as well as taxes. Bad decision making on your part. The public also needs to be informed better before motions are carried through. Because not all of us sleep and breath city council.

Parking

Nothing that I can think of at this time

Put chickens in backyards. Not roosters, chickens.

Snow removal and parks

if you can't afford it; don't spend it

bills go down, more jobs ect.

curbside household pick-up

road repairs

Bring back the yard waste dumpsters in neighborhoods.

Water that does not ruin your hot water heater and all water fixtures in your home

I haven't felt the pain yet.

Although scoria is cheaper please us sparingly. Makes the town filthy and embarrassing to show to outsiders. We live in NE Wyoming, learn to drive accordingly.

landscaping and road maintainence

Snow removal. A better solution to recycling.

streets generally adequate except Iron Horse, need to support social service organizations which pick up a lot of slack during down times, saving local governments money in law enforcement costs, e.g, CCS

The recycle dumpsters around town.

Keeping the parks and other grassy areas mowed and watered.

reduce the amount of school sports

Snow Removal

Free recycling

safety

road repair and snow removal

roads getting plowed and construction of unfixed problems on neighborhood streets

Snow plowing/road repair

snow and ice removal from the city drains so the streets can drain.

Swimming options (2nd summer pool) and exercise courses

social services

Port-a-potties back at the parks for the kids.

re-cycling curbside; I don't participate anymore because I refuse to go to landfill

ice melt when needed

The city continues to do a fantastic job in my book.

i think things are balanced well

return of curbside spring clean up

none

Plows and city wide clean up at curb side, lots of people don't have a truck to haul to designated areas

Snow removal last winter was horrible

snow removal

Snow removal and City clean up program

street snow removal

Free easy recycling

Programs that assist kids and families in need.

I feel that the city has done well considering the times.

Snow plowing, free city pool, pothole and street repair, free recycling

Continued support of activities

Snow plowing and road repairs

Bathrooms in parks

Less Chemical-More Scoria or Sand. Do not plant grass between sidewalk & street, use zeroscape material.

park and flower bed maintenance

Street cleaning it is almost July and there are streets that still have winter sand

spring cleanup curbside pickup

Snow Plow neighborhoods

Street maintenance

Cleaning city street during big storms

city services are already to numerous. need less with less money spent.

city has a spending problem.

Neighborhood sidewalks

Regardless.....you need to get on the streets in the middle of the night when we have snow. South Emerson Street rarely see's a road truck. The streets are never ready for morning commutes.

Maintenance of parks etc

upkeep of signs, mowing weeds

street maintenance, snow removal

Snow removal, road work

Parks and right a way mowing

Recycling Program

Snow removal- plowing should start earlier than it did . Also using Scorio. It was tough getting around this winter.

Roads

Snow plowing in residential neighborhoods, free recycling

Snow removal

Utility rates

Have not noticed a change in City Services

Police-community involvement

Bathrooms at parks restored

I don't have anything at this time

Snow plowing. Road and park maintenance, less weeds on city blvd's and sidewalks

Pathways and sidewalks not being repaired. Pathways not being plowed in winter

Law Enforcement, Fire Services, Basic City Services

FASTER RESPONSE INTO SUBDIVISIONS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

Parks need to be mowed and maintained. Parks looked great during the 80s and that downturn was much longer.

Quality of Life, traffic safety & economic diversity

Keeping up with the mowing in green spaces. It seems to get out of hand in our neighborhood.

Snow plowing - - we are pretty spoiled already though.

Street cleaning, weed control

nothing at this time

Police Budget / Training

all of it

None.

Better support for Economic Development

street repair

snow plowing

plowing

Utility rates

dunno

I honestly haven't noticed much change in services.

Mowing upkeep

Haven't noticed an impact to any city services.

Parks and rec.

Recycling should be free but I'll pay for it regardless; however, I know others have discontinued recycling because of the charge associated with that service.

Streets or patrol

Recycling fee

Less city watering

Right of Way upkeep and Snow Removal

Would like to see teachers get thier raises

Road conditions park upkeep

Better care of the parks. I know more water means more mowing but they aren't nears a great looking as they used to be and the open areas are less usable.

Police enforcement of idiot drivers running red lights and not using there turn signals.

removing snow in winter and cutting grass in summer

Animal control

Social services and sustainability programming

Streets

bring back spring clean up, utility rates lowered

Street cleaning

Less budget waste/infrastructure improvements

Just saving money in general.

get a new cable company , they suck. and fix some roads. cut all politicians pay to minimum wage.

Snow plows

Snow removal. Our plow drivers do too much tag team plowing and just following each other. A snow storm this last year second street near Dons was horrible. Drifts had been forming for hours and no plows. I was not the only one to notice it

Street Department needs to improve greatly

Speed traps.

Better plowing in neighborhoods in the winter

law enforcement re: drug traffic, DUI's, \$ used for health and safety not any more parks and roads

The Fire Department. More full time firefighters. They are spread too thin.

I can't say that any reduced services have directly affected me.

Police, fire, schools

Snow removal and sanding

I would like to see more police in this area

Fire department funding

Use of the human brain

Better delegation of what money is being used for

better plowed roads

Great job with what they had to work with!

My house value by the coal mine.

Snow removal, funding non profits

Recycle program The city dropped the ball and what a embarrassment

City looks great. Even with all the cuts service is great

Road maitance

Leave things alone for a bit, stop spending on unnecessary things, (3rd street, really bathrooms, extra lighting, the road didnt need redone)

Any further comments regarding Gillette community information and involvement?

I don't feel like there is enough promotion of local events on the city's Facebook page (2)

No more art spending (2)

I was very unhappy with how the Council voted on transferring the Pat's liquor license to Walmart. You voted in the past couple years to allow additional liquor licenses in the area but now that Walmart wanted it, rules are different. Very un-American.

More facebook advertisement on local happenings - cooperation with County on what's happening around town.

I would like to see the City invest more in the opportunities we have to draw tourists and visitors to Gillette. There is much room for growth in this part of our economy.

I would like to see some private commercial / retail development along Enzi Dr between the College and Thunder Basin HS. Examples include: grocery store, restaurant, convenience store.

Council needs to remember not all citizens express their opinions

When I have attended Council meetings to hear the outcome of a decision, it seems the decision has been made before the Council steps into the room. Presentations by those present seem to carry little weight and are entertained only as a formality. I would like to see the Council have a more open mind before deciding on an issue.

i think we need more to do in this town like a bigger pool area during the summer a better place for the fair to go then the aquatic center that's bigger

Everything they are trying to do is great.

I think the city does a good job of keeping people informed. Given the downturn they have acted responsibly to use the remaining tax dollars where they are most effective.

Geno does an outstanding job in his dealings with the public. And he deals with some stupid ass people.

I love your webmap, has a lot of helpful information.

All in all the city does a good job, would like to see code enforcement more active.

Would like to see more info put on Facebook from meetings

fire the city council and get a new mayor . term limits of one term for 4 years

I've lived in my neighborhood 6 years. Just cuz we're a safer neighborhood doesn't mean officers shouldn't patrol through our streets every now and then. In my 6 years here I've see an officer drive through 2 different times.

Hire a real City Manager, not a local yocal with no governmental experience

I think Geno P. does a great job on FB. There are a lot of mean and crazy people out there.

like to see santee drive police and clean it you know with the street cleaner bus use it and car that aren't from here speed there here

Easier ways to access certain city laws

It would be nice to have the Gillette Newsrecord not charge to read ALL articles online.. it should be free online.

Facebook is great but it often gets lost and I find it after the fact.

City is very good at providing info and alerting citizens on outages, storms, street closures etc

Charge A fee for the pool.

I can honestly say I am more informed about local events here than any other place I have lived in. I love being a Gillette citizen!

There are different ways to save money. Still spending money on mulch for trees but not bathrooms for parks is ridiculous and a quick way for the city to become dirty because if young children have to go, they will. When people vote no for a new baseball complex, don't rename it and still complete it anyway. That is dishonest and does not allow for trust in the voting system.

Stop wasting money on statues, and use it on infrastructure.

I know the city wants to beautify the city, but it is more important to make sure all bills are paid before this is done.

I like when Councilman Tim asks for input on Facebook

Street maintenance

Support college more so our kids have a future.

Disappointed Walmart did not get a liquor permit

Some of the parks are needing a good weeding. Joining forces with the gardening clubs might help, along with volunteer days?

The city of Gillette should NOT be getting involved in business transactions which is what they did with the sale of the liquor license to Wal-Mart. I would be curious if anyone of our councilmen/women including the mayor tried to sell their business and the city blocked that! I am severely disappointed in the council with that. I am sorry if other businesses could be hurt but that is competition and it's not the cities responsibility to regulate that!

Would like to see a better outreach and advertisement on events that the city puts on. I remember countless times whether it was the Donkey Creek Fest or something else where my friends had no clue that the event was coming up. Getting the word out early and often is something I'd like to see.

Geno does a fabulous job!

Something should be done about all the trailers and campers that are parked all over on city streets. These are a hazard especially where small children are involved.

Rather than raising taxes, lay off city and county employees that are not necessary....

Keep the website up to date.

The suicide rate here is crazy amongst teens.. put more resources on it, and less on the millions spent on South Campus HS !

The kids do not have enough to do.

Pretty good overall with the tight budget

A walking path from Collins Heights into town (east to west) would provide safety for both those who walk or ride their bike into town.

Stop spending money and giving money to whoever requests it

Supply the fire department

If mowing ordinance is enforced on private property, same in force meant on city property

We want our dumpsters back

Why do you give a lot of money to the college every year?

