



# Town of Johnstown

## TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

450 S. Parish, Johnstown, CO  
Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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*MISSION STATEMENT: Enhancing the quality of life of our residents, businesses, and visitors through community focused leadership.*

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### AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### AGENDA ITEMS

- [1.](#) 6:00 - Interview of Atkinson, Susan
- [2.](#) 6:45 - Interview of Bonner, Jeffery
- [3.](#) 7:30- Interview of Paranto, Andrew
- [4.](#) 8:15 - Interview of Walker, Lance
- [5.](#) 9:00 Interview of Cook, Deniece

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# Town of Johnstown

Item 1.

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Name: Susan Atkinson

Mailing Address: 1913 Sherwood Ln

Johnstown CO

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Johnstown residency: Six years

Occupation & employer: Retired

Education: Central Business College. Denver co



# Town of Johnstown

Item 1.

Professional/Community Activities: Previously held position: city of fort collins

Elections commission representative, two terms.

Employed by Town of Federal Heights as city clerk

1) Describe why you are interested in serving on the Town Council:

I enjoy the small Town feel of Johnstown but also see us growing by leaps

And bounds. It is imperative that the city council Take into account growth, resources to imple implement town  
services and

And overall input from all citizens to ensure everyone is represented

2) Are you presently serving on a Town Board or Commission? If so, which one(s)?

No

3) Are you committed to attending night meetings? Regularly scheduled meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month. Work Sessions are historically scheduled on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Other meeting obligations may be required as well.

Yes

4) Please specify any activities and/or financial benefit which might create a conflict of interest if you should be appointed to the Town Council:

I have none.

5) What interests you most/least about the Town Council position?

My previous background and experience positions me to jump right in and easily be an asset to city council.



# Town of Johnstown

Item 1.

6) What do you like most/ least about the Town of Johnstown?

Friendly people and small Town feel.

The growth that always comes to the front range.

7) What would you like to see the Town accomplish in the next two (2) years?

Adequate resources for the town to provide safety

Regulated growth, great water, and honest government

8) What is your philosophy on growth?

Check twice, cut once.

9) What changes would you like to see occur in the Town of Johnstown?

I'm unsure. Let's talk.

10) Provide a brief statement as to why you are interested in serving in this manner:

City/Town government is at it's core is where people can see "change" at a level they can understand and have a voice in who th

in who they want in office



# Town of Johnstown

Item 1.

11) Additional information you believe may be helpful in considering your application:

I'm a fine, upstanding member of the community.



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Date

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Item 2.

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Name: Jeffery Bonner

Mailing Address: 4998 Eaglewood Ln  
Johnstown, CO 80534

Physical Address: 4998 Eaglewood Ln  
Johnstown, CO 80534

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Phone Number: Home: [REDACTED]  
Work: [REDACTED]

Length of Johnstown residency: 11 years

Occupation & employer: Engineering Technician  
ThermoFisher Scientific

Education: Colorado State University and Front Range Community College



# Town of Johnstown

Item 2.

Professional/Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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1) Describe why you are interested in serving on the Town Council:

I'm interested in serving on the Town Council because I feel that the northern part of Johnstown is not being represented well.

I would like to be part of the solution and represent my community

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2) Are you presently serving on a Town Board or Commission? If so, which one(s)?

No

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3) Are you committed to attending night meetings? Regularly scheduled meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month. Work Sessions are historically scheduled on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Other meeting obligations may be required as well.

Yes

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4) Please specify any activities and/or financial benefit which might create a conflict of interest if you should be appointed to the Town Council:

N/A

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5) What interests you most/least about the Town Council position?

I would like to be a part of the discussions that affect my community

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# Town of Johnstown

Item 2.

6) What do you like most/ least about the Town of Johnstown?

I love the neighborhood I live in, but sometimes I feel that Johnstown proper forgets we are a part of Johnstown

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7) What would you like to see the Town accomplish in the next two (2) years?

**Hold developers Accountable for the promises they make**

Better road Maintenance and snow removal. I would like to see a grocery store on the north side of Johnstown.

And maybe slow down on all the development and give sometime to grow organically and not rush things

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8) What is your philosophy on growth?

Growth is inevitable growth is a good thing when it's. Done right? Don't rush to become a big city or big town. Just let things happen

organically and grow

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9) What changes would you like to see occur in the Town of Johnstown?

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10) Provide a brief statement as to why you are interested in serving in this manner:

I would like to be a part of the decision making about how my community is going to grow and how to plan for the future happens. I mean there are several issues every year we have a water problem. I would like to get that

that resolved and not push the burden back on the residents for poor planning previously

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# Town of Johnstown

Item 2.

