



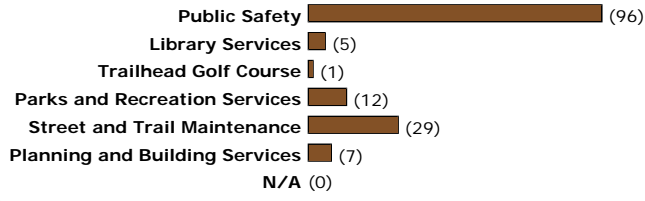
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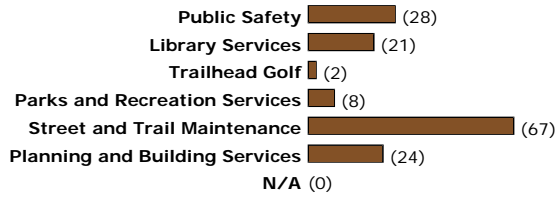
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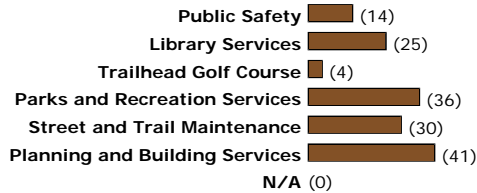
1. Of the following six City services, which one do you consider to be your first and highest priority?



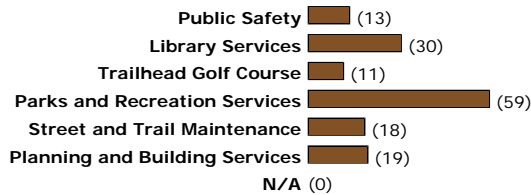
2. Which of the following City services do you consider to be your second priority?



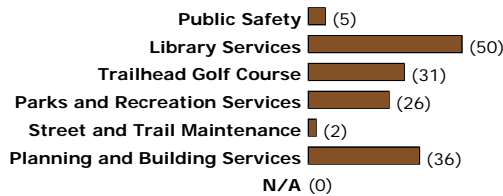
3. Which of the following City services do you consider to be your third priority?



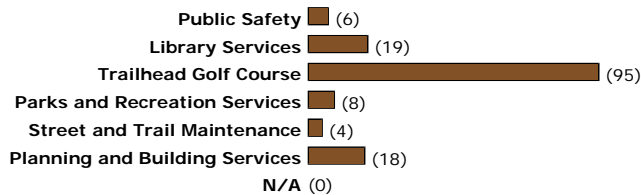
4. Which of the following City services do you consider to be your fourth priority?



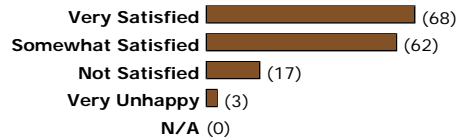
5. Which of the following City services do you consider to be your fifth priority?



