



ALPINE

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City Council Candidate Profiles (in ballot order as determined by the Lt. Governor's office):

Sarah Blackwell

My name is Sarah Blackwell, and I'm running for Alpine City Council.

Originally from Murray, I've called Alpine home for the past nine years. My husband, a Highland native, and I have four children. We love the outdoors, and living close to the mountains and trails has been a tremendous blessing for our family.

I hold a B.S. in Recreation Management from BYU and an M.S. in Exercise Physiology from Utah State University. I currently work part-time at two local gyms while raising our family full-time. My professional background includes experience with both public and private organizations, including the Murray City Police Department and the National Park Service. I also spent many years working alongside my father in his small business.

I serve as a state delegate and believe strongly in a government that is truly "of the people, by the people." I'm a firm believer in the U.S. Constitution and the principles of limited government that our Founding Fathers intended.

My vision for Alpine is to preserve our small-town character, maintain fiscal responsibility, and proactively safeguard the wellbeing of our residents. I will work hard, listen closely, and always put the interests of our community first.



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Stay at home mom

J. Ben Blank

Hi, I'm J. Ben Blank, and I'm running for Alpine City Council.

I knew Alpine was home the moment I drove through our roundabout and saw the mountains. My wife and I instantly fell in love with the open space, peaceful charm, and the people who make this community so special. We've planted deep roots here, even purchasing cemetery plots, because we truly plan to stay for life!

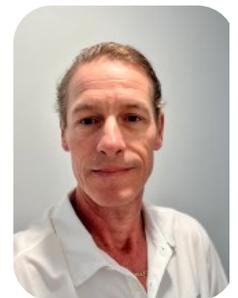
With over 20 years of experience in construction management and business ownership, I've led complex projects, balanced budgets, and solved problems through collaboration and transparency. I want to bring that same practical, common-sense approach to city government.

My wife and I are also active in the community. We coach for the Lone Peak mountain bike team and spend a lot of time out on Alpine's amazing trails.

As your city councilman, my priorities are clear:

- Preserve Alpine's unique character and open spaces
- Manage growth carefully, in line with community values
- Ensure tax dollars are spent wisely and effectively

I'm not a politician. I'm your neighbor, and I'd be honored to earn your vote.
"Keeping Alpine Why We All Moved Here For"



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Jennifer Wadsworth

Jennifer Wadsworth is a wife, mother, community advocate, and fourth-generation Utahn running for Alpine City Council. With a master's degree in public administration and years of policy experience, Jennifer serves as policy advisor for the Utah State Board of Education. Her work is grounded in values that have shaped generations of Utahns—hard work, resourcefulness, service to others, and a deep respect for the environment.

Jennifer and her husband chose Alpine to raise their three children because of its open spaces, rural charm, and small-town spirit. Over the past six years, Jennifer has been actively involved in strengthening the community. She serves as Chair of the School Community Council, has held local and state PTA leadership roles, helped Alpine's three elementary schools earn Kindness School certifications, serves on the Sculpture Park committee, assists with the senior luncheons, and founded a nonprofit that supports local families. She has built strong relationships with Alpine's residents, staff, and leaders.

She believes Alpine faces critical decisions about protecting small-town character, managing growth responsibly, and using taxpayer resources wisely. Jennifer is ready to bring practical leadership, fiscal responsibility, and a proven commitment to Alpine's future. She would be honored to earn your vote.



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Andrew Young

Andrew Young is born and raised in Alpine, Utah—40 years strong. What separates Andrew from the current city council and others running is his approach to local decision-making. Currently in Alpine, many decisions are made top-down from the council, county, state, and even federal levels and pushed onto the residents with or without their approval—on issues like housing, water, and taxes. Andrew believes in a resident-led approach that prioritizes the resident receiving the most negative impact, closest in proximity to the issue. This approach has already brought meaningful results to Alpine.

Andrew believes a city council member—or any representative—is not supposed to do what they think is best, but what the residents they represent think is best—especially the resident most negatively impacted and closest to the issue. This removes self-interest and helps avoid the bad decisions Alpine has suffered from—like the placement of a charter school that creates traffic problems, or water issues caused by state and federal pressure on small towns to overdevelop.

Using this approach as a resident, Andrew successfully stopped a disruptive high-density connector road in Alpine, preserving low traffic and bringing happiness, peace, and quiet to the residents. He also led efforts to move noise from pickleball courts away from a church and residential backyards to Creekside Park—preserving neighborhood peace and religious respect.

Andrew's litmus test for every decision is based on three pillars of Alpine he believes must be preserved: (1) A strong religious community; (2) A peaceful place to retire with low traffic, low taxes, low noise, and low-density housing; (3) Open mountain views and accessible trails for everyone. Anything that threatens these pillars—such as high-density housing, raised taxes, or traffic increases—Andrew will oppose.

Over the past several months, Andrew has surveyed hundreds of Alpine residents. Based on their input, here are the resident-led priorities he is already working on and will continue as a councilman: No high-density housing; Reduce traffic on Alpine Blvd, High Bench, Grove Dr, Main St, Canyon Crest, Westfield Rd, and 100 South; drop property taxes at the city, county, school, and state level; fix the water system; create fire prevention breaks; address the raccoon problem; add street lights where requested; trim trees around power lines and stop signs; protect Alpine trails; make Alpine Days more affordable; install permanent entry signs; adopt a hillside ordinance to protect views; set construction duration limits; commission a statue of John Moyle

Andrew's background:

Lone Peak Sterling Scholar, BYU Grad with multiple scholarships, PTA and School Community Council leader, Red Ribbon Week organizer, Eagle Scout, returned missionary, Delegate, Precinct Vice Chair, DreamWorks and NCOSE career, and Alpine landowner (2.3 acres).



