



Candidate Biographical Info | 2025

Full Name: Ron Zelms

Is this your first time running for public office?

What position are you running for? O'Fallon City Treasurer

Current Profession/Occupation Retired USAF and math teacher

Please list public offices previously held: None

In 300 words or less, please tell us other information you'd like the public to know about you. This is not required, but you may want to address: 1. The most significant challenges facing the office you're seeking and what you'd do to overcome them. 2. What single change you'd make in your area of responsibility. 3. Why you feel you're more qualified than your opponent(s)

I am running to be the last treasurer of O'Fallon. The city tried to do this by referendum in 2010 and it failed by 21 votes. The duties and responsibilities of what a person would expect a treasurer to do were ceded to the Director of Finance in 2003. The only active role for the current Treasurer position is as one of five members on the city's Investment Committee which is suppose to meet twice a year. When asked how many times this committee has met since 2018, I was provided four dates. Even the the role of Investment Officer for the city has been granted to the Director of Finance.

I will push the incoming administration to either:

- A. Lower the compensation for this position to be aligned with the limited duties of the office.
- B. Determine what role, if any, is feasibly possible for the Treasurer position to perform that are currently being accomplished by the Director of Finance and staff.
- C. Go back to the voters and ask them to eliminate this elected position is the council tried to do in 2010.

If elected, I will also speak out when I think the city has fumbled the ball on issues such as the use of ARPA funds, the money it received from the state for the disabled veteran property tax exemption, and how much excess revenue, cash on hand, and investments this city needs. I have spoken out on issues such as this a citizen to no avail; maybe my voice as Treasurer will have a greater impact and reach a broader audience.