11) Additional information you believe may be helpful in considering your application:

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Signature

4/30/23  
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Date

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Name: Andrew Paranto

Mailing Address: 330 Kirkland Lane, Johnstown  
CO 80534

Physical Address: Same

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 9 [REDACTED]  
Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Johnstown residency: Close to 4 years

Occupation & employer: Electrical Engineer  
ENTRUST Solutions Group

Education: BSEE, University of Wyoming  
(It was cheaper then CSU/CU/Mines)



# Town of Johnstown

Item 3.

Professional/Community Activities: IEEE and CREA.

Past member of the Loveland Historical Preservation Society.

Past member of Habitat for Humanity.

1) Describe why you are interested in serving on the Town Council:

I have a passion for community. I try to get involved with local organizations. Like Joint Engineering Council in college and LHPS when I worked for the City of Loveland Water and Power.

2) Are you presently serving on a Town Board or Commission? If so, which one(s)?

No

3) Are you committed to attending night meetings? Regularly scheduled meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month. Work Sessions are historically scheduled on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Other meeting obligations may be required as well.

Yes

4) Please specify any activities and/or financial benefit which might create a conflict of interest if you should be appointed to the Town Council:

None

5) What interests you most/least about the Town Council position?

Most interested in getting involved with the Town.

And getting to know the other members of the community

Least interested in reading legalese.



# Town of Johnstown

6) What do you like most/ least about the Town of Johnstown?

I've enjoyed most the small town feel.

I've enjoyed least not being active in the community.

7) What would you like to see the Town accomplish in the next two (2) years?

I'd love to see the Little Thompson Trail be completed.

The expansion of Highway 60.

8) What is your philosophy on growth?

Depends. Ideally, growth in the form of progress should be the most important goal individually, and as a society.

9) What changes would you like to see occur in the Town of Johnstown?

I'd love to see the Town have municipal

Power and Communicaitons(Internet/Broadband)

However, either would be a massive undertaking.

10) Provide a brief statement as to why you are interested in serving in this manner:

I think local government is the most important government

as this is the body that affect's your life the most.

I hope to bring my knowledge and technical

experience to the Town Council to make informed

decisions.



# Town of Johnstown

Item 3.

11) Additional information you believe may be helpful in considering your application:  
**6th generation Colorado Native.**

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**4/25/2023**

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Name: Lance Walker

Mailing Address: 308 Sycamore Ave

Johnstown, CO 80534

Physical Address: 308 Sycamore Ave

Johnstown, CO 80534

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: Home: [REDACTED] Cell: [REDACTED]

Work: [REDACTED]

Length of Johnstown residency: 15 years

Occupation & employer: Real Estate Services

Walker Real Estate Inc.

Education: Thompson Valley High School, Diploma

AIMS Community College, Basic Peace Officer Academy





# Town of Johnstown

Item 4.

Professional/Community Activities: I have served various volunteer roles  
within the school district from in classroom to sitting on public advisement panels.

I have also volunteered within my local church, Childrens Hospital Denver and more.

1) Describe why you are interested in serving on the Town Council:

I have had a servant heart for most of my life thanks to my mother.

I have volunteered at every opportunity I was able to including within my  
own neighborhood and 9 years as a POST certified Police Officer in Colorado.

2) Are you presently serving on a Town Board or Commission? If so, which one(s)?

I am not currently serving on any Town Board

3) Are you committed to attending night meetings? Regularly scheduled meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month. Work Sessions are historically scheduled on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Other meeting obligations may be required as well.

I am fully aware of the committment necessary and happy to do so.

4) Please specify any activities and/or financial benefit which might create a conflict of interest if you should be appointed to the Town Council:

I have a licensed real estate company in Colorado however

I do not forsee any financial benifet as the majority of my business is  
outside of town limits.

5) What interests you most/least about the Town Council position?

I have attended or viewed (CATV and online) countless council meetings

and I know I can help be a voice for the residents no matter my personal opinion.

I believe with my life experience and teamwork, I can bring great value to the board.

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# Town of Johnstown

Item 4.

6) What do you like most/ least about the Town of Johnstown?

I love that I have been able to raise my 5 children here in town for the past 15 years which has given them a safe place to grow and thrive. I have been able to build great relationships with other residents within the town.

7) What would you like to see the Town accomplish in the next two (2) years?

