

NE Tarrant Tea Party
Mayoral and City Council Candidate Questionnaire 2011
DOUG MILLER FOR KELLER CITY COUNCIL PLACE 6

1. Will you oppose & vote against any & all efforts to increase taxes?
Yes. Not only taxes but taxes disguised as fees as well
2. Will you support any and all efforts to implement full transparency in government, requiring open budget books (including expenditures and details of payments) on one, easy-access, searchable and use-friendly website?
Keller has indeed taken the first step in implementing an online check register; it is lacking in that it does not include any detailed information, and I will push to make this information available to the public.
3. Should executive sessions of the city council be taped/recorded? These recordings would be retained for a period of several years, and they would not be subject to disclosure except by court order or by permission of the governing body. *Yes*
4. Which programs would you cut in the city, and which ones would you grow?
Keller did an efficiency study that I have tried to obtain, but they will not release to the general public (it deals with personnel.) They used the study to cut 19 positions last year, but I believe there is more waste included in the study. I plan, once elected, to use that study to find and cut that waste.
5. What is one burning issue that prompted you to run for this position?
Every year it seemed the elected officials put the needs and wants of the City Staff ahead of the taxpaying citizens. When told by the City Manager in 2009 that they needed to cut wages, the Council ignored his wishes and just made cuts around the edges. I plan to make the City Staff accountable for every dollar spent, and to justify every paid position with the city.
6. Do you support International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) / Local Governments for Sustainability / Agenda 21? Explain.
No. I am a FIRM believer in local control of our City Government.
7. Do you support or oppose using Federal money to subsidize local public transportation projects?
I support bringing our motor fuel taxes back to the people that pay them. Yes, if that means subsidizing local roads with federal funds, so be it.
8. Would you support or oppose a resolution that requires the refinancing of outstanding bonds to be decided in an election?
I would support such a resolution. In fact, I worked to defeat the refinancing of Keller's TIF bonds just last year.
9. Which of the following items are acceptable uses of the power of eminent domain by the city?
 Economic development **Transportation projects** Blight Community projects Other
10. Name your top three priorities for the city and how you plan to implement them.
 - a. *Mapping a path after build-out – Keller has relied on development fees for a substantial portion of their budget during the past 20 years. Nearing buildout, those fees have decreased to levels not seen since the mid 1990's. Keller will have to adapt their budget going forward not being able count on those revenues.*
 - b. *Town Center TIF – The current Council recently refinanced the bonds on the TIF district at a cost of nearly \$3 million if paid out over the full term of the bonds. It is very important to encourage development in the district to allow the city to pay off the bonds early, saving that \$3 million.*
 - c. *Continue to keep Keller a great place to live – In 2009, Money Magazine named Keller the 7th best small town in which to live in the entire country. Moving forward we must continue to nurture the items (parks, low taxes, high resident satisfaction with government) that allowed us to make the list.*
11. Would you support or oppose a ban on firearm sales in the city?
Oppose. I am a staunch 2nd Amendment guy!