Less City spending the statues are SUCH a waste of money

As mentioned before, community policing and neighborhood watch.

Stop allowing bars to sell retail liquor. Don't allow drive-thrus at liquor stores.

When revenues become more scarce, local government has to be more aware of what the basic services are that need to be provided .

Miss scheduling of city meetings in city bill.

Youth of the community use city parks for sports practice. The city needs to spend the money to keep the grass and parks healthy for their usage.

quit wasting money

Most of us who are unable to transport large items and yard waste would pay extra for curb side pickup rather than the central location. If I could get it to the central locations I could get them to the landfill,

Council seems to be self serving, i.e. No liquor license at Walmart based on mayors personal relationships

Mayor and council do NOT listen to people they help their friends and accountants

Quit spending money on wants!!! I want a new... but wait the money isn't there so I don't buy it!

Happy the City Pool remains free.

The online news record should let you read some articles for free

Only spend money on what is needed

Someday, if the economy comes back, we need a bike path that doesn't end randomly and takes cues from Casper and Rapid. Their paths do not cross roads. They go under. Safety for kids.

Love to see a baseball team from recreation center for boys like they have for girls. The baseball program fees are ridiculous. Gillette junior football was generated by parents, gives kids a chance at sports with out having to again pay out ridiculous feed to be active.

Need more stuff for kids to do

Gillette is proactive in their communications and outreach

Upgrade the older part of downtown. It is a bit rundown.

Would be nice to have more info put out about what's happening in the communitaty the paper sucks for that so Facebook needs to step in where they don't

More information should be released to the public.

We pay a lot for water, sewer and trash. Monthly fees are too high!

I'd gladly pay to use the city pool

I also think bringing more things to do for families, children, teenagers would halt a lot of things as well. There really isn't much to do in Gillette, we have to drive hours to shop or entertain (Watiki water park, malls, trampoline park, museums, concerts, etc). Instead of creating a "road diet" put the money else where, where it will be beneficial for the community.

The city, and county has recklessly spent, and payed city and county employees too generously. Rather then building a rainy day

Think Gillette has done a pretty good job dealing with the downturn in the economy.

Suicide funding should not be cut

Listen more to the community, not what you think will be better for businesses. Focus on other things for the economy besides coal.

Paint the school crosswalks in August before school starts rather than the week it lets out.

Please more in winter

Glad city pool remains free & money saved can help out snow plowing.

Leave 14-16 the hell alone.

The mayor needs to be involved with all emergency services so she has a better understanding of exactly where she's cutting money from.

glad blue bag recycling service is back

City needs to be better partners with other governments

I don't understand the antagonism between city and county government officials. They need to pool ideas and resources and support each other for the good of our community.

Gillette is a difficult place to live

Funding and support for the Fire Department needs to be a priority.

Enforce the watering schedule, some people water whenever they want!!!

Substantial capital investment in neighborhood parks - shame to see poor maintenance.

reduced rates for Senior Center should be reinstated

Curb side trash clean up in March. Not necessarily trash but tree limbs.

I feel they are doing the best they can do

Like your parks and care you give them...the downtown bathroom though is a porkbarrel project poorly executed. For 250,000 we should of had state of the art lighting(now falling off). .State of the art exterior and interior instead of the tawdry cheap finishes. It's a disgusting example of politicians in bed with contractors who can't spell architecture let alone execute a simple blueprint.

Is a public info officer really necessary? The press releases aren't any better than before this clown came on board. Vast majority of the street closures are inaccurate.

City and county need to work together. Stop Sniping at each other.

Does liquor licensing fit here? Government involvement in free enterprise, free market, capitalism decisions about liquor license sales is absolutely shocking. Council members seek excuses to deny companies the benefit of contracts; this is what we dislike about socialist and corrupt countries.

Gillette thinks they need to spend every cent of \$ that they can

I would like to see more to do for young kids. Great parks with play areas, but the Rec center has very limited swim time to small kids. (Friday 10 to 12) I was told at the Rec center basketball was the only thing my 2 year old would be able to do in the morning. At 1pm is open swim (nap time) and a lot of teenagers in the pool. At the library we went to a 9:30am story time and was told it was not going to happen due to a summer kick off. We toured the place and found books and a few puzzles. Would be nice if there was more to do for small kids 0 to 6 years old in Gillette.

I think they do a good job

re-allocate all the extra \$ from the water park to things that are NECESSARY!!!

Quit spending until we figure out just how many teeth Obama kicked out.

The City of Gillette does a wonderful job. I'm proud of our city.

too much money spent on frivolous things, like field of dreams, water park

Too much money on Art Statues and New Beautification Projects

i would like to see 4, 5, 6 community boards, non-paying, to discuss area community needs that bring concerns in their area to the city council meetings

No - I read the paper daily - The City website is a good location to info outside the Newsrecord

City needs to hire local, especially a city manager. no city unions, cost to high with less work done. City council needs to quit using hiring agencies. Keep it simple steve/sally. Need more conservatism, budget way to much, buildings to elaborate, square footage to maintain excessive with excessive maintenance costs.

Involve community in neighborhood cleanups- help a neighbor Day , clubs could adopt seniors trying to stay in their homes etc

Is it true you spend thousands of dollars on the statues around town? If you do, please cut that expense from the budget. They are nice but totally unnecessary.

Need to be more upfront about items on council meeting agendas. Right now you have to dig for it.

need more activities

why don't you have or inform your residents about a web site that people can make a comment about a problem! This information should be on your monthly statement also!

pretty well informed

City staff does a good job keeping the citizens informed of City business

I see a lot of wasted time by employees / management driving in and around Gillette. What is the ratio for vehicles vs employees?

I realize that the economic free fall was greater than anticipated, but serving first the employees of Gillette and serving the citizens should be first and foremost. I don't believe that was the case. I believe our leadership specifically the mayor needs to rethink how to better serve the community.

Think Gillette has become a great community

Field of Dreams a waste of tax payers money

The City Council and the Mayor are so ignorant of what people in our community really need and want. First of all, we need safety. So, why drop funding for the Fire Department's trucks, etc.? We don't need any more sports facilities for kids. Parents use these facilities as free babysitters. Kids need to learn how to play and be creative with play without being involved in competitive sports, and their parents need to quit driving and dropping their children at these places. Stop already with the Mayor's Art Council and projects like that. That is a waste of precious money in these times. The Mayor has no business dis-respecting our President like she did recently to the Denver media. Listen, you may not want coal..... but WE do. We support Trump. The mayor is very liberal and this affects so many decisions that are being reached in our town. The recent decisions the council and mayor have made regarding the downtown area were so un-necessary. We did not need Third St being rebuilt to accommodate occasional outdoor events. We absolutely do not need Second Street to be narrowed to two lanes. That is a pure waste of money. What we do need is enhanced drug control. We don't need lightning warning systems. That is just plain dumb. Seeing a once beautiful park like Lasting Legacy nearly destroyed by poor park management is heartbreaking. It is overgrown with weeds, vole damage, poorly managed trees, and trash. Other parks are the same. Why are the parks not being taken care of properly? The adopt a park idea was shameful. What were you thinking? The valuable trees, bushes, flowers, and lawns are allowed to die from neglect. More permanent toilets are needed at Bicentennial Fields. Two portable toilets are inadequate during soccer seasons. One a final note, please be aware of the graffiti that has become the standard in our community. That should be a priority to remove it and help business owners remove it as soon as possible. Once graffiti gets a grip in a community, it will metastasize like a vigorous cancer.

Maybe we should look at reducing the number of city parks that we have and are trying to maintain?

Need an amber alert system set up.

Rehab downtown residential area

Listen to the people who elect you!! You should not decide large issues without a vote. If you would pay attention you would note some of the fiascos you have foisted on this town.

I think the City keeps us informed pretty well on what is going on.

Gillette has done fairly well during the economic downturn.