I would love to see the walking/bike path completed to connect Johnstown with Milliken. I would also like to see more open space purchased for future parks and recreation for all residents to access. Also building a more transparent government.

8) What is your philosophy on growth?

Growth is not only inevitable, but necessary to continue to build on the current amenities to the residents of Johnstown. I think it can be done responsibly while protecting the way of life for the residents.

9) What changes would you like to see occur in the Town of Johnstown?

I would volunteer myself to hold open lunch/coffee with a council member to open more free dialog with the residents and make them feel welcome to bring their ideas, opinions and concerns to the town council. I would like to see more planning on roadways with the amount of growth coming to be sufficient in the future as more vehicles travel through town.

10) Provide a brief statement as to why you are interested in serving in this manner:

As stated previously, I have a huge desire to serve the community I live in and raise my children. I like to hear opposing opinions to ensure all aspects of a topic are given a fair perspective before jumping to a vote. I want to hear the residents be thankful of the council and know that their voices are heard and decisions are made with the majority in mind.

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11) Additional information you believe may be helpful in considering your application:  
I previously ran for town council in 2022 and received 669 votes from  
a word of mouth only campaign. I feel that showed I had a large support  
from the community that knew me or spoke with me in the past.

Jane Wells  
Signature

5/3/2023  
Date

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Name: Deniece Cook

Mailing Address: 351 Saxony Road  
Johnstown, CO 80534

Physical Address: 351 Saxony Road  
Johnstown, CO 80534

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: Home: [REDACTED] Cell: [REDACTED]  
Work: Use cell  
53 years

Length of Johnstown residency: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation & employer: CTE Director, St. Vrain Valley School District

Yoga Instructor@YMCA Johnstown; Owner, Sole Strength Yoga

Education: Roosevelt High School, 1980; Northeastern Jr. College, 1982

Colorado State University, BS; University of Northern Colorado, MA



# Town of Johnstown

Professional/Community Activities: Colorado Association of Career and Technical Administrators; Colorado Association of School Administrators;  
Provide free yoga for St. Vrain Valley school district staff

1) Describe why you are interested in serving on the Town Council:  
I'm finishing up the last year of my work with the St. Vrain Valley School District  
I want to give back to my community by taking a leadership role.

I enjoy governmental work and begin a part of driving a community forward is very exciting.

2) Are you presently serving on a Town Board or Commission? If so, which one(s)?  
No

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Yes.

4) Please specify any activities and/or financial benefit which might create a conflict of interest if you should be appointed to the Town Council:

I currently rent space at Wellspring Therapeutics part-time .

5) What interests you most/least about the Town Council position?

Most:Being a part of the solution & growing this community in a positive way

Helping with community causes. Reconnecting with my neighbors. Least: Sometimes the work (just like school administration) & it's tempting to neglect self care



# Town of Johnstown

6) What do you like most/ least about the Town of Johnstown?

I've lived here since 1970—with a small break during my 20's. Our location is accessible to so many other communities.

It's so amazing to have witnessed all of the growth and changes. We don't have access to the variety of delivery services that are available elsewhere.

7) What would you like to see the Town accomplish in the next two (2) years?

Maintaining growth while keeping a laser focus on the needs of the community and our footprint in the state.

For example, we need to monitor our water usage and identifying ways to encourage new home owners to xeriscape..

We also need to look at senior housing and what is planned/ available for this special population.

8) What is your philosophy on growth?

Growth is inevitable on the front range of Colorado at this point and time. It's imperative that our town use the existing

vision & master plan to guide the council. The plan should be assessed regularly to identify if we're on target.

Utilizing data to drive decision making is also key in managing growth with a big picture mindset.

9) What changes would you like to see occur in the Town of Johnstown?

I would like to see more business and industry growth which could increase job opportunities.

Additionally, I would like us to change the conversation and quit referring to ourselves as a "bedroom" community.

10) Provide a brief statement as to why you are interested in serving in this manner:

I believe that I have the perfect balance of being a long time resident with someone who can look to the future.

I want to see this town continue to grow in a positive way. I have a great amount of experience in data-driven decision-making.

I have managed budgets that are over \$1,000,000. I have managed school construction projects and change.

My experience with career and technical education offers a unique perspective on business and industry growth.



# Town of Johnstown

Item 5.