6. Which of the following City services do you consider to be your sixth and lowest priority?



7. Rate your satisfaction with the City's current level of service.



8. Please tell us why the experience was positive or negative.

- The community seems very well run and offers a lot for the community.
- We moved here for the amenities and we are willing to pay to keep them- ie: the library, trails, etc.
- The library is an asset to our community - the dedicated staff promote literacy and education in the most creative ways. The generous spirit of one particular staff member - a member who has used her own personal resources because of city budget cuts - has led me to nominate her for a national librarian award. While my family enjoys the park and recreation services, I believe the CHILL program is becoming a liability that the city is not completely aware of. I know parents who have pulled their children from the program citing lack of supervision, lazy management, young children being sent home w/out a parent signing them out, etc. I have driven by and seen the chaos firsthand. My teenage daughter has taken babysitting jobs from desperate parents who no longer want their children in the program. This should be dealt with before a child is hurt and our community faces a lawsuit that we clearly cannot afford. I greatly appreciate the services offered by our police department and the CRP and safety classes offered to our community. Is Trailhead Golf Course really a necessity? Why not sell it and use the money for resources that are truly needed?
- Safe community; beautiful parks and golf courses; busy library; well used trails
- Appreciate the visibility of our police force.
- I chose to live in Liberty Lake because of the services and beauty of the community.
- We call this the "do over" city. It appears decisions are made for the "now" without a whole lot of consideration to the impact of the action. No one seems to "connect the dots" and analyze the whole picture.
- Managers needs to be more responsive to following up on resident inquiries.
- We were annexed against the vote of the people. We don't use your parks--except the one near us, Half Moon Park, and it has no restrooms. Why do you have events in a "park" that has no restrooms or drinking fountain? We don't play golf. We prefer the Centennial Trail. We can walk there from our home and we don't have to drive there or pay to walk there. Maybe you should focus more on it. We don't go to the lake, which isn't even part of the city anyway. We prefer the county library system to the library in Liberty Lake. But you did one good thing when you changed animal services to SCRAPS, which is MUCH closer and also cleaner than Spokeanimal.
- It often appears that the Council is not responsive to resident's input.
- Public safety is No. 1, but that does not mean we need to add more resources at this time. Planning and Building is important to grow our economy. The Golf Course is a huge part of what makes our town appealing. Streets and sidewalks can wait until the economy is better.
- If you are short on the budget, don't come looking to me for the money. I'm already short on my budget. Sell the golf course, get rid of the library, minimize the parks/recs to absolute minimal amount until you have a surplus. Reduce the police force.
- Every one else in this economic down turn is effected. Please do not raise taxes, tabs or whatever. Pretend that the city is a private business and make real decisions to cut services to close the gap. Every business has had to do this to stay competitive or even stay in business. Many people feel the burden of lost pay, lost jobs etc., please do not add insult to injury by raising taxes. Be connected to the reality in which we live and do not take for granted what we already pay in taxes! Instead of forcing us to pay more please dig deep and make difficult decisions to cut some services.
- We spend way the too much money on cops and not enough on keeping the roads and buildings in good shape. Why the does a tiny city need 9 cops? and why the do they get a raise every year even if they do poor work, in the middle of a depression. my suggestion is we de-solve the police force and go back to county service until the depression is over. if we start over with cops again, don't let them get raises with no merrit. I don't get a raise at my job just for showing up, and neither should someone that is paid by my tax dollars! get your heads out of your city council and do the smart thing here.
- The city budget for the police force is nothing short of out of control. Its driving the city into massive debt and/or funds shortfalls. Do we really need 9 police officers in a union with guaranteed raises not attached to performance? With Liberty Lake being such a desirable area, wages should be lower as so many would be willing to work in a relatively stress free environment. The danger level is low here....this is Liberty Lake, not downtown Seattle. Let competitive wage structures drive salaries here, not a force which now must be overly zealous to ticket people to justify thier massive salaries.
- I have enjoyed the city's level of service, however I expect that level to decrease to meet the resources available. I do not want my taxes raised to meet the current levels of service. We enjoy the highest levels of service. I think we can stand to have them reduced to meet current revenues.
- Housing development is far too easy and common. So we find ourselves with this problem today - how to solve the problem of supplying services to a large percentage of residentially zoned property, which is costly from a city perspective.
- I would like to see the cross walks painted more often. I would also like to see a sting operation at the cross walks....drivers are horrible about pedestrians. Also stop the kids driving golf carts around town!!! Hanging out of carts, too many in the carts, drives us wild!
- You've done a good job with Trailhead and I'd hate to see left by the wayside. I would glad accept higher fees to keep it up.
- Great community for young and old alike.
- Great sense of volunteers in the community and safe walking trails. Library is fantastic for families
- the city is talking about raising taxes. Everyone (all families) are cutting back due to the economy. The city should find ways to cut back as well and live within the money available. If taxes are raised the city will become like all other public entities. Lets be different and live within the funding available. The golf course is great but if its costing the city money something is wrong. It should make money. I

believe the city should sell the golf course and let it be run by a private entity with the stipulation that it must remain a golf course.