These are tough times and we have to "cowboy up" and that means everyone

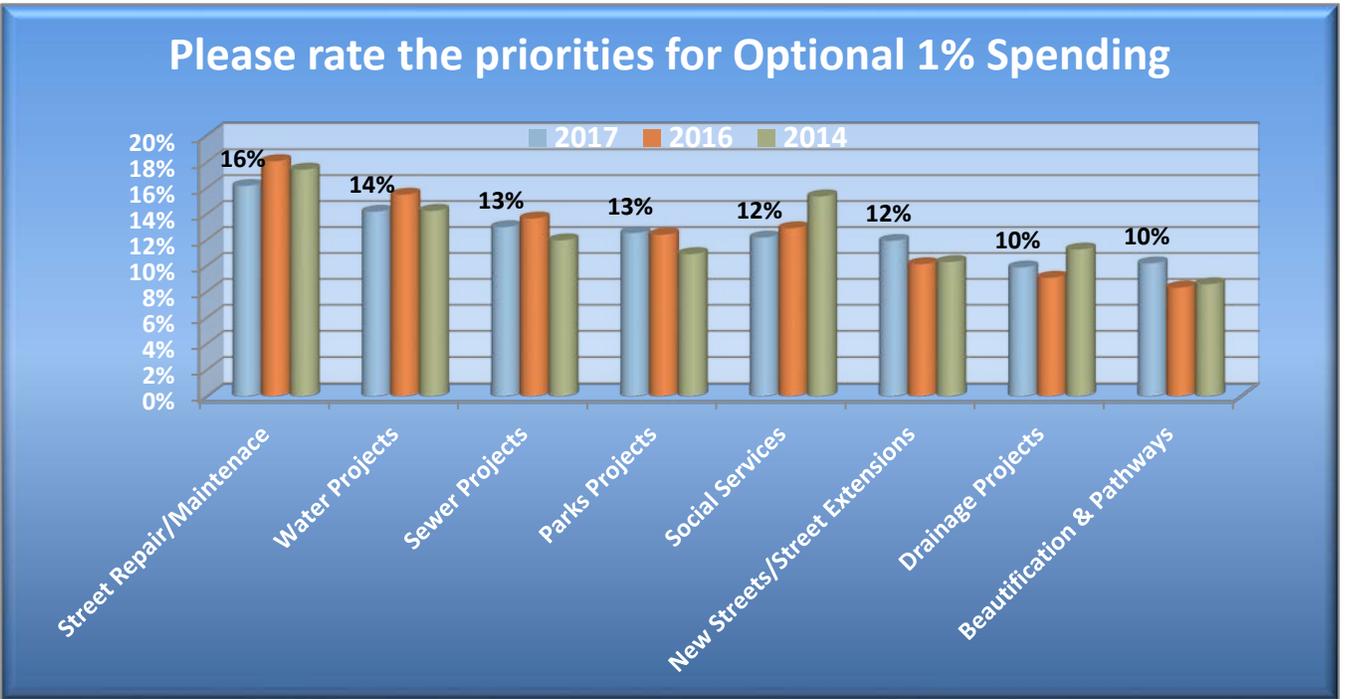
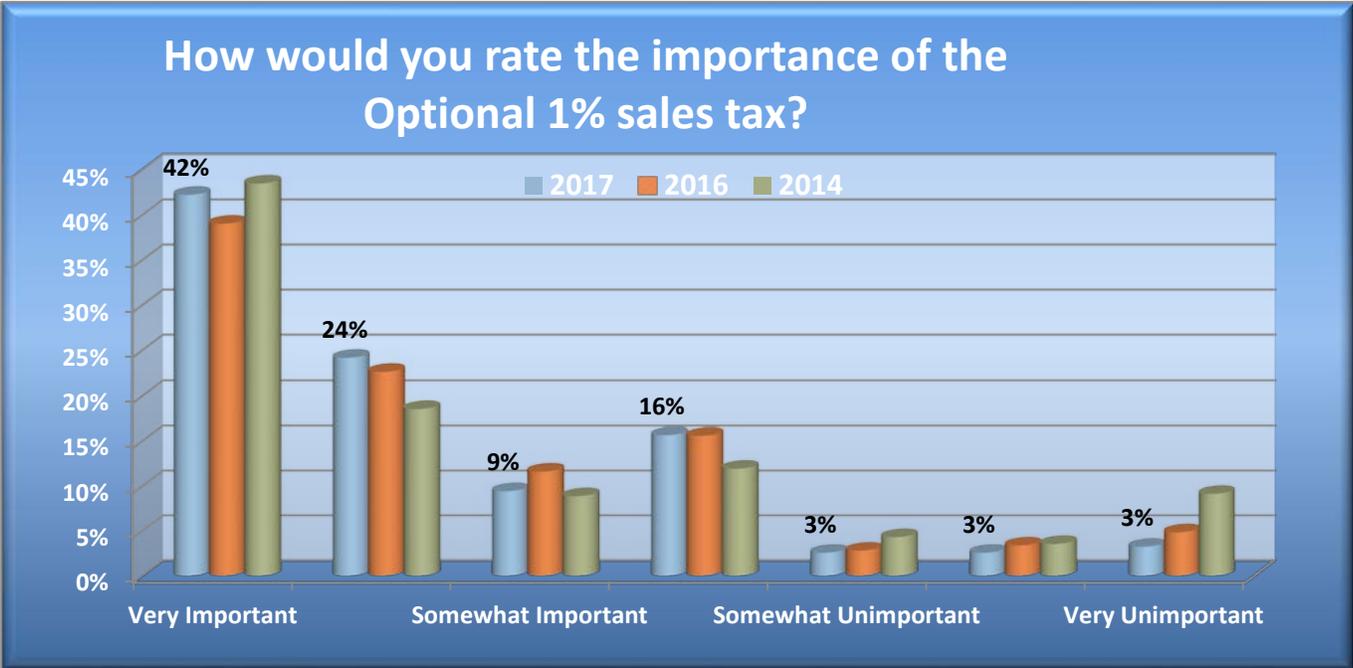
I can't think of any

information that comes with the utility billing is behind at least 2 to 4 weeks. It doesn't help much to know what is going on in the city if the event is already past.

Suggestion: there are some states and cities that have both potable water for houses and ground water for irrigation on two different systems. The ground water that hasn't gone thru the treatment system is used for lawns, gardens etc. thus making it far less expensive to use.

Traffic lights are all out of sync. Can have a red light every block and that includes 59

OPTIONAL 1% SALES TAX



OPTIONAL 1% SALES TAX COMMENTS

What other services would you be willing to contribute Optional 1% Tax funding to?

None (33)

Gillette College (7)

We shouldn't waste any money on the flowers in the center islands all over gillette- rock would look better and it would be cheaper! (4)

Non the mayors arts program should be canceled (3)

Complex , college, fire dept (3)

Economic Development (2)

Schools (2)

Library (2)

Snow removal (2)

Fire department fleet, complex upgrades (2)

Recycling (2)

Utilities Cost.

Children activities

In my opinion, the 1% tax should be used primarily for optional or extra community projects that supplement our quality of life. Roads, sewers, etc. should be budgeted for out of the general city fund as they are basic government services. Parks, ball fields, pools, museums, social services, etc. should receive the bulk of the 1% funds since it is an optional 1% tax voted on by the public.

Improve local internet service; develop an indoor soccer stadium; contribute a portion of the Optional 1% Tax for School District projects like a replacement stadium at North Campus and soccer fields at North Campus.

Street lighting on roads

Nothing comes to mind

CAM-PLEX Events, Keeping City Pool Free,

Economic Development & traffic safety items

All of the above are important - it is hard to decide which are more important.

a bigger water park or even more to do in this town so we can keep our money here and not have to go out of town to spend it

get ahead before it is needed

Defiantly not that useless baseball field of dreams

Roads improvement

attract new business

I'm not sure

Internet infrastructure

Follow through on Field of Dreams

Mental health and drug rehab

More headstarts

the council

I have and always will disagree with the optional 1%. This city gets tons of money from the mines and oilfields. Wastes money on things like the field of dreams. Why do you continue to think the citizens have to keep paying more and more every year. We did the pipeline and yet every year we have immediate water restrictions. Not that we want to waste water. But we pay all that money to pipe in water and we can't water anymore now then we did before

Economic diversity in brining more diverse economy and jobs to the city & treatment of water so it has a better taste

Council of Community Services

Clean up Donkey Creek and the Fishing Lake. We've got enough statues unless you put up a few for the mineral industries. Lots of kids and cowboys but no coal miners.

"needs" not "wants" - just the necessities (food, water, shelter not trips, manicures, and steak)

Any form of spending that benefits the community

cleaning santee drive

Fire Department funding

Suicide Prevention

Services for mental health

Keeping the clinic open longer so we don't have to go to ER and spent way more.

Public transportation

College

More stone landscaping so less water needed.

The library, which needs to be expanded.

Traffic law enforcement

After school programs similar to Boys Inc, etc

Helping out the arts of Wyoming, such as encouraging music, art, theatre, and overall creativity.

Not the field of dreams

Drug prevention programs, suicide prevention programs, programs for youth after high school is out at 2:45 until parents are home to help with the drugs and suicide.

Beautification of Douglas highway

Stop using the tax in high income areas (e.g. westover by bell nob) and use it by lower income areas. (look at the broken window theory)

More help for our kids to discourage bulling in the schools that have led to many kids taking there lives.. More to protect the kids and more help to reach out to the ones in need

Gillette Police

Youth counseling, support for bullying, divorced families kids, abuse, sexual & drug encounters, ect

Decent bike paths.

Outdoor swimming pools for adults and a dog park

Indoor soccer stadium

Road repair

Walking paths

continue infrastructure

capital facilities projects to continue to build and diversify Gillette.

I can see Gillette College fitting into this as they struggle but continue to educate our youth and put them back into the workforce. Can't express enough how much the social services agencies deserve to top this list. Those are the humans.

The kids of our community

Community activities that are not athletics. Cultural enhancement, arts, etc.

library

Snow removal - as long as it was not to haul snow from one area of town to another. This last season, they loaded out snow from our subdivision even though there was no more snow or cold temps in the forecast. Let nature help us and melt on its own.

nothing, let it expire

Not taxing us, and help our community recover and have a chance to flourish again!

Entertainment

Keeping the city pool free forever

I believe the City is doing a good job with the funds; I see no reason for adding to it.

Sidewalk and Parking Lot Repairs if not already part of street maintenance.

Lowering city bills

Fix existing roads

College, Air Transportation & Public Safety Equipment

maintaining the free swimming pool in City Park for the children

Spend your monies wisely, I don't understand why city paves alleyways in this economic times

Beautification & Pathways need to be separated. Pathways are a part of the transportation system, they provide transportation for walkers and bicycle riders and thus fit in transportation and cost for these should be shared by developers building new developments or business. Beautification is parks or right of ways. Developers should also bear the cost of these when they develop along arterial road or build new subdivisions.

Youth soccer fields

Funding the college

Snow removal

Making rec center membership cheaper.

Quit finding things to spend it on.

