

BILL LYNN BIOGRAPHY

Bill is running for his fourth term as alderman. Bill was born and raised on the farm in central Illinois. He graduated from Easton High School in 1964, and attended Blackburn College where he received a Bachelor's degree in chemistry. Later he received a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Missouri and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois. He came to Davenport over 20 years ago to teach at Marycrest College. He previously taught at Eastern Illinois University and Palm Beach Community College. About 14 years ago he accepted a position at St. Ambrose University where he is a Professor of Economics. He teaches both undergraduate and MBA courses including finance and economics.

Bill has been married to Arletta for 40 years and they have one son, Kyle. They have lived in a wonderful neighborhood on Walling Court for over 20 years. His family is very supportive of his being an alderman although it is very time consuming.

Bill has worked as a consultant for small businesses doing consulting for over 100 aspiring entrepreneurs. He has also been instrumental in helping several small businesses open and succeed. For several years he worked as a small business consultant for the Institute for Social and Economic Development. He has also done small business consulting for the Veteran's Administration and the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities program.

Bill worked in the poverty program in Kansas City. He has worked as a chemist and salesman, and has owned and operated several businesses. He has a very wide ranging, diverse background. He is also knowledgeable of environmental issues. He is a senior fellow for the Institute for Environmental Research and Education. He has been involved in environmental studies for the EPA and an organization in Seattle, Washington.

Bill believes that his work as chair of the Public Safety Committee has allowed him to make continued improvements in the city. His working with the police and fire departments has helped reduce the crime rate and improve many neighborhoods in the city. Using existing programs, the city has been able to work with good landlords to evict bad tenants and to put pressure on bad landlords to improve their selection of tenants. The city has made use of the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance to improve the behavior of tenants or have them evicted.

Further, Bill has worked with the Hilltop area to begin to bring about changes there like he did in the Village of East Davenport. He believes that the creation of the Hilltop Campus Village will bring about great improvements in that area South of Locust.

Bill believes there are several issues in this campaign, but he believes the major ones are crime, jobs and growth, making our city more efficient and customer oriented, and reducing taxes and fees.