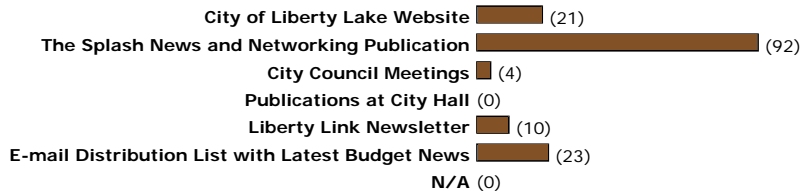
- We have more parks than we need.
- I feel we currently have a good balance of the above city services. But the city shouldn't be expected to continue this level of service in a depressed economy.
- Police, library, and park services are excellent.
- Love the community feel, services are good and have attracted my business to locate here.
- - Great police force (public safety) - Love the parks and trails - My family enjoys the library - I am frustrated about skateboarders in the Pavilion when they have their own area
- The first words out of their mouth is raise taxes. We are in a difficult economy and everyone is struggling. We are all cutting budgets. The City must cut budgets to live with in funding available. DO NOT RAISE TAXES!
- We appreciate the snow removal in the winter. It is a good thing. We are very happy to see so many Liberty Lake Police in and around Liberty Lake.
- My street was paved three years ago and I am still picking black tar gravel out of my rug. Inferior quality was done on the street. If you are going to do something, do it right.
- you guys are paid to plan your budgets and you only want more more money. Let be a little different here in Liberty Lake and have the government live within their means. don't think beyond the budget. round about for country vista and liberty lake road for one. What a waste of money. Sure glad you decided not to do that.
- The community is beautiful and well maintained
- Although I love this community, I do feel the city wasted a large amount of money and time on the skate park. I don't feel as safe walking past it with my small girls on the way home from school.
- City seems to be more focused on traffic "speed" traps and "golf cart ordinances" than upon true issues regarding public safety. Planning and Building, proper zoning, etc. should be a much higher priority. Enjoy the Friday nights at the park and other worthwhile traditions. Overall, LL is still a great place to live, but we can't allow the city government to become unresponsive to its citizens and to worried about state and federal funds to make up shortfalls. No new taxes should be imposed, rather, let's live within our means. Simply put, let's spend less than we take in. Slow progress is still progress! Don't need everything "right now".
- I think you fall to easy to chief asmus ideas. stealth bikes to harass albertson and safeway customers. A dog unit to do the job the highway patrol should be doing. Officers to good to do traffic control we have to pay other companies. stupid speed limits.
- LL police department are excellent.
- I think that with the general downturn in the economy in recent years city government could have anticipated a reduction in revenue and adjusted spending accordingly. The fact that they didn't, seems to indicate a certain level of incompetence.
- I feel like if I contacted the police they would be able to respond within minutes, when we were in the county response would be in the hours if ever.
- I do not live in the city but I use the city services - park and rec and library and the trails. If Liberty Lake was not such a nice community we would not have chosen the area when we moved here. The condition of the City affects my outlook as I come and go, if the City were to deteriorate I'd be very disappointed.
- The leadership of the city seems a little lax. Right hand doesn't know what left hand is doing
- i love our city and truly appreciate all the city council does to serve our community! I think it important to be proactive and not destroy all the many successes that have been worked so hard for. We may need to go back to basics and remember the things that really matter until the economy is recovered.
- My family and I have been extremely satisfied with the services provided and would not want to see a reduction. Why go backwards? Liberty Lake was formed because the services were lacking. The councilmembers need to show some leadership and increase revenues and reduce the rhetoric.
- Streets do not get plowed often enough. Police spending too much time responding to calls at the apartments.
- This survey isn't about experiences. It's about a budget shortfall and how I rank the services provided by priority. What funding is now provided to Public Safety and Planning and Building Services vs. the Trailhead Golf Course and Library Services? Therein lies the potential "negative": if the two top-ranked priorities are not receiving top priority for funding, the experience with the City is negative.
- Cuts to the staff and hours at Trailhead G.C. are a joke. Why buy the course if you're not going to keep it open longer, and provide adequate staff to run it?
- It appears that there is a great lack of work for the police force. More times than not they are outside of the city handling county sheriff/state patrol calls rather than patrolling the city. They are out of the city because of the lack of work not necessarily because they were requested. I believe it to be more prudent financially to seek a services contract with the sheriff's office. This would also remove the liability for a poor arrest, wrongful death, etc. from the city to the county. I believe that the sheriff could provide 24/7 protection as well as if not better than the current police force. The current police force does an adequate job but is expensive during these economic times.
- When experiencing economic challenges you eliminate nonessential and duplication. A city the size of Liberty Lake should question why tax dollars are being spent on a redundant service (Meadow Wood and Liberty Lake golf courses). There is no economic benefit to the community in running a 3 par course. Keep the driving range and turn the rest into a public park.
- I believe there are some reckless spending decisions made by those in the City Government. The Library building was voted on and yet still there was a large amount of tax money spent to put it into the new building. I am frustrated there is tax money being spent on flower pots, employees to maintain the flower pots, plant them, put them out etc. For what, to make the median look nice. This is another example of reckless spending. We need services like roads and Police. We do not need flower pots, parties, feel good stuff when money is tight.
- Why are City Elected Officials giving themselves pay increases when the City is in the red. I think this is pathetic.
- Love our Parks and Police. This is what makes Liberty Lake what it is today.

