

Dear Editor,

It is with steadfast enthusiasm that I once again write today to tell you of my endorsement for Colleen Whitlow for the next Mayor of The Town of Mead. Back in January of 2018 I voiced my sincere support for her with regard to our April election. The unfortunate timing of the Mayoral election winner to cede his office shortly afterward has posed a considerable conundrum and uproar in our small community.

Since April of this year I have attended several of the town board meetings where the topic of who, how, and when to elect or appoint a new Mayor brought out residents who displayed anger and passion for the due process of an actual election no matter the cost to the town. The voices who wanted to appoint the person who was very close to displacing the winner by vote count lost out in this matter.

I have personally seen at these meetings and read comments made on our Mead Community Facebook about Colleen Whitlow that are derogatory, inflammatory, and very disappointingly immature for adults. In the midst of this all, Colleen has kept her calm, composed, and mature demeanor as she made the decision to step up to make another run for the office of Mayor for the Town of Mead. Her decision, in my opinion, is not made for a feather in her own cap but rather for the good of our town.

Some of her activities include citizens of all ages and a few that she actively supports for our community include:

- Summer movies and concerts in the park
- Community Day & Sugar Beet Festival Committee
- New benches at Veterans memorial in Mead
- Resolution 34-R-2015 "Keep Mead Beautiful - Embrace-A-Place Program", a community outreach program that was approved and signed with her encouragement. This community outreach program is a joint effort between our town government and residents to keep our right-of-ways and neighborhoods clean and beautiful.
- VFW activities, too numerous to mention

I volunteer, along with Colleen Whitlow, for VFW Post #9741 and their Auxiliary where she is the Auxiliary President and I am the Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor. Colleen organizes and leads many activities in support of our Veteran Community and she has a committed group of volunteers who respect and assist her with many projects. She has been our Auxiliary President for two years and through these efforts I can attest that she would be an outstanding Mayor and leader for our town. A subset of the endorsement by VFW Post #9741 Commander Ric Payne reads that "she has shown exemplary leadership skills and the ability to recognize and address problems in a timely manner. She works very well with others."

I was pleased to read that the Mayors of Dacono, Firestone, Johnstown, Platteville, Thornton, and Westminster have recently endorsed Colleen Whitlow as the "Right Choice" for Town of Mead Mayor; these endorsements speak volumes as to her character and I compel the citizens of our town consider their sincerity.

Colleen is ready to address all of the issues and concerns of our small town and I believe that she will listen to the voices of our citizens, encourage us in all aspects of communication, and make decisions that will benefit our future. In closing I would like to refer to “The Four Agreements” by Don Miguel Ruiz. In his book based on ancient Toltec wisdom he writes:

- Be impeccable with your word
- Don’t take anything personally
- Don’t make assumptions
- Always do your best

This year many people, who evidently do not even know her, have tried to imply that Colleen Whitlow’s character is questionable and that she is not worthy of the position of Mayor for The Town of Mead. Every bullet noted above describes attributes that she lives by daily and this is a fact, not an assumption.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.
Patrisa McHone