

## Mayoral candidate profile: Sharon King

**Name:** Sharon King

**Birth date:** Dec. 23, 1953

**Profession:** Executive director of the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce

**Years in Portales:** 52

**What do you think is the city's primary responsibility to its residents, how is Portales doing in those areas and what could it do better?**

"To provide adequate infrastructure and keep costs as low as possible within our city.

"I think we're going to have to learn how to tighten the belt a little more than what we've been doing over the last few years and reassess our priorities.

"What I think we need to do is communicate better in all aspects. That's a hard task today with all the different kinds of communication we have."

**Would you like to see Portales grow or is it big enough now?**

"I would like to see it grow somewhat. I don't want it to be too large, but I think it needs controlled growth. We don't want to bring in business that will put our current businesses out of business."

**What's the biggest issue facing the city right now and how would you address that issue as mayor?**

"I think the biggest issue this year is going to be the budget. The way Santa Fe is going to make so many cuts, we have to cut at the city level and yet maintain quality as best we can. (We'll have to) look at the budget line item by line item and analyze it."

**Tell us something about yourself most people don't know.**

"Even though I'm rather conservative in some ways, I'm rather adventurous. I've been water rafting, been up in hot air balloons and I've been skydiving. So I don't mind taking a risk."