

Hello! I am **Kris Monson** and I am currently serving as the Smithfield City Mayor. I am running for re-election for a second term as I hope to continue to serve our beautiful city for four more years. The learning curve for this position is very steep and even after serving on the Planning Commission for three years and the City Council for 16 years, I still find there are new things to learn almost daily!

Some of the things I, along with the council and city staff, have accomplished this past 3.8 years:

1. **Weekly “Three Things You Need to Know” Updates**

I helped create this Friday tradition. Quick, reliable updates written by the mayor and council to keep residents in the loop.

2. **Bringing More Transparency to Zoning**

I pushed to notify nearby residents of zoning changes by mail and email even though the state doesn't require it because you deserve to know what's happening in your neighborhood.

3. **Partnering Beyond Our Borders**

I've been reconnecting with nearby cities and the County so we can work together strategically, share resources, and secure more grant funding for projects that benefit the whole northern valley.

4. **Securing Our Water Future**

Our water system is over 103 years old. I've worked to plan and fund major upgrades, including a new main line from Smithfield Canyon and a 3-million-gallon water tank.

Bids go out in September, and construction starts once permits are cleared.

5. **Smart, Balanced Growth**

Growth should benefit the whole community, not just developers. I've worked with the council to meet State Moderate Income Housing guidelines while exploring innovative ways to protect our small-town character.

6. **Planning for More Parks & Recreation**

I helped locate, negotiate, and purchase 11 acres in Upper Canyon for a future park because open space and recreation matter to our quality of life.

7. **Serving Smithfield at Every Level**

I currently serve on the Cache County Fire District Committee, Bear River Mental Health Board, Council of Governments, Cache MPO, and as Vice Chair of the Mayor's Association making sure Smithfield has a voice in critical regional decisions.

8. **Making Council Meetings Accessible**

Starting in October, we'll be streaming City Council meetings on YouTube so more residents can follow local decisions in real time.

9. **Fiscal Responsibility Matters**

I've worked to keep our budget balanced, hold departments accountable, and carefully prioritize true needs over wants.

10. **Staying Connected with Residents**

Every phone call, text, and email I've received from residents has been answered, because listening is part of the job.

11. **Chasing Grant Dollars**

I've encouraged every department to pursue grants aggressively. RAPZ grants already help fund our recreation programs, historical projects, and children's theater stretching every tax dollar further.

12. **Supporting Our Emergency Services**

Our first responders risk their safety every day. I'm committed to making sure they have the resources they need to protect us.

13. **Investing in Arts & Culture**

I helped launch the Smithfield Arts Council, which now hosts the Christmas Storybook Festival, preserves library art, and brings concerts to the park adding vibrancy to our city.