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Troy Slade

I have lived in Alpine the past 23 years with my wife Shellie. We have raised our six children here and we LOVE ALPINE! I am an avid mountain biker and you will frequently see me on the trails throughout Alpine! There are many reasons why Alpine is the best place to live and I promise to do my very best to keep it that way!

I am the only candidate that has the experience serving on the Alpine City Planning Commission. I have served as one of our seven commissioners since 2020. I was initially appointed by mayor Troy Stout and later reappointed by mayor Carla Merrill. The experience and training I have gained while serving on the Commission has been extremely valuable! The Planning Commission's job is to examine city issues and then recommend solutions to the City Council. We also listen to citizens' concerns at public hearings and then formulate ordinances to address many of those issues. One of the valuable skills I've learned from my time on Planning Commission is how to forgo my own personal interests, look at things objectively and always do what's in the best interest of Alpine City! With 5+ years of "hands on" experience working on issues with the City Council, I understand how the city government works and how to get things done...I will hit the ground running!

I am an entrepreneur and have built two successful clothing companies (The ModBod & Heirloom Clothing), so I understand business, perseverance, and hard work!

I have been a video/television producer for over 30 years and have produced TV shows like "The Storytrek" which aired on BYUtv. I have received 4 Emmy awards for my work.

I have been a successful Real Estate agent for 25 years, have a Bachelors in Communications from Utah State University, and a Masters degree in Education from Oklahoma State University.

Some of the things I will fight for as a City Council member are:

- Preserve and protect Alpine's water
- Create an ordinance(s) that will further protect people's views.
- Fight against high-density housing
- Continue to look out for the safety of our citizens
- Provide solutions to traffic bottlenecks on Main Street and Canyon Crest.
- Continue to fight any future attempts to add a new feeder road into Alpine.
- Conserve and protect our water supply. I will put greater emphasis on education as well as enforcing the city's current watering rules.
- Preserve and protect our open spaces and amazing parks!
- Improve communication between the city and citizens



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Ali Garbero

My name is Ali Garbero. I've lived in Utah for over 35 years and am proud to call Alpine home for the past five. As a graduate of the University of Utah, a business owner, parent, and a neighbor who deeply cares about our community, I'm running for City Council because I believe in preserving what makes Alpine such an incredible place to live.

Like many of you, I chose Alpine for its safety, natural beauty, and strong sense of small town community. But I also see the challenges ahead, from managing growth while protecting our open spaces to ensuring our city services remain effective and efficient. I want to bring a balanced, no politics, just common-sense approach to the decisions that will impact our families for years to come.

My commitment is to listen first. I want to understand your concerns, represent your voice, and keep Alpine a place where our children can thrive, our seniors feel supported, and our families continue to enjoy the quality of life we moved here for.

Together, we can keep Alpine great for now and for future generations. I'd be honored to earn your vote and serve this community we love.



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Business Owner | Entrepreneur

Wesley G. Funk

The Funks chose Alpine in 2006 and love seeing and being in our beautiful hillsides every day. Our four kids have loved everything from Food Truck Tuesdays to Sled Hill Saturdays. After graduating from BYU in Marketing, I've built marketing strategies for large enterprises and international ad agencies. Now it's time to focus on building the version of our town that our future grandchildren will love.

I'm running because I've seen progress made by our current council and mayor. I've appreciated Carla's efficient administration, Kelli's common sense, Jason's civility, Brent's safety, Chrissy's transparency, and Jessica's recognition of our senior citizens. I hope to stand on their shoulders, but with the courage to vote alone when necessary.

We need to improve city policy, infrastructure, and budgets for the next chapter of Alpine's story. The daunting challenges Alpine faces include managing traffic, housing, water, promoting business growth and maintaining our small-town charm. I prioritize pragmatic municipal budgets and sustainable services as well as innovative growth. I'm conservative, respectful, and collaborative. Whether it's building businesses, serving in our schools, or just putting up the chairs, you can count on Wes to honor the best of Alpine's past and help create our brightest future.



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Election Information

For the most up-to-date election information, visit the Alpine City website "Election Information" page (www.alpineut.gov/Election) or vote.utah.gov.

The Primary Election is **Tuesday, August 12th**.

Ballots were mailed out on July 22. If you did not receive a ballot, contact Utah County at 801-851-8128.

Voters with a disability who would like assistance can email the elections office at Elections@UtahCounty.Gov or call 801-851-8128 for more information.

Please drop off completed ballots at the **silver curbside drop box** at City Hall (20 N. Main Street). It is secure way to guarantee that your vote counts. Ballots received in the mail after August 12 will not be counted (the postmark does not matter). If you are mailing your ballot, please leave plenty of time for it to arrive.



August Events

2-9 Alpine Days
12 – City Council Meeting
12 – Bookmobile
12-16 Pickleball Tournament

13 – First Day of School
14 – A.L.L. Workshop
19 – Planning Commission Meeting
26 – City Council Meeting
26 – Bookmobile