- Not sure why our Council and Mayor has huge pay raises. Not sure why all they kept talking about over the past 6 months was purchasing the HUB when it has never made money and is a money losing proposition. Who idea is this. Now we are looking at cutting services. I thought we were just looking at buying a million dollar Gym. Something smells fishy here...
- Roads are not well maintained, too much spent on parks, library & police.
- You have taken the liberty of not ordering newly published book - to save pennies. What good is a library without access to new editions?
- Disappointed in fact they dropped the ball in holding Bella Lago, developer, accountable for building sidewalk. As a family friendly and walker/biker friendly community, there is a lack of ensuring our public safety by allowing these type of situation. City council seems to have a lack of cohesiveness secondary to its leadership. City council appears to have minimal input as well as public opinion when mayor and/or city planner tell them what the decision already will be.
- our city is clean and well kept, feels safe.
- The city always looks nice, clean and safe. Our family also takes advantage of the parks and library.
- they do not plow our street in a timely manner
- As a library user I have expectations that the library will carry current titles or be able to get me a title I need they don't have...even if I have to pay something to do that. Otherwise I feel like all other services are fine...I love our parks and green spaces!
- I love living in Liberty Lake. I think for the most part the city is doing quite well. I feel that my family is safe here. I wish there was a greater degree of planning, so that our city could feel more like a destination rather than a hodge podge of banks and other buildings -- some large, some small that don't really "make sense." I love the trails and parks and events that the city plans and supports. Thank you!
- The Police seem to do a great job over a large area. I think the city seems to do a great job in keeping things up - parks, streets etc.
- Love the trails, parks and events throughout the city!!!
- Don't often see police patrolling neighborhoods.
- Thanks to Mayor Wendy and our legal advice our building permit process was resolved.
- Please folks, we're begging you yet again... become Business Friendly! We pay the bills for Liberty Lake, don't mess around with penny-ante issues like SIGNAGE when we MUST have it to get our customers here. We take care of the city, our property, our customers - we are YOUR customers - please take care of us.
- The Community Director is not a user friendly person. If the City is in such a budget crisis why then isn't the planning and building department functions contracted out. Many cities of this size have the City clerk as the main go to person. I think that before any police force is cut, the City would consider looking at Planning.
- Mayor Wendy and her staff have done a wonderful job running the city, but I think the city should discontinue providing services that the private sector already provides i.e., golf and books.
- I can see that you are trying to do the best job possible yet there are certainly challenges that make this a difficult undertaking -- as is the case for most of us these days.
- Liberty Lake is a great place to live.
- Trend of the city is away from privatizing and towards self-limiting bureaucracy.

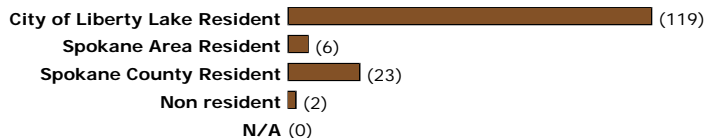
9. If Council must reduce service levels, which of the following would you prefer?



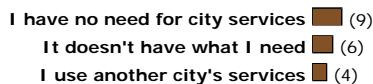
10. Please identify which of the following options best suits your preference for receiving important updates on the City's budget?