11) Additional information you believe may be helpful in considering your application:

**Resume' attached.**

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Signature

**5-2-23**

Date

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351 Saxony Road  
Johnstown, CO  
80534

Home  
Mobile

## Deniece Cook

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### **Employment History**     January, 2023-Current     Sole Strength Yoga

#### Owner

- In-person and virtual instruction
- Small group or individual

### June, 2021-Current     YMCA Johnstown

#### Group Exercise/ Yoga Instructor

- Teach yoga classes
- Prepare yoga instruction to support members' needs
- Offer modifications and challenges for all levels of students
- Participate in additional trainings and staff meetings

### July, 2021-Current     St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, CO

#### Career and Technical Education Director (Part Time)

- Supervise/ manage district-wide CTE programs to ensure compliance with the Colorado Community College System.
- Oversee and ensure programs at multiple locations have continuity in education and experiences providing multiple career pathway options for all students.
- Coordinate, manage and oversee over \$1,000,000.00 CTE-specific funding including, Career Technical Act, Perkins federal grant, Career Development Incentive Program (Colorado Department of Education) and other grants/funds as applicable.
- Coordinate concurrent coursework & pathways with post-secondary partners.
- Work with the industry advisory boards of the career and technical education programs to maintain quality programs that meet industry needs. Ensure Advisory Committees are following best practices.
- Coordinate professional development opportunities for CTE faculty and staff including, but not limited to providing leadership for appropriate integration of learning technologies and pedagogy into CTE instructional programs and activities.
- Perform annual year-end reporting, reconciliation and audit compliance.

### 2009-2021     St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, CO

#### Principal Career Development Center & Olde Columbine High School/ CTE Director

- Supervision and management of all building certified and classified staff
- Develop and manage School Accountability Committee
- Create and implement Unified Improvement Plan with staff committee
- Supervise and coordinate the delivery of Career and Technical Education
- Coordinate, manage and oversee over \$1,000,000.00 CTE-specific funding including, Career Technical Act, Perkins federal grant, Career Development Incentive Program (Colorado Department of Education) and other grants/funds as applicable.

### 2006-2009     Centennial BOCES/ Weld Opportunity High School, Greeley, CO

#### Principal/Director

- Supervision and management of all building certified and classified staff
- Supervise and manage student discipline & attendance
- Develop and manage the Advisory and Accountability committees
- Prepare Accreditation Plan & School Improvement Plan
- CTE Program Compliance
- Fiscal & facility management for building
- Management of Coordinated School Health Grant
- Assist with preparation of BOCES-wide professional development

2004-2006 Roosevelt High School, Johnstown, CO

**Dean of Instruction**

- Served as District & School Assessment Coordinator
- Utilized data from Alpine Achievement System as a catalyst to raise student achievement
- Managed District Teacher Induction program
- Coordinated district and building professional development activities
- Served as local CTE Director
- Collaborated with the leadership team to develop the school & district improvement plans
- Conducted teacher evaluations using district assessment tool
- Facilitated curriculum alignment and review through the use of The Curriculum Mapper
- Coordinated Student Success Team & counsel students on eligibility list
- Actively participated in university recruitment fairs and the hiring of new staff
- Supervised of extra-curricular athletics & activities
- Chaired District Accountability Committee

1985-2004 Various Secondary Schools

**Career and Technical Education Instructor**

- Taught CORE and enrichment courses
- Managed department budget
- Initiated programs for Catering and Interior Design
- Supervised student teachers
- Coordinated work experience students
- Served on technology and crisis committees
- Chaired social committee
- Planned and implemented interdisciplinary units with colleagues

**Education**

2020-2021 Front Range Community College, Ft. Collins, CO

- Certificate, Yoga Teacher Training

2000-2002 University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

- M.A., Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

1982-1985 Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO

- B.S., Vocational Home Economics Education-Occupational Concentration

1982-1985 Northeastern Jr. College, Sterling, CO

- A.A.S., Child Care and Management

**Professional  
Activities**

**Silver Sneakers Certified, 2022**

**ACE Certified Group Fitness Instructor, 2021-present**

**Yoga Alliance, RYT 200, 2020-present**

**Colorado Association of School Executives, 2001-2021**

- National Association of Secondary School Principals

**Colorado Association of Career and Technical Education, 1985-present**

- Colorado Association of Career and Technical Education Administrators

**References**

Ms. Dina PerfettiDeany  
Area 3 Assistant Superintendent  
St. Vrain Valley Schools  
[REDACTED]

Eric Berggen  
Innovation Center Coordinator of  
Programs & Workforce  
Development  
St. Vrain Valley Schools  
[REDACTED]

Brittany Mastin  
Johnstown Program Director of  
Health and Wellness  
YMCA of Northern Colorado  
[REDACTED]