Paving roads

Things for the youth of the town

Refunds to the commoners.

would love to have a university in Gillette. We lose a lot of the younger generation

Emergency Services i.e. Fire Department

More snow plows

Voted against 1% not needed if you budget correctly and eliminate unnecessary spending on liberal crap that shouldn't be even considered

snow removal training...city has a poor plan and poor removal technique

Adding to the field of dreams sports complex. It is a great asset to the city and the kids of our town.

better youth services

Lowering city bill

School programs

visitors' information center to inform public of Gillette & positive coal industry

None! So much unnecessary spending has been done in the past. Stop wasting taxpayer money on things are aren't NECESSARY!

Bring back curb side trash and tree limb clean up in March. People look forward to that. Removing some of the inappropriate stop lights. People have managed to drive in this town before putting up some foolish lights around town.

Contribute? City Council is tone deaf. Having said that, stop. STOP PUTTING FLOURIDE IN OUR WATER. Disembowel the flouride in the h2O project. Use this money to filter it out.

Not sure what all of your headings entail- we certainly don't need anymore parks.

helping animal shelters

law enforcement

None. I pay enough in taxes

Recreational projects but only after basic needs (not wants) have been met. Assistance with college through some kind of venture with the County (understanding that the funding for City and County varies significantly), but long-term it benefits both entities to have a strong community college presence.

homeless assistance

training law enforcement to do there Jobs and give tickets to the morons that deserve them , I see oveous violations every day and law enforcement isn't worried about

I feel the city does a great job in allocating this money. I listed 1-8 but feel they are all extremely important to our community. I moved here in 1981 and things were pretty rough here in Gillette. The 1% tax has helped make Gillette an oasis in northeast Wyoming. As one NHSFR from NM told me, "Gillette, WY looks the way small town America should look with the flower bed, bike trails, and litter free streets. One thing I wish Gillette had is a large city pool here in town kids could walk or bike to. An excellent example is Buffalo's pool. It is not a water park, it's a swimming/diving pool large enough people don't have to wait because of full capacity. If that means demolishing the old pool and building there I would be for it 100%. I know it's only used a few month out of the year, but those few months are when our kids are out of school for the summer and need a place to go. The Rec center is too far south to accommodate inner city children who don't have transportation. Long answer for a short question - inner city large pool for the community.

road repair

clean up Donkey Creek from the trash and green slime

My main concern is to maintain what we have-streets, water, etc.

Only the ones we HAVE to have, like water. No more art and decorative for now.

mowing

public safety

Social services

More stuff for kids to do

1% money should only be for roads, water, sewer, and drainage. Nothing else! Stop wasting tax pay money!

RECYCLING and CONSERVATION

Services used to assist in cleaning up dilapidated and eye-sore areas of town.

Elderly care, Homeless

recreation infrastructure - soccer fields, upkeep and upgrade softball fields, assistance for the Gillette Golf Course, Support for high school tournaments

end the tax

That is enough.

Kid programs

vaccinations and walk ways

The original beautification tax that never went away and is now the slush fund....I don't know

drainage maintenance, snow removal

Community Development

You help the local economy

Optional 1% tax is over-taxation. Citizens are over taxed way is, obvious city and county keeps getting more creative to tax more with still economic downturn. Inflation raises for govt. employees is outrageous in this climate. Govt. pay is excessive way is; add perks like retirement, health care, payed holidays, extended holidays, on top of that high wages with inflation upgrades, cost of living upgrades; outrageous. Citizens paying taxes, majority of do not get these wages let alone the perks and are just getting by with govt. taxing more. Biggest employer in county is govt. - we need smaller govt.

Teen labor

not sure

no more sports complex builing

Drug and alcohol treatment programs

Education

none the council needs to recognize they have already overspent Ball park

The fire department or the police department!

Anything that will help kids have something to do

snow removal

recycleing

Snow removal

I believe the above options are enough.

GOOD SNOW REMOVAL ON ALL PARK PATHWAYS IN THE WINTER, ON A WARMER DAY GO BACK WHEN IT IS SLUSHY AND TAKE IT OFF AGAIN, THEN THEY WON'T HAVE SO MUCH ICE BUILD UP ON IT. I AM NOT FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO OWN A PLOW, BUT IF I DID I WOULD HAVE BEEN PLOWING BURLINGTON LAKE LAST YEAR, AS IT WAS BAD. NEEDS TO BE REMOVED BETTER AND MORE OFTEN.

We need public transportation planning! There are many people in Gillette that do not have transportation. Think about them and what a hardship this is for them especially during the winter months and the hot summer months. We should consider a public van that could pick people up at designated locations and return them at a certain time. That would be a start.

improvements only

Improving health care providers and lower cost of insurance.

Rehab of downtown residential areas

Rehab downtown residential area

Some services to help the elderly in need.

I think some should go to the Fire Department for their new trucks

EVALUATING OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

Walkways/bike paths along Donkey Creek

Return of spring clean up.

