



Democrat Mike Winton is running for the 47th District Tennessee House of Representatives seat. He advances to the state General Election in November without opposition.

High-paying jobs key to economic vitality, Winton says

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He grew up on a farm in Pelham raised by a single mom on shirt factory pay. Now Mike Winton is running for state government as a Democrat for the 47th District Tennessee House of Representatives. Winton does not have Democratic opposition and automatically advances to the state General Election in November.

Winton says we frequently hear about schools, infrastructure and jobs – and those are vital topics. But he says we can't underestimate the economic power of high-paying jobs and let those slip from our grasp.

"The big projects are what we need somebody in Nashville paying attention to so we don't lose a Toyota motor plant to Huntsville, Ala., when Coffee County and Warren County could have been well suited to work together and had that structure here 15 minutes from the interstate either way you go," said Winton. "We have plenty of trained people to fill those facilities. I get so sad every time I drive by in Morrison. Carrier was such a great institution for Warren and Grundy and Coffee counties. My family worked there. Friends and neighbors worked there. They had homes they would have never had if they had

been forced to work in the shirt factory my mom did."

Winton said our district can't survive by recruiting \$8 and \$9 an hour jobs. He says that doesn't leave any cushion in monthly budgets if an emergency strikes.

"The national average right now tells us the average home could not withstand a \$400 emergency situation in its budget," said Winton. "We talk about unemployment being good and we're at 4 percent and that's great. But if we can't subsidize a \$400 incident, then how well off are we?"

Winton said it's sad our teachers are spending money out of their own pocket to decorate their schools and their classrooms. He says Tennessee needs to fund education properly.

"Do away with that big, million-dollar money we're going to spend for testing when it doesn't work," said Winton. "Do away with it and put that money back in education to educate our children."

Winton said if elected, he won't focus on partisan politics, but on getting results that help this area.

"I don't believe in red and blue," said Winton. "I believe in red, white and blue."

Public Works requests \$1M for paving

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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McMinnville Public Works Department is requesting \$1 million for the upcoming fiscal year to continue street paving. The department was given \$750,000 for paving during fiscal year 2017-18 and has proposed an increase of \$250,000 for fiscal year 2018-19.

"There are four major items within this year's budget," said Public Works assistant director Brad Hennessee "One is a front-load garbage truck for Sanitation which is \$270,000, additional paving that's \$250,000 over last year's budget, a supervisor truck for Public Works in the amount of \$30,000 esti-

mated, and a supervisor truck for Landscape Management in the amount of \$30,000."

Members of the city Streets and Sanitation Committee met to review the proposed budget.

"We're going up to \$1 million on paving?" asked Alderman Steve Harvey.

Alderman Mike Neal added, "Anthony is tearing the roads up so bad we have to do something."

The joke, which brought laughter, was made because McMinnville Water and Sewer Department director Anthony Pelham has upped efforts to improve the city's water and sewer system.

However, that endeavor occasionally requires

ripping through city streets.

Public Works has five divisions under its oversight: 1) Vehicle Maintenance; 2) Animal Control; 3) Urban Landscape Management; 4) Street Aid; 5) Sanitation (solid waste collection and disposal).

Despite what appears to be a huge increase requested, Hennessee says the overall budget is less than \$10,000 more than it was last year.

"All things considered, the total for the five budgets – other than the section our department doesn't necessarily control – the overall budget for the five divisions is \$9,725 more than it was last year."

What the department cannot control is a 2.3

percent increase in salaries for all city employees that was approved by the city Finance Committee to be built into all departmental budgets.

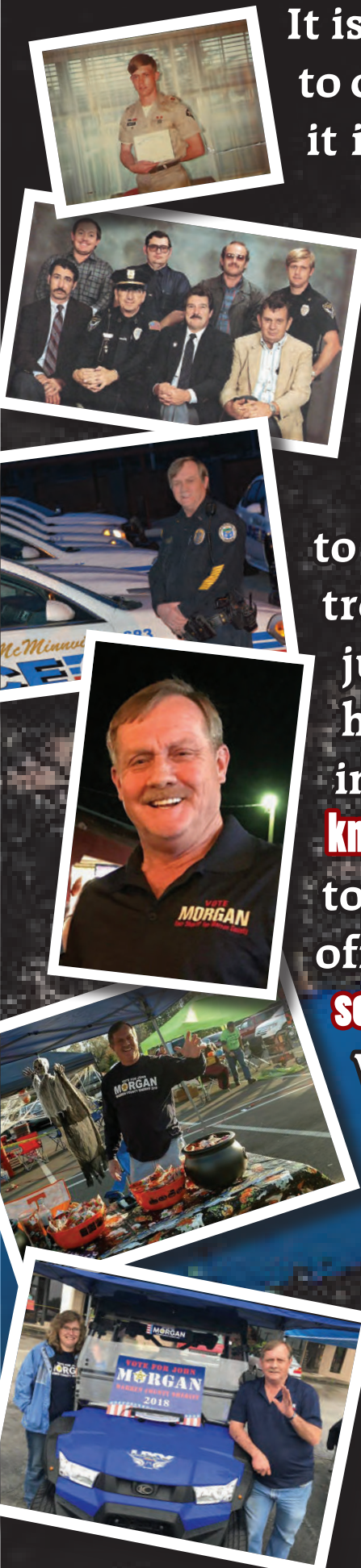
Proposed budget requests for 2018-19: General fund is \$3.3 million and includes the \$1 million for street paving; Vehicle Maintenance is \$331,330; Animal Control is \$109,005; Urban Landscape Management is \$267,920; Street Aid, which is state funded, is \$537,520; Sanitation, an enterprise fund, is \$1.5 million.

The department's budget was unanimously approved by members of the city Streets and Sanitation Committee.

It will be sent to the city Finance Committee for consideration.

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