11. Please tell us a bit about yourself



12. If you use City services rarely or never it is because



The hours are inconvenient (0)
 The programs are too limited (2)
 It's too expensive (3)
 I have issues with some/all the staff (4)
 I didn't know the City provided so many services (16)
 N/A (106)

13. To maintain or enhance services, which of the following Councilmatic or voter approved options would you support?

Implement a 1 - 6% Utility Tax (23)
 Transportation Benefit District (\$20.00 car tabs or 0.2% sales tax - voter approved) (10)
 Municipal Parks District (.50-.75 per \$1,000 assessed value) (5)
 Combination of the above - keeping taxes as low as possible (37)
 Reduce hours of city services with minimal tax increase (26)
 Eliminate services but no tax increases (49)
 N/A (0)

14. Please share any additional thoughts, ideas, or concerns you have about City services or expand upon a previous answer. If you would like to receive budget updates via e-mail, please also include your e-mail address. Thank you!

- I live in Liberty Lake but just outside city limits. Expanding city limits would raise revenues. I also find that when the economy is bad services like the library are very important and get used more because families have less financial outlets for entertainment that's family oriented.
- Please do not turn us into the Valley or Post Falls! We want better than that!
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- While I admire the effort our city council is making to balance our budget, and appreciate the fact that they value the input of community members, how can the city council justify giving themselves pay raises? The pay raises may be minimal and are well-deserved, but they are not justified at this time. Not when our budget crisis is the worst in our history and there is a threat of reducing services. That's just bad politics! (Please do not share my email address or make it public. Thank you.)
- I am most concerned about any reduction in Library Services. I depend on Large print and often use inner library loan. Who decided we couldn't order new books or have inner library loans?
- Not sure new taxes for Liberty Lake residents would be helpful. Reduce hours of city services? What does this entail? More importantly, what is being done to curb the spending? What problems have caused the \$700,000 shortfall for 2011 (the largest deficit in the city's history)? That is a lot of money for one year. Would definitely like to receive budget updates via e-mail. Thanks for the help in understanding.
- [REDACTED]
- The City council has consistently done what it wants listening only to the power brokers and not to the citizens. Our only voice seems to be the vote.
- I would hate to see the city take a backward step in the area of city services. It has taken a long time to get these services. ie. Library park maintenance. These are the things that make Liberty Lake a nice place to live.
- Any service duplications should be eliminated to balance city budget such as recreation, which Spokane Valley already does well. Liberty Lake does not need three golf courses. Close Trailhead or reduce hours so no full time staff are required to run it. It's poorly managed! Library should also be closed - it should have never been opened - also a service duplication. And the new building for it was a waste of taxpayers money. Be fiscally sound and do not raise more taxes - eliminate all duplication of services and take care of the roads and focus on safety of residents.
- Of course, trim expenses but if additional revenue is needed any tax package should go before the voters.
- The City should not reduce services, rather increase revenue as outlined under the three options above.
- Do NOT add more car taxes! We already pay more than the taxpayers of the state approved. Do NOT add utility taxes!! We are already being asked to pay for a sewer that we don't want or need. Why should we be forced to buy what we didn't ask for? And we don't have the money to pay for it! Many people in our area can't afford the sewer. So we also can't afford utility taxes. We certainly don't want to pay for a "transportation benefit district"! No bus or public transportation comes near our home. Don't ask us to pay for parks (or golf courses?) we don't use--let those who use them pay for them or use freely donated money to pay for them. (Same goes for art.) We don't go to your movies or concerts, etc., in Pavilion Park, and we have only "passed through" events at Half Moon Park, as we go for walks. In summary, you can cut unessential services, but don't raise taxes on people who are already struggling.
- I would hate to see the City eliminate services that contribute to what makes Liberty Lake special; this may seem like a good solution in the short term, but, in the long run, may cost the City far more than just a dollar amount.
- If we have to save money I would rather eliminate special events and activities that garner no additional revenue and reinstate those activities when the economy is better. No new taxes or tax hikes! I'm already broke!
- The only option is to cut services until you are within budget. Then, cut another 10% to build a reserve fund for future shortfalls. If you are not budgeting savings for future emergency, etc., that's a problem. Absolutely DO NOT come looking to the residents for more money. Be an example of successful government and make the current revenue cover services provided. Otherwise, cut the services and sell assets until you make it work.
- Get rid of the 9 cops that have their own cop cars, and sit on their fat asses all day, and the budget is fixed, use the county sheriff and restart a police force in a couple of years based on what you learned. that is, don't let the union bend over the citizens and us. 9% raise last year? S are you sh g me? that's just crazy. you should all be ashamed.