Recreation

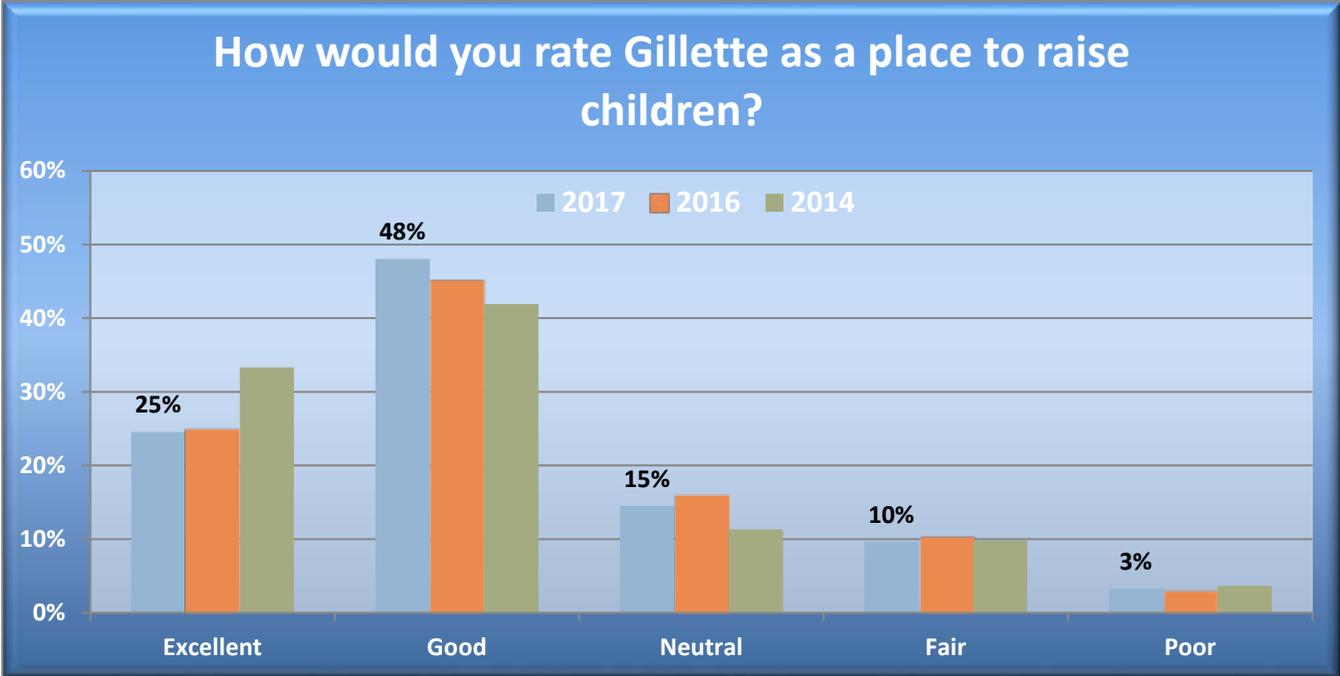
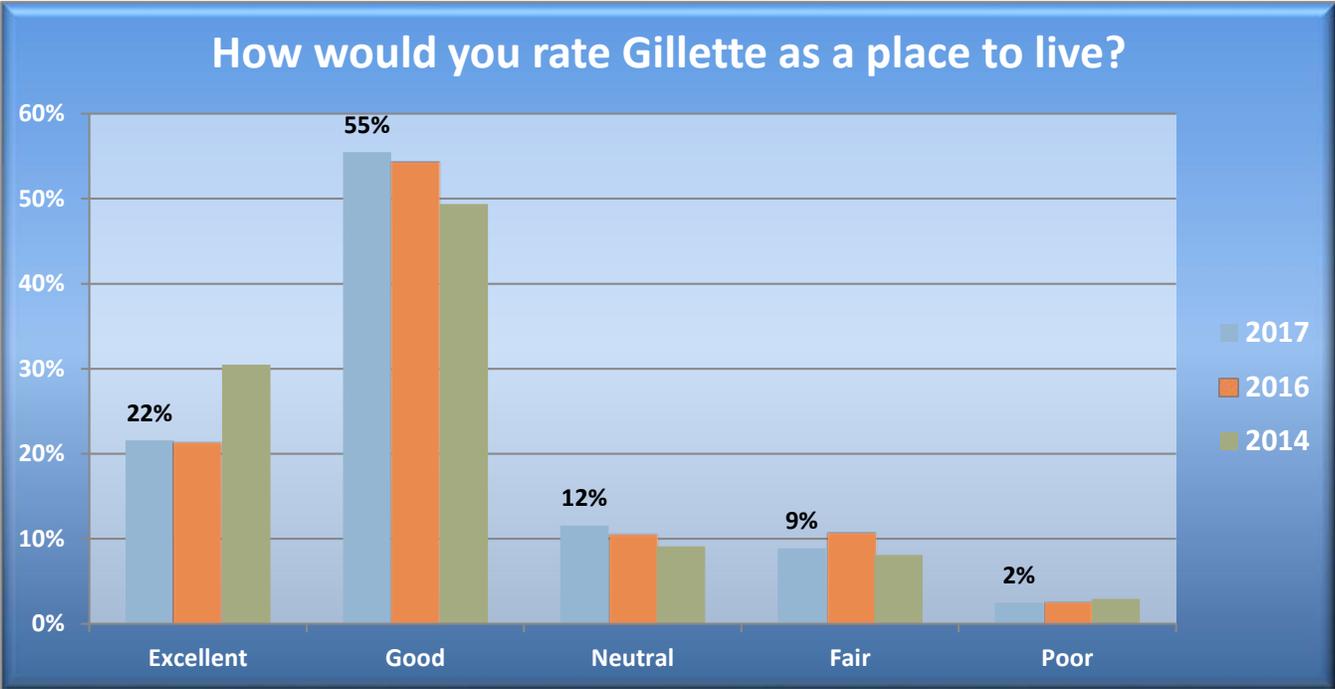
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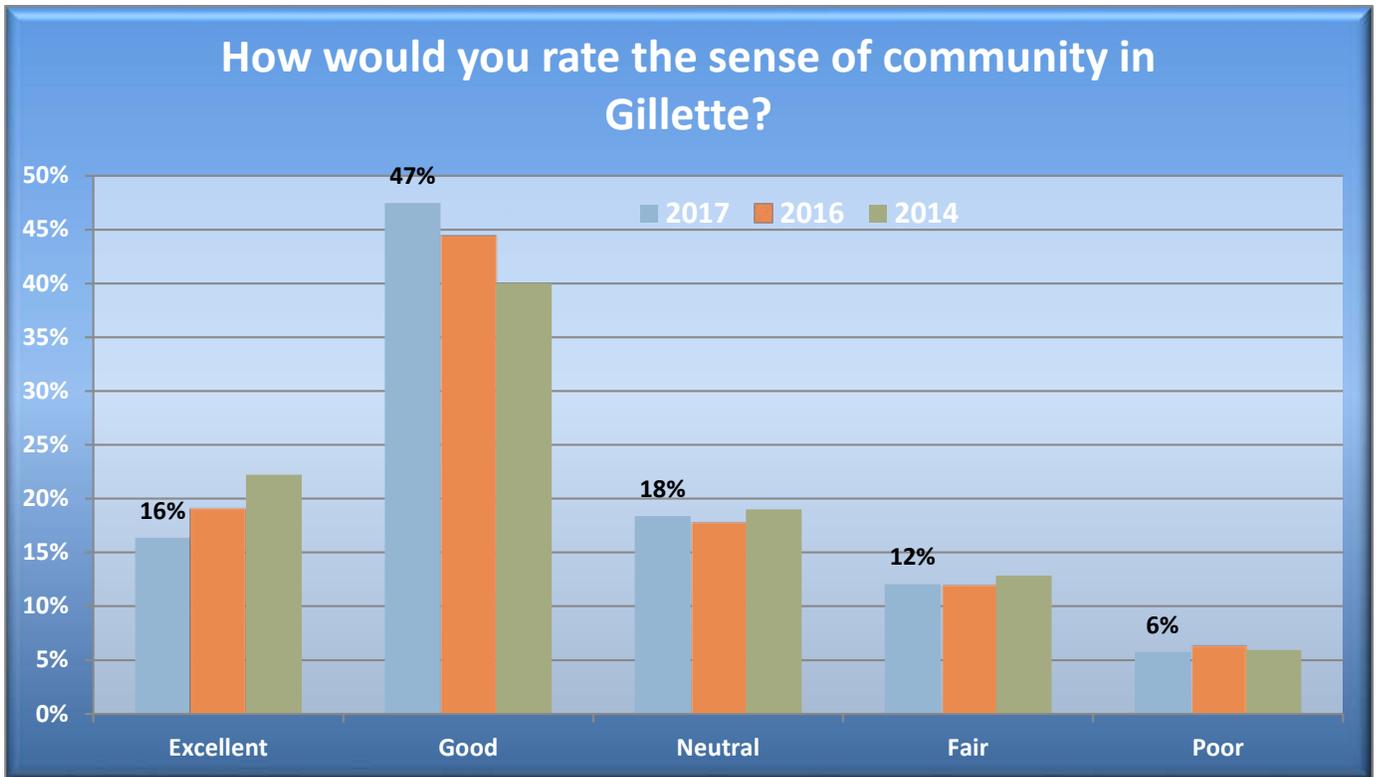
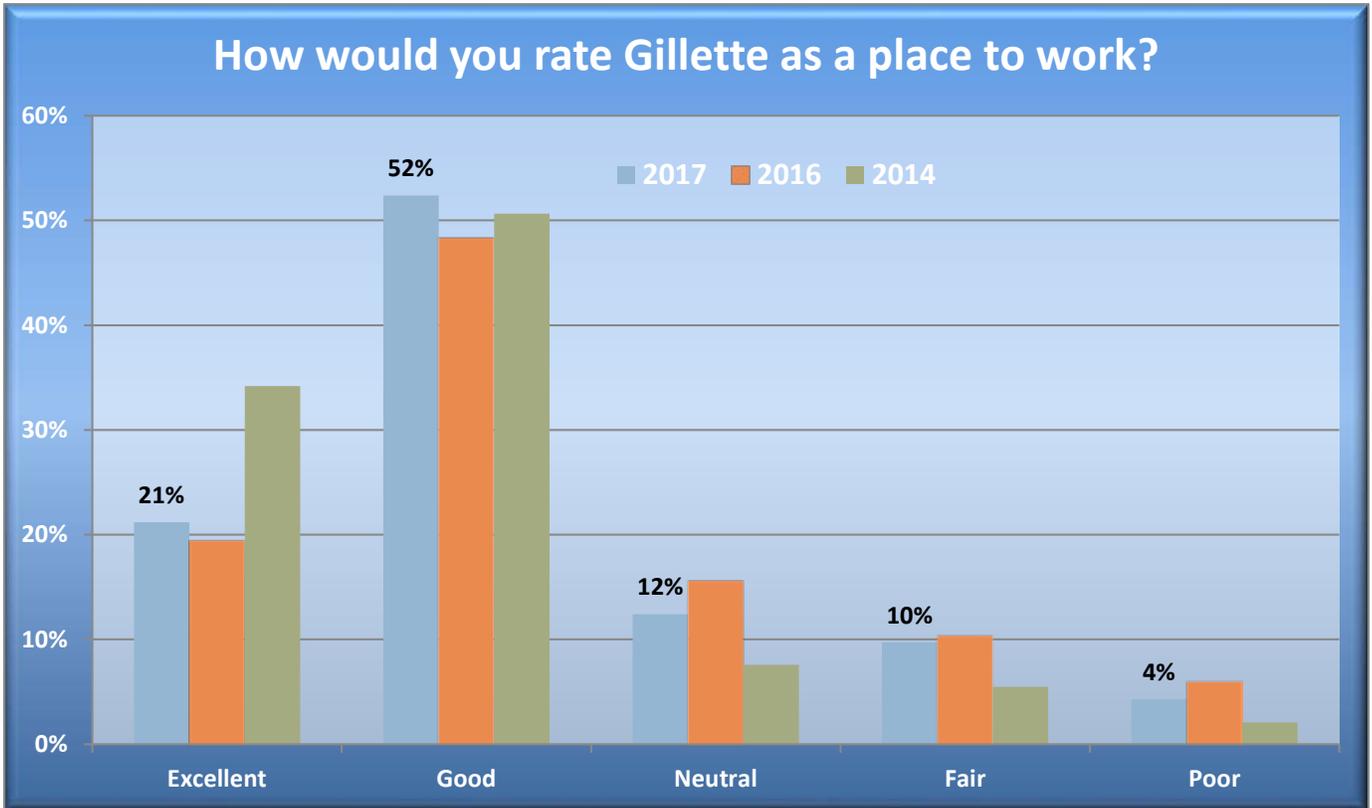
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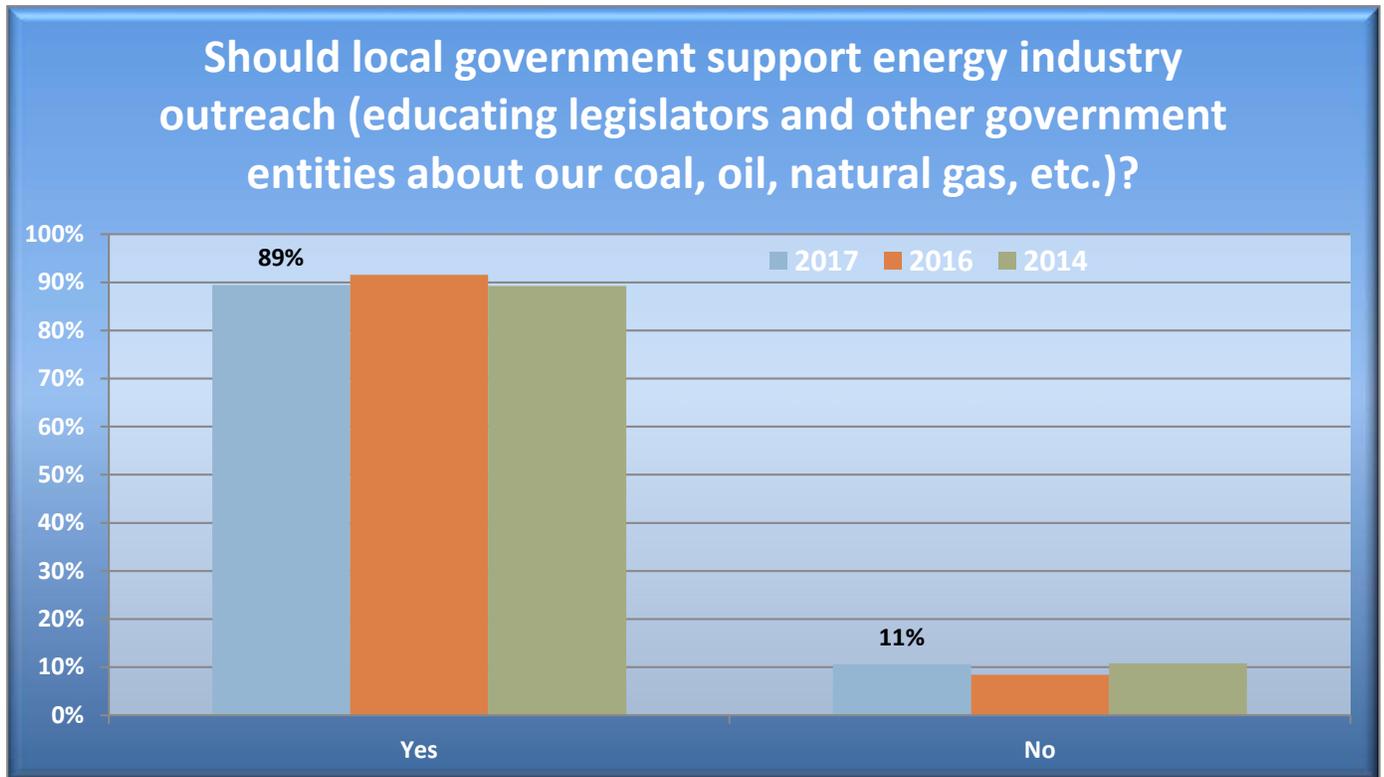
Need to fix what we have and stop making and expanding roads

