I am Charlie Hensley,
I am seeking re-election to Oak Ridge City Council

It is very rewarding for me to play a role in helping our City prosper!

My 13yrs serving on City Council has allowed me to be a part of many major actions to move our City forward while maintaining and protecting what's special about Oak Ridge.
Also, my 27yrs on the Planning Commission has allowed me be on the front end of these additions and changes to prepare for Council reviews and approval.

I know our City well, having lived in Oak Ridge for 58yrs after graduating in Engineering Science from Marshall University in 1968. Through working in the local nuclear industry and participating in the **opportunities that Oak Ridge offers,** I have developed a keen awareness of how our City works and where improvements could and should be made for improving our citizens quality of life. Important factors for me are the many friends that came along while enjoying the City's **varied job opportunities, schools, parks and recreation, for the Oak Ridge environment,** and for having a family and two wonderful sons. Much of their successes can be attributed to having a safe and stable community to grow up in.
I'm driven to promote a high quality of life for all citizens of Oak Ridge!

My motto is "**Ideas and solutions, not just talk**!"

Current projected changes and additions to Oak Ridge now:

- Potentially over $30Billion in capital investment, and almost 5,000 jobs in new nuclear related industries.
- 800 apartments and we currently average 160 new houses per year Rarity Ridge, Forest Park, Groves Park, Scarborough Homes, and and also added apartments as part of Main Street Lofts, and Pointe Grand Apartments.
- Wilson Street Development is projected to create 300 residential units and are related to ORNL housing for Post Doctoral candidates,

All this will be wonderful, but why Charlie Hensley?

- I am pro-industrial development with much experience in the nuclear arena. My career began in 1968 at K-25 in gas centrifuge development and fabrication for the US Gas Centrifuge program. *(The new ORANO project is a $5.5B centrifuge uranium enrichment facility)*
- I later transferred to ORNL where I worked in nuclear fuels reprocessing for the liquid metal fast breeder and the gas cooled reactor programs. *(The new OKLO Project is a spent nuclear fuels reprocessing plant.)*

- I am currently advocating for an Nuclear Regulatory expert on City staff to advise Council, Planning Commission, and City staff.
- I am also a strong advocate for our parks recreation and open spaces…**making me the most balanced member of Oak Ridge City Council.**

My approach to problems and issues is to be proactive, suggest workable solutions, and follow through daily to bring solutions and improvements forward.

- I successfully advocated for an experienced **Retail Development Specialist** as an advisor to the City Manager. This function has negotiated and facilitated major developments including renewal of The Mall, development of businesses on Illinois Avenue including Aubrey's, Aldi's, Panera's, Weigel's, Mainstreet Lofts Apartments, and renewal of Jackson Square. (Groves Center is the next major focus). The Retail Specialist still advises our City Manager daily.

- **Advocated for a $500,000 donation to Roane State** for the newest building, the Goff Building, now serving the campus programs. Roane State Community College works with local industry and our hospital and industry partners to produce graduates skilled in their needs…including our new nuclear companies.
- Also, I serve on the **Scarboro-85 Monument Foundation** to recognize and honor the 85 brave black students, in 1955, who made Oak Ridge's schools the first desegregated school system in the South East USA! Groundbreaking occurred on September 3 of this year.

- Currently serve on the committee **Recognizing Oak Ridge's role in beginnings of the Nuclear Navy.** Admiral Hyman Rickover met with Dr. Alvin Weinberg, of ORNL, and produced conceptual designs that proved successful for the first nuclear powered propulsion for Navy vessels.

- Currently serve on the **City Council's Budget and Finance Committee** that does a monthly review of projected expenditures by the City.

- Currently I am seeking creation of new zoning designations to **protect and wisely use our 20,000 acres of wilderness including 30+ miles of pristine waterfront** along Melton Lake shores. This land is included in the DOE reservation. Negotiations are needed with DOE to address the future protection and preservation for irreplaceable portions. A first step, as part of the new Comprehensive Plan, the **3-Bends' 4,500acres were successfully designated as "Nature and Open Space" (***after a lively public hearing.)*

My second major role is serving on the **Oak Ridge Planning Commission:**

- **For my 27yrs on the Planning Commission** I have worked with City Planning Staff and the other devoted members of the commission to guide developments to provide homes, jobs, transportation, and City services. All this in a systematic planned way while protecting natural resources and preserving and protecting the property values of existing residents and businesses. I suggested a **network of trails throughout our City.** City Council recently presented a Proclamation to honor Mr. Dan Robbins, founder of the Oak Ridge Trails Alliance, which I was happy to present. **A new rails-to-trails for the L&N spur from the waterfront to Illinois Avenue is nearing construction.**

My service to the City began before the first Planning Commission appointment.

- In 1979, I led the local Professional Engineering Society to **oppose a TVA coal barge loading facility** across from where Calhoun's Restaurant is now located. Visualize our waterfront with coal barges, empty and full, tied along both shores of our eastern waterfront, eroded banks from barge traffic on Melton Hill Lake, and most likely no waterfront park or rowing activities. I grew up in WVa adjacent to such a facility. **I did everything I could to oppose such an environmental problem in my new home…Oak Ridge.**

- Since 1984, I have been a continuous advocate to have a **Comprehensive Plan** in place to guide development and protect our natural resources. I helped write the 1987 Updated Plan. We recently completed the new plan that envisions progressive changes through 2045.

I also listen to individual citizens and groups and respond to their needs when contacted directly. Examples of planning issues I focus on:

- I **successfully fought to protect the North Fork Greenway** from an effort to use the greenway for a 69kva power line from the Heritage Center to Horizon Center.
- **Mitigation or elimination of excess noise** generated by industries on Belgrade and Warehouse Roads that effects residents of Clifton Circle, Clark Lane, and Claremont Rd.
- **Completion of the paving of roads in Groves Park Commons** that have been on hold for a decade.
- A zoning regulation change allowing **small home businesses to be in neighborhoods** by eliminating an unnecessary zoning restriction.
- I led an effort **to deny a requested rezoning in Hendrix Village PUD** to remove the "open space" designation on 4acres of wooded area. A PUD plan represents promises to residents and the rezoning would have violated that

long standing promise of a designated open space within the neighborhood. **A promise is a promise!**

In summary, I treat City Council and the Planning Commission as my full time job and positions of trust from our citizenry. I try to serve the citizens of our City, whether it be review and approval of a 624acre site plan for a new nuclear facility creating 800 jobs, planning the future for future waterfront, protecting a 4acre open space promised by the City, or for a small home neighborhood business serving others.

In summary if re-elected, I pledge to continue to bring new ideas and perspectives to both City Council and the Planning Commission while being responsive to our citizens.