- The union needs to be broken, even if it means temporarily returning to county enforcement until a new force can be rebuilt with appropriate wage structures that are reflective of the area.
- Reduce service levels * reduce library hours and employees by 25% * Mow, fertilize, water lawns 1/3 less than we currently do. * get rid of the city newsletters * 10% Payout to all city employees * Reduce city hall hours by 15% * Maintain roads to minimum levels * No new road, building projects
- In these tough times, people are expected to have salaries cut and yet cityies, counties and state representatives want to increase taxes. I feel that necessary cuts need to be made since the incomes of people and businesses alike are shrinking.
- A short time ago the City Council made the decision to hire yet another police officer in this low crime city. I would hazard to guess that the police department eats up about 60% or more of the budget. If we terminated one officer it is unlikely a single resident would ever see a drop in service. Yet if you removed the same dollars from streets/parks/etc. (two or three employees) it is likely every resident would see a drop in services. I know the police do a good job and I don't want anyone to loose their job but it is better then adding or raising taxes.
- City services shouldn't be in the golf business. The city over builds despite abundance of empty existing structures-residential and commercial. The library should be part of the county system. The city gov't is late in the realization of the state of the economy.
- As a homeschooler, we greatly depend on our library for books, both to check out and through the interlibrary loan system. I would rather pay a library fee to keep the interlibrary loan system going than to sign up with the Spokane Library.
- A utility tax would be the least painful to the Liberty Lake residents and would raise \$750,000 in revenues. Also there should be expense/services reductions in order to maintain a balanced budget in future years.
- We need to come up with new solutions to raise funds (donations from residents) We also need to be okay with going under budget in any given year to have a nest egg of funds for such tough markets
- NO MORE TAXES. THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS TIRED OF THE GOVERNMENT TAKING OUR MONEY! TURN MORE OVER TO PRIVATE ENTITIES.
- Many home owners in Liberty Lake are upside down on their mortgages. When property is worth less why would anyone want to pay more each month to live in it. You have enough money be a better steward over it.
- I think cutting back on non-essential services in a recession and limiting tax increases as much as possible is helpful. Everyone is stressed financially now and more taxes won't be appreciated.
- Let's see about getting rid of that 9% pay raise for the city's police force. Not merit increases, the automatic one. Let 'em tighten the belt along with everybody else.
- The trailhead golf course is nice, but is in no way essential. I would not support any new tax that would go to the golf course. It should be self sustaining. The recreation activities offered by the city (classes, outings, etc.) appeal to and are used by a very small percentage of the citizens. I do not think they are necessary. If cuts need to be made, they should be eliminated. They benefit very few people and there are plenty of other alternative activities for people to participate in.
- While an increase in taxes will most likely be required, I believe the city should implement them with a sunset date that can only be over ridden by a vote of the people, NOT the city council. Effective for 2 years at a time should be enough to get us through the current economic situation in 2 or 4 years. This will be easier to sell to the public and keep government honest as in NOT dependent on these funds.
- The look and feel of the community is the amenities that are offered. Be very careful what is cut, it may be more costly over the long run. We get what we pay for.
- - Every month, Verizon takes a City of Liberty Lake tax from my cell phone - does the city get this money? - I am frustrated with my homeowners association, any chance the city wants to take it over? I would rather send my association dues to the city. -
- DO NOT RAISE TAXES! Sell the golf course to a private entity. It should be a profitable endeavor. With the sale make stipulations that it must remain a golf course using a land use clause.
- The city should get out of the golf business. Convert that land in much needed baseball fields for our community. Can the city get a grant to get fields put in? Library should be consolidated with the County. Don't turn us in the Valley - keep up the good work.
- my ranking of p&r has more to do with recreation than with parks. the recreation programs available are nice, but compared to most city services they are most likely to be sacrificed, and some perhaps could be taken care of by private groups anyway.
- The State of Washington Residents are taxed enough. I don't think the City of Liberty Lake should be adding taxes to the residents of Liberty Lake. Budget your funds just like the rest of us do...
- Building and planning dept have a bad rep. Like the snow removal and police dept. Love the library and parks (more handicap access/parking please). Not into golf so it is not a priority- let those that use it play for it. Enjoy LL activities. Love the holiday lights at City Hall in Dec. We believe everyone is working in the best interesstes of LL -- even when we disagree. We appreciate all the hard work everyone does on our behalf. Thank you.
- cut back 1.5 police personell. Also evaluate when police get granted funds how much does this free equipment costs long term and short term. Sell one police vehicle. This total will save 700,000 and wont need to cut any service.
- Sell the golf course. It its not making money the city is not managing it properly. Just be sure to ensure it stays as a golf course.
- I feel the city wastes a large amount of time and money on planning and executing what to build or rebuild next. Our city is a nice size. Let's keep it that way.
- Please see comments above. Thanks for listening!
- get rid of the fluff and some city staff pet projects then raise the taxes or fees.
- Please start running the city like a business, if revenue is down then it is time to cut expenses.
- The city should cut back on services and reduce staffing. Hopefully, they will do this the way big businesses do by consolidating and cutting management and middle management positions. Only cutting benefited positions and unnecessary services will result in significant savings. Letting go of a few boys who mow lawns won't do it.