Go towards "new" industry companies that are not already doing that kind of business here now

OTHER QUESTIONS







Any Final Comments

Support for our local coal, methane, gas, etc. industries is of the utmost importance and should be a priority to all of our citizens.

Is this the best time to take the s curve out of Boxelder? There is a speed limit. And a stop light. May be a good idea to add a stop light at Highway 50 and Boxelder. We waited too long for a light at Hwy 50 and Lakeway. Too many fatalities.

I'd say that Gillette is a great place to raise a family. It has a small town feel. However, like other places, there are some dark and malevolent places that give our community a bad rap. I would like to see more parenting classes for the young parents who find themselves with children and don't know how to parent them. Maybe something like the Love and Logic. Although, I don't know if the community and City of Gillette could do something like that, but it would be a start.

Please do not spend \$300,000 repairing asphalt surrounding the old Fire House at Dalby Park which is used for mower/equipment storage now. The million dollar project near the hospital parking garage (retaining walls, etc.) for landscaping is another very wasteful project that should never have been done! The Madison water snafu with permits is another issue that affects the citizens of Gillette and we won't get water till winter?? Are you kidding??? Priorities are pretty easy to figure out, and sometimes these projects are not "for the good of the citizens" but for the good of contractors, etc. and it needs to stop, please!! With significantly decreased revenues from energy, the citizens are eventually going to have to pay higher taxes to continue the level of services we like. But some of these expenditures as of late are only adding to our unwillingness to "live within our means" and that means we need to tighten our belts.

The city needs to look at the utility costs that citizens pay. Our utility bills are very high especially electricity.

Our city utility bill are crazy high. So city officials can spend money in some dumb ways. We shouldn't be charged for the city pool threw our utility bill. The city can spend stupid money on statues.

look for ways to bring other businesses to Gillette that change our image

Local government needs to work harder to diversify our local economy.

There is always room for improvement. I have faith that our city will move in the right direction. Thank you for taking the time to read my survey.

worry about my grandchildren growing up here

I love Gillette! I moved here from Utah 16 years ago and don't regret it for a second!

Diversify the industries that are here.

Stop the boom and bust cycle with other industries not related to energy. .. (.AND NOT PORN OR GAMBLING) Educate local people to work said industries

my opinion- energy industry outreach should be done by businesses

Gillette is a nice town with good schools. The citizens seem to band together when trouble hits the fan. I think the leadership at the local government level are all paid too much. My neighbor works for the City and drives a Beemer for christ sake.

Help with economic diversification

New recycling program was a disappointment. We signed up and paid for it. The first five weeks we were part of the program our recycling was never picked up. This despite calls on a weekly basis to that affect. Our recycling was placed by the curb the night before scheduled pickup. After calls someone would come and get it the following day. We finally dropped the program because it was more work than to just take it to the dump ourselves and we didn't have to pay for that.

temporary/business signs in r.o.w need to be better controlled. Utility rates seem to continue to creep up.

In reality Wy government from local to state needs to acknowledge alternative forms of energy the the role tech will play in the future. Fossil fuels will have to compete with all of this in the future and not getting on the band wagon soon will be a death knell for our community and state. Tech will take away many coal mining and oil field jobs. Not being ready for that is short short sighted.

The future for Gillette is diversification, which means education and vocational training for new skills. Gillette College will be the nerve center. It will attract diverse people with diverse skills and (hopefully) create a trained local work force with skills for future technologies.

Coal miner for 36 years. Raised two great daughters, got money in the bank, a beautiful home I own, and now at the right age I retired.

do your jobs that you are hired to do !!!!! get rid of people not here legally

Until economy recovers, do not expand unnecessary projects like "field of dreams".

Be fair - If WalMart should not have a liquor license than take it away from Albertsons.

I bought my house 11 months ago and I am very disappointed that EVERYDAY I have a puddle in the street where whoever built that road messed up. I live on Heart X. You can tell there has already been construction done already to try and fix the problem, but it needs to be fix again. With constant water being there the pavement is breaking apart.

I question the logic on dieting down 2nd Street. We build new streets and roads to move traffic more efficiently and then diet down? Doesn't make sense to me. We seem to have plenty of water after the Madison kicked in so then you want to annex more subdivisions in for revenue, but then we still have restrictions. I don't see where that is a benefit to us either and some of subdivisions don't want to be on City because of rates going up. Mystery to me.

re-instate raises for city employees based on performance.

Energy is our backbone. If you want to use the 1%, use it to make us cleaner.

Start saving for a retractable dome so we can close up Gillette in the winter..

Keep up the great work!

Mayor Louise Carter-King is the best mayor since her father was mayor!

With the down turn I think it's great that some things have gotten cheaper like apartment rent and the community has pulled through for each other but what about trailer lot rent at 593\$ And the monopoly of them mostly owned by the same company. Middle class struggles!! We make too much for state help but barely over for some families by 100\$dollars.

How the city council wastes tax payer money is disgusting, and you should be ashamed of yourselves. \$260K for a picnic table and pavement at a lawn mower storage shed at the fishing lake?! Shameful!

We live in an arid climate - we should conserve water as such.

Also - we need to be LOOKING AHEAD - coal is a dying industry and we need to look forward, not cling to the past. It will never be as it was. Couldn't we become a renewable energy center? build solar panels? Wind turbines? Let's please look forward, not longingly backwards. Was not a step forward to fire the recycling coordinator - all other businesses in our town have had to take furlough days, couldn't the city staff have done that?? Everyone is paid VERY WELL within the City - and they have insurance benefits which not everyone has.

Gillette is a nice community; however, there are areas of town that are problem areas such as the Church and Stanley Street areas; random run-down mobile homes next to better areas of town. Also, the airport is fantastic and I wish the flight to Salt Lake City would be continued.

If coal, oil and gas don't rebound, Gillette needs to find a way to diversify revenues for the good of the local economy.

I have been proud of our city in that we have continued to improve the overall infrastructure over the years. This adds to the quality of life and quality of the community. This is a major reason for one of our children to return to Gillette and another to stay in Gillette.

the city council and the county commissioners should work together, not fight

I find your questions on this survey unclear in some instances and unimportant in others. I moved to Gillette a year ago to be near family. I am 71 years old and have worked and lived in several different states and communities. I realized quickly that the "Good Old Boy" system is alive and well in Gillette. To be clear, I have no connection with Walmart in any way, it is simply a place to shop but I felt the City Council's attitude toward the store acquiring a liquor license condescending and bordered on blackmail or extortion. It is well known that the Walmart stores across this nation are great community partners and attribute greatly to their economies. I'm sure the treatment of Walmart is solely to pander to the existing liquor license holders who are undoubtedly Chamber members.

Gillette needs to plan for coal to get regulated out of business and live within its means without the tax money that the mines have provided.

Keep to the basic needs.

Seems the more we educated the government the war increased... so do a better job about clean cheap energy and the benefits

I would like to see a general area set aside for recycling bins like sheridan does my problem with having a yard waste bin in my yard i am afraid people will throw non-compliant items in it and then I would be fined sheridan has 3 or 4 areas with all kinds of bins and it works well for people to put their recycled bottles, paper etc in these bins

Sorry to see Carter leaving our Government, he was an asset for Gillette.

My only worry for my child is our high suicide rate.

