

## **Responses to Your Questions:**

Q1. I am eminently qualified as I am currently in my tenth consecutive year on the City Council.

Q2. The city and county recently “revamped” our approach to Economic Development. We now have a Fayetteville Cumberland County Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC) headed by Mr. Robert M. Van Geons, a dynamic person who is aggressively recruiting and collaborating with large corporations to further our goal of creating jobs in our community. We have recently had some success and we are on the “cusp” of hopefully announcing a corporation which will provide approximately 1100 – 1200 jobs in Fayetteville. Stay Tuned!!!!

Q3. I am personally requesting discussion for the city council September work session on the UDO. I want to create a committee/task force consisting of two council members, one county commissioner, two selected city staff members and two persons from the building/development industry to meet and carefully make recommendation for immediate changes to the UDO. It is imperative that the city revise this document to make it easier for developers and builders in our city.

Q4. I believe we can expand the UDO committee to address storm water problems as well; however, I believe the committee needs to be small enough to be productive.

Q5. I am opposed to metro government. Some years ago, city council was briefed on two separate occasions by persons from the Carl Vincent School of Government, University of Georgia concerning two communities that converted to metro government. According to them, saving did not occur. These were city comparable in size to Fayetteville. Perhaps larger cities can absorb the cost and expenses of changing employees’ retirement programs as well as wages and salaries. By and large, our county employees make more than the city employees—would this require all employees move to the county rolls and get pay increases. Many problems associated with converting to a metro government. *(Bill Crisp – City Council, District 6)*