- [REDACTED]
- I appreciate the services offered by the City even if I don't use all of them. I think we landed in a very nice town, by the grace of God. We do need maps of the town, signage for city hall and for the trails for those folks who visit the area. [REDACTED] - I can't vote at the meetings but I like to know how the money is spent.
- Quit building residential units and become more business friendly. Businesses generate taxes, not the residential units.
- [REDACTED]
- On two separate occasions, my family went to use the pavilion area of Pavilion Park for a picnic and family activities but could not because of numerous skateboarders improperly using tables and the entire area for their activities. Because of their jumping off stairs, using picnic tables for ramps and the walkways and the entire area for tricks there was justifiable fear and concern that one of my children was going to get hurt. In addition, there was constant profanity and a complete disregard for the no smoking signs. On both occasions we packed up our family and moved from the pavilion area. The allowing of skateboarding activity in the pavilion area makes it very unwelcome for families. As a community, we paid for a skate park, why are they allowed to use, damage and make the pavilion area unsafe for families? The City Council needs to set up rules, fines and most importantly enforcement. Currently, the pavilion area is nothing more than an extension of the Skate Park. When talking with other neighbors and families, this is a frustration and serious public safety concern.
- Wondering if we're seeing the reality of the amount of growth we've allowed outstretching the city's capabilities to manage it's services? The answer is yes. Something to think about the next time another major housing development is proposed. Wait until this River Dist. gets built, we haven't seen anything yet. I agree with those that say you have to run the city like a business - make cuts to things you don't absolutely need, plan to put away cash for times like these, work on developing a more efficient product or service without gouging the customer (additional taxes in this case).
- too much police protection, if you look at number of officers per resident in Liberty Lake v.s. number of officers per resident in the greater Spokane County, we could get by with a lot less police officers.
- I can not even imagine the thought of cutting our Police Force, or cutting costs in maintaining our roads. I know there is other waist which can be cut like all the park and rec projects. Why are we building more parks, adding more things to parks when we should just be maintaining them until we get out of the red as a City. Maybe it is time to change some of our elected officials who can not be a little more reasonable with spending on things which are not needed.
- City Services, ah, yea, I use the road, and the Police are here to protect me and my house. I even use the trails, and the Park once in a great while. But no use for the Library or the things offered by the parks department. You should cut those expenses, and make sure our streets are maintained and we have a safe community.
- I am curious, what ever happen to the property the City purchased for the proposed City Hall and Community Center. Why does the City look at selling off a portion of it and increasing their reserve to get them through the rough times.
- Put a toll booth on Liberty Lake Rd for all the people south of Liberty Lake who did not want to be part of the City and for all the boaters who come from all over to use the lake. We would not have to raise any taxes if we did this.
- Charge organized events like the triathalons, fun runs, soap box derby full cost for use of city facilities (streets & parks).
- Make the city more business friendly to draw more businesses to the area. The city has a reputation -- even amongst residents -- as being un-friendly to business.
- People are hurting - unemployment is at an all time high. And you want to tax??? You are out of touch. It is time to reduce services to balance your budget. I am appalled you have decided not to go into the reserve but wish to tax your constituents. You should have entered into negotiations with the County & City to consolidate library & some common services. Reduce administration & staff, reduce police staff & service. Make the hard decisions to reduce expenditures like many have been forced to do. Any new taxes will be meant with voters dissatisfaction. Trouble with politicians - need money just increase or create more taxes.
- The city has too many services for a town this size. NO NEW TAXES! I think L.L. should focus on maintaining (at least cost) the beautiful infrastructure of tree-lined streets, green, weed-free grass and a clean, safe environment. Reduce/Eliminate any services that can be obtained in short driving distance to Liberty Lake. Also, volunteer groups could be formed for some maintenance (for example the massive weeds now along ValleyView Way outside golf course fences, litter pick-up, etc.) We can temporarily make do with reduction of services and volunteer but I think we want the visual image of Liberty Lake to be retained now and for the future.
- Liberty Lake is a beautiful place to live. It is a great place to raise a family, but I think our city government loses sight of what bring people to living/working here. Also, the greenspace and parks are wonderful here, but do they need to be mowed and watered so frequently? Just a thought!
- I find all to often there are too many positions filled some of which are not needed.
- I live in Spokane Valley, so I'm not sure if my vote would count in any of this.
- In a budget crisis, we don't need parks, libraries, or other non-essentials. There are too many police cars, don't buy another one! Keep our officers in the city, I don't want to read about them helping the sherriff outside city limits, or stopping cars on Highway 90. We don't need a commercial vehicle officer. There is no such thing as free funding through federal or state grants as taxpayers foot the bill regardless of who collects the money. Let the parks go brown - green lawns in a high desert we live in is NOT natural! Impose user fees for athletic groups and Pavilion Park activities. With \$900k shortfall, lay off 9 people to make up the majority of costs. NO NEW TAXES! I will not vote for any council person who votes to raise any tax at any time! Thank you.
- Although no one wants to pay more taxes, I would rather see a slight increase and keep services, rather than make cuts. The city belongs to all of us, so we all need to step up and do what is necessary to keep it a safe and wonderful place to live. I'm willing to pay to do that.
- Public safety is the cornerstone of a successful community. I believe that the police department is going a fantastic job but in the difficult financial times that the current level of service is adequate and that they do not need to add additional people at this time.
- I would eliminate the Trailhead golf course. There is already 3 golf courses in Liberty Lake.