Big inequality of people working in Gillette - The wealth of Campbell County does not reach every working person in the County. Some Government employees are paid way too much money . The school district and the CCMH are a good example even the some of the city of Gillette employee are paid way too much money, Need to cut some wages at the top first when Budgets cuts are needed, Big Business cut overhead first , NOT the people doing the work - making money . They streamline -

City/County has spending problem, over-regulation problem, big government problem. Most consider a place to work, soon as make it will go back home; not a place to live but to work. Retired majority leave the community due to high cost of living, and high taxes, high cost vehicle taxes, tags, registration - compare to S.D. and/or Montana vs here they go S.D. mostly, then Montana. Govt. taxing necessities of life: the water I drink/wash, fuel to stay warm/cook, electricity to light/cook/heat, is a loss for the citizen. Govt. is to keep us safe, not rip us off. Still common core here, politics taught in school is B.S. SO FINAL COMMENT, CITIZEN FEELS RIPPED OFF BY GOVT., THIS IS JUST A PLACE TO WORK THEN FIND A HOME CAUSE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD HERE WHEN RETIRED. Govt. needs to get it's hands out of the citizens pockets. I lived here when necessities of life were not taxed, then govt. said temp on taxes, then lied; state was 100M budget. Now city that much - excessive.

Gillette is known for being "conservative in politics." However the cost of housing and medical expenses reflects no difference than any liberal community. It's all about money!

Letting outsiders understand about our coal and oil are important. Our state legislators seem to pride themselves on already being uber knowledgeable.

Please stop bickering with the other government entities, i.e. county commission.

take care of what have...no more new project.

Gillette college should be a priority for training and support.

The Boxelder extension is a ridiculous unnecessary project. The fact that it is 6 months overdue and no one cares is testament to its uselessness. It's just as fast to get to the Cam-plex from Westover on the interstate. Just because a "master plan" exists doesn't mean everything in it is a good thing to spend money on. Thanks for creating an eyesore and tearing up a bunch of ground. I don't think the contractors had any interest in doing a good job.

The building of a new school has lowered our sense of community

we need to pull spending back and pay our debt down

Gillette has been really good for me

city government and county government needs to work together as a team, this fighting back and forth isn't helping any one or any project!

Work on diversification of industry (manufacturing jobs, IT jobs, etc.)

- In my opinion I believe the mayor and city council were wrong not allowing Pat's Liquor to sell their liquor license to Walmart using the excuse of too many liquor establishments in a small area. Walmart was very prepared for their meeting and it appears the mayor and city council had already made their decision.
- The mayor and city council should not forget they work for the public and use public money to fund projects.
- The majority of the council members and mayor voted on the Gillette Sports Complex (Field of Dreams) and to my knowledge only the girls fast pitch softball organization can use it. Do other groups use the Complex that I'm not aware of? Lots of money spent for a small group to utilize.
- Is the city government holding the contractors responsible for the completion of the Madison Water Project? Are the contractors being assessed any daily fees (fines) for not completing the project on time?
- When new subdivisions are being built, the city should hold the contractors liable for their work, IE streets, drainages, utilities, and the suitability of building houses in the subdivision.
- I appreciate the opportunity to take this survey.

The drug dealer lives on elm ave. they haul them away but they are always back in a few days

We are very late in the PR process for the energy industry. We are all to blame for that because we never envisioned the rapid collapse of coal and the drop in oil prices and production. However, now is the time to act, with an administration in Washington who at least appears to be somewhat friendly unless it all smoke and mirrors. Also as always we need to diversify our industries. If Wyoming is rumored to be a great state supportive of business, why is that we are void of said business. I realize wages driven by the energy sector are a significant factors, but there still remains a potential to attract new business. Gillette truly is a great place to live and raise a family, but the future of Gillette is very scary at best.

Thank you for asking for input

I believe the city spends way too much for a community our size. Its budget is chronically higher than nearby much larger cities (Rapid, Casper, Cheyenne). I believe the Gillette city government (county is in the same boat) is a classic case of having way too much money in the good times that most spending areas became bloated and then when the downturn came, it became very difficult to make cuts that needed to be made. Social agencies and other groups who had become too dependent on the City (and County) contributions were then left out to hang. No one's fault...just a fact of nature when there is too much money to spend for too long. All good things come to an end and now is the time to make a major adjustment. Don't replace workers as they leave....etc. Get back to providing the basics...not the fancy stuff (art, etc)

MOST THINGS ARE DONE WELL, BUT A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION TO BURLINGTON LAKE PATH WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, AND IF MY BILL COULD GO BACK TO 2015 AMOUNTS, THAT WOULD BE REALLY NICE, IT PRETTY MUCH KILLED US THIS WINTER AS WE WERE AFFECTED BY THE LAY OFFS AND MY BILL WAS ASTRONOMICAL SINCE 2017 HAS HIT.

We should have started looking for a more diverse direction in the economy years ago (brilliant hind sight)

What is good about Gillette? We are not crowded. We tolerate all races and cultures for the most part. We are rural. We freely exercise our freedom of speech in our local paper and social media sites. We have good schools. We have nice churches. We have a good Community Services center that helps those in need. We have great law enforcement. What is not so good about Gillette? Our local hospital has become a monopoly in our community's healthcare. We get only what they decide to provide, and they stomp out all competition. Very unfair. It leaves us with only one option: go elsewhere for quality healthcare. Our wages are low. It was heartbreaking that the school district workers have to go yet another year (#3) without any wage increases, yet the school district continues to build soccer fields, new high schools, etc. I understand this is not under the City's jurisdiction, but we are all connected. We must be concerned! We must! Our utilities costs continue to rise, yet we receive fewer services in return. It seems that our council and mayor want to beautify our city, but not support our city's true foundation's needs. Squabbling with the County Commissioners leads to nothing but bitterness and resentments. We need to look at our true needs, and safety should be first. Statues on the corners should be at the bottom of our needs list. Many abandoned homes and buildings in the "old" part of town need to be cleaned up. Eyesores like houses in this area of town remain inhabitable with broken windows, no external covering, and waist high weeds need to be cleaned up or eliminated. These are dangerous areas that children or homeless people are vulnerable to injury.

need town hall forums

We should work more with the County to resolve problems. The city of Gillette needs to find ways to work with the county to resolve problems or do away with the joint powers agreements altogether. With the fire department new chief killing the volunteer fire department it will be very important that the city of Gillette finds ways to resolve the numbers problems that this will create.

Is there any other industry that would help Gillette other than energy?

Very few entertainment opportunities for children

Our utilities are ridiculous. I pay more living alone in a run down trailer than I did living in a house raising my 3 children. This shows how much they have gone up in a decade. Again so ridiculous.

I think the City is doing a good job

The energy industry is very important to Gillette. Support should be a top priority

Gillette is a forward-thinking place that generally gets things right.

Keep up the work you are doing.

How many Police Does Gillette Really need for our Community? Why Do All of them need their own personal cruise/patrol vehicles? Why whenever you see someone pulled over there are at least 3 patrol cars on scene? (sometimes alot more)!?

i know that most of our local and state budget are paid for by taxes on minerals but perhaps some variety in industry would be helpful. giving development money to business that all deal with the energy sector is nice but why not attract other industry. i realize there are a multitude of factors at play here but continuing to rely on the same industries with a history of boom and bust is the very definition of insanity. i have lived here for 17 years and all i hear about the booms and busts. history has a way of repeating itself for those who don't study it.

Need to keep money allotted for number 18 above limited.

#15 is not rated excellent because of the drug and alcohol situation in the area. It is also not rated excellent because we are not thrilled about the school's choices in some of the teachers that they employ or the emphasis placed on social, governmental and political biases rather than educating children in reading, writing, math, geography, truthful rather than politically acceptable history, common sense life experience-- like being able to balance a checkbook, car maintenance and changing a tire, knowing what is necessary to file taxes, telling time on something besides a digital timepiece etc. We also believe it is very sad that schools lower the expectations on grades to include students in athletic and club type activities. Athletic and club type activities (other than physical education and inter-mural sports) should be a privilege that is earned, not an entitlement given because someone might get their feelings hurt. If a student can't keep their grades up to a high level they should be studying more not crying because they don't qualify for clubs and athletics. The purpose for schools should be education and when those expectations are lowered so is performance.

#16 is only rated good because of the downturn in employment opportunities now available due to the problems with the energy industry. Also we feel that more work needs to be done in bringing businesses and industries to the area so it isn't so dependent on just the energy industry.

invest money in other energy job creating ideas

Without energy town would die should do whatever possible to support it

We need to explore alternative energy and air quality.

Try budgeting more we don't need "show off" buildings, parks etc if you just going to up our taxes more.

I believe the community should do more to help the enviornmare. Promoting recycling, educating and researching our other energy resources, and making the cleaner energy an easier topic for citizens to talk about.

Our current energy industry is vital and so important. It is also important to be open-minded to new energy types and perhaps promote gillette as an area for new ideas as well. (Solar etc.)

Straightening the curve on Boxelder is asinine.

We must support each other to strive and survive!

Politics are for elected officials, keep them away from city workers.

I would like to see more specific plans for economic diversity. I feel that this is always kicked along down the timeline.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Long-term Council Members need to stop feeling they're the most important fish in the pond. Your personal agendas need to disappear.

We don't need to keep focusing on new road construction when we are seeing economic contraction and negative population growth.

The last major change in Public Works (mainly streets) is not working. Needs direction of what streets should be doing, not stopping all construction. New crosswalk lights are a help.

we need to lower the rent in these apartments or hire the wages so people can stay and make a living here i moved here from Colorado years ago i raised my kids here and i had one move away cause they couldn't afford living here so if you want the money to stay in this town you might want to think of the community and give us more to do and better pay or even cheaper places so live so we can keep our money here and not have to leave to a different state

This City is the best in Wyoming. I love it.

Be less responsive to the minority that complain. Look at the whole picture.

New industry would be great

The local government needs to educate about coal alternatives as much as they do about coal so that Gillette can continue to grow. We don't want to be left behind when renewable energy sources become more common. Mines & power plants should spend money on reeducation of their work forces and the city should support that maneuver.

I'm good

Continue diversification of economy. More manufacturing industry will help the most.

During the oil downturn nothing was done for the workers as far as out reach. When coal went down everyone went out of their way for them. More oil workers lost their jobs in the last 2 years than coal workers.

At least 5 hens should be allowed per family/House in city limits, no roosters

Council should cancel idea of the "road diet" on 2nd street.

Dont forget seniors trying to retire here.

Drug testing for people on welfare, more animal control

Don't bite the hand that feeds you. Coal, oil, gas

My family and I have been in Gillette for six years. We love how family oriented it is and the school district.

Gillette needs to diversify its offerings. You can't continue to bank on the coal industry.

We should invest in diversifying our local economy and not double down on unproven clean carbon projects. Gillette is more than just its fossil fuels, including a great workforce, tourism/recreation (hunting, abundant wildlife), renewable energy sources (solar, wind), and strong local food economy. I would love to see our community invest in projects that build our local economy by supporting local entrepreneurs, farmers, and ranchers.

Would like the city to finish a project then not change it again in the next five years. Would also like them to quit doing projects like the field of dreams. They could have updated the fields we already had. This was a waste of taxpayers money. Also don't understand the update of 2nd street just to turn around and want to change it. This will impact those of us that live on the north side of the tracks more than they realize.

stop hiring 6 figure salary executives , get the fluoride out of our water , run the cable company out of town and get one that will upgrade the net etc without running the bill through the roof. stop spending million on carbon crap. thats crap from the obama era and that's over.

Snow removal is horrible, street repairs are awful. If the street department can't do the work because you are going to allow contractors to mandate that then eliminate the department and contract all the work out. Let the contractors have the employees and expense and training expense, save us more than a million dollars in paying for them. Worst snow removal of any city I have ever lived in and I've lived where the snow gets much deeper than here

We need to begin to diversify our energy capital

Before you build anymore softball fields look how crowded the little leaguers are.

Gillette and Wyoming have abundant energy resources - Gillette and the Powder River Basin specifically. We've kept the money coming in for the whole state!!! Now it's their turn! Diversify !!! What other industries would our citizens and workers use and help develop ? !

Continue to diversify Gillette's economy to ensure stability without having to rely heavily on the energy industry.

The energy industry should not be our only focus. It is a plentiful natural resource but we need to diversify for times like these. The council should also focus on other kinds of industries or create positions within the city to accomplish this task.

Need activities for the kids all kids p to 18

more police in this area get some of these speeder that includes high school kids and clean santee drive it used as through street

The funding for the Fire Department needs to be a priority.

needs to be more pro mining

Let us have chickens and other fowl inside city limits with regulations

The city needs to invest it's resources more conservatively to prepare for the next economic downturn and stop spending money on unnecessary "niceties" and beautification projects. There are many people still struggling. They need help, not pretty things to look at.

Pretty good city, been here 2 years now but don't care much for us being on the Sturgis pathway...but not much can be done about that.

Let's get the economy going again and get the state workers the raises they have been waiting for before they start looking out of state for work.

Your vision is incredibly important. Keep making the hard decisions.

Thank you for making Gillette great place to live

Make all businesses smoke free including bowling alleys, hotels, bars and restaurants. Let's be healthy! Bring in more jobs. Renewables so we can remain the nation's energy capital instead of the fossil fuel capital.

I think our city council needs to be taken to task over marijuana legislation in this town. As someone who stands to benefit from medical marijuana, other voices other than anti-drug organizations, whose paycheck depends on prohibition, need to be heard. Yes, there is a debate. Yes, the information being promoted is misleading and even outright lies. Let the people speak, not just special interests.

Now that I have been a citizen for 7 years, I can say I have felt such acceptance, true community, and been impressed with several outreaches that community members provide. I am proud to be here and never want to move - well, maybe vacation during the winter - but never move again. Great job everyone!

Don't use ice slicer anymore. It is ruining vehicles and driveways.

Turning light at Lakeway and Hwy 59 is badly needed.

Try to bring back more events such as the celtic festival and such, while the rodeos are great for the community many of us do not find enjoyment in those type of things.

Work hard to save the industries that made Gillette what it is

Diversify industry! We have to attract new lathe employers.

We are raising 2 of our grandchildren here and neither like the high school. We are looking to move.

Coal, oil, & gas support our community and if it was gone, Gillette would be a ghost town.

We must take more seriously the diversification of our economy and workforce.

I am extremely disappointed in the Main Street investment/rejuvenation. Poor design and execution

A lot of questions have been asked about the one percent tax. Personally, I am for the tax because it has done a lot of good for the city. That said, I voted against it this last time because of the way the city appears to take it for granted and use fear tactics in campaigning for it. In my opinion, no projections should be made regarding the money, and money collected should not be allocated or plans made for allocation until after the tax has been collected. In other words, don't spend the money until you have it. I also don't like to see the money used for social programs or private organizations such as the Gillette Main Street organization. If the city prioritized helping these types of organizations, it needs to be from the general fund, not the optional tax that is sold as a way to build new projects, not fund organizations.

Our community drug problems threaten our future

We need a storm drain added in our neighborhood on goldenrod. Water does not drain properly

We need renewable energy and other industry jobs to come here. Fossil fuels are a lost cause...move on!

I moved to Gillette 6 years ago and absolutely love our life here. It is a beautiful city that is well taken care of and we feel safe.

The city needs to continue to concentrate on growth and diversification. It's not easy to make difficult decisions to spend money but at times it still needs to be done.

Gillette is a great place to work/live if you work for coal or oil. This was well proven when the bust hit and suddenly oil/ coal workers were getting financial/moral support from the community yet the other sectors that also were effected got nothing. Those who work in other sectors get a raw deal. We do not get proper pay, medical care or other benefits. Gillette caters to them with rising costs of living and make it extremely difficult for others to live. We need diversity in the working class not just coal minors/oil workers.

We need to diversify our economic base beyond fossil fuels. We also need to community education opportunities that expands the minds of Gillette residents.

We are better off with Napier working in Casper now!

Even though I think Local Government should continue to support energy industry outreach, I would like to see more widespread support for diversification of our economy. With green energy and more Tourism opportunities.

Coal is dying. Will Gillette?

Would like to know results of this survey.

Stop wasteful spending until the economy comes back.

where the money comes from

Support firefighters

Spending to much

keep on doing what they are doing

Gillette College is our best chance for Economic Development.

I feel there to much of the @good old boys club!"

The City should strive to diversify our industry with foresight toward a future with increased restrictions on fossil fuels.

Find some other methods other than legislative staff trips to Wyoming

Our mayor and most of the city council is an embarrassment. They care about pet projects but are the first to criticize vital services like the fire department. Stop fighting with the county over everything. Find a way to put your citizens before yourselves. I thought that was what we voted you in for!

Gillette needs to continue to grow and not just through energy

Get people who know how to build or fix the roads. And to complete them on time

The last question, I believe, is about lobbyists. Do not support this activity.

As a whole this is a really nice community to live in. However, Council and much of the staff seem to be lacking in knowledge of how to deal with developers who want to build here. If a developer builds a subdivision they should be held responsible for half of any arterial road they build next to or that will come in and out of their subdivision. Further, if Council is going to continue to allow local contractors to cry every time the street department operates a piece of equipment you should eliminate the street department, it seems all they do are mow parks and rights-of-way so they really are a Parks Department not a Street Department. Their operation of snow removal equipment or road graders leaves a lot to be seen. Lastly, I think you need to bring in a professional transportation engineer to deal with transportation issues and the state when it comes to timing of traffic signals. The timing of traffic signals on Highway 59 is awful and especially at the intersection of 59 and Boxelder.

Give us our dumpsters back and quit spending money we do not have. Please restart the annual surplus auction the ebay one is a joke.

City needs to decertify from coal for employment. Coal is dying in the next 30 years. Gillette needs a more diverse industry

Mind your own business and you won't have time to be minding mine.

I have been in Gillette for 6 years. I can not tell you how much I have fallen in love with the town and especially the people. You are never alone in Gillette.

Not a bad place - Council needs to pay more attention to common folk rather than money supporters (like large businesses). Also, City needs to provide more support for their other departments besides the PD, like community services or animal control folks. They drive these tiny vans now, how can they pick up animals when the animals are bigger than the vans they drive? Embarrassing if you ask me. And the community officers, they are either too old to hear you or they are too caught up in whatever else they are doing to be nice and the one guy (not the bad hearing one) is really mean. I got a vin check last week and he bit my head off because it was a little hard to read. I know they do a lot but come on not my fault.

I wish Gillette would lose the ego. I am sick of hearing how Gillette has this and that which we try and push onto people to make them think we are so much better. Better than what? We are a little community in a very little populated state, a speck on the planet. We need to accept who we are and budget accordingly. We don't need the 'best' of everything, or really anything. We are blessed to have the monies that we have but I feel we piss it down our leg to try and impress people or make this town something that it isn't or something we saw in another town that we liked. I don't think government should be involved with 1/2 of the stuff that they are from municipal to federal.

I rated jobs good because I have an excellent paying job. As a retired railroader, my husband has not been able to find a job in 4 years due to his age. Gillette is very age discriminating.

We need a Denny's

DEMOGRAPHICS