- I live just outside the city limits, and I wish that I could actually vote on City issues since they do affect me. However, I do believe that the City has done a great job in providing services to its residents. While I like having a city library (which I am allowed to use), would it be cheaper to combine with the County library district in order to save money?
- Thankful for the hours, energy and focus the city staff and council puts into this process. Appreciate the opportunity to offer feedback via this survey and council meetings.
- Run the City like a business. Keep the essentials and economize in all departments.
- As an income generating option, would the council consider charging a fee to rent out building space when not being used by office workers, et al?
- Watch all expenses, cut or reduce and negotiate with suppliers & vendors w/a sharper pencil. Please keep me informed via e-mail: [REDACTED] Thanks
- I think there are too many police officers for a city of this size. Some of them could be let go and we'd still have a very safe and secure place to live.
- Thanks. [REDACTED]
- Public Safety is an absolute must. Since the development and construction is definitely down, planning could easily be contracted out for the little that it is needed. This is a service that does not lend the public anything.
- I trust the councilmen to make the right decisions and if I don't like it I will vote for someone else in November.
- I enjoy the small-town atmosphere and the park/arts/community events. I like that the focus is family-oriented.
- Seek outside assistance in finding efficiencies. Eliminate waste and inefficient actions first. I'm strongly against tax increases. Households have trimmed expenses, so must the city.

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