City Council

Dan Boeke (incumbent)



Peng Olson



- Dan Boeke is a 69-year-old Owatonna native and has lived in Owatonna most of his life. Dan is married to another Owatonna native, Laurie Strohschein Boeke. Together they have two children and two grandchildren.
- Dan graduated from Owatonna High School in 1972 and Bemidji State University in 1977 with a degree in Elementary Education, a coaching certificate and a business administration focus.
- Dan had managed or owned Harland's Tire and Auto Center (in beautiful downtown Owatonna) for over forty years.
- Dan has served on the Owatonna Park & Recreation Board, the Owatonna Planning Commission and on the Trinity Lutheran Church personnel committee. Dan has coached many Owatonna youth athletic teams. Currently, Dan proudly serves on the Owatonna City Council.
- During retirement Dan worked as an Educational Assistant at Owatonna High School. Dan enjoys golf, the outdoors, OHS athletics and watching his grandchildren's activities.
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- Peng Olson is a 30-year Owatonna resident. As the Community Relations Manager for Federated Insurance, she is responsible for administering corporate giving, employee volunteerism, and advancing corporate goals through business and community relationships. She holds graduate and undergraduate degrees in Leadership and Organizational Management and Business Administration. Her career began with Federated in 1993 and she has held various positions, all while serving as a champion of civic leadership and volunteerism.
- An active volunteer in the Owatonna community, Peng currently serves on the boards for the Owatonna Foundation and the Alliance for Greater Equity. She recently volunteered for 7 years with United Way of Steele County Board of Directors and continues to serve on its Community Investment Committee.
- Peng is passionate toward creating what's possible, building collective power with purpose, and fostering a greater sense of belonging. She led the grassroots fundraising and development of River Springs Water Park and initiated the community engagement "visioning" movement Owatonna Forward —

- activating citizen voices to help inform Owatonna's desired future. She guided citizen advocacy initiatives to help pass two separate public-school referendums, helped architect Jumpstart Owatonna – small business pandemic support, and is currently collaborating to implement an online community engagement platform - Engage Owatonna.
- Peng is married to her husband Bob, a mom of three, and (2) West Highland white terriers. She enjoys spending time with her adult children, the adventure of domestic and international travel, digging into her Amerasian ethnicity, and 70s & 80s music. She's also a foodie and enjoys theatre and sporting events.

Nathan Dotson (incumbent)



- I am the current council member proudly representing the 1st ward in Owatonna. My wife Joan and I have been married for 15 years and we have 2 boys currently in elementary and middle school.
- I have been an almost lifelong resident of the Owatonna area. I graduated from OHS in 1999 and attended Mankato State University prior to taking over the family business; Dotson Woodworking, which I have owned and operated since 2004.
- I have been on the Owatonna City Council since 2010. In that capacity I have served on the EDA, Highway 14 coalition, OABDC board and am currently serving on the HRA and Rice & Steele Joint Powers Board.
- I have also served on the public policy committee and board of directors at the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce where I

Seth Madole



- A 19-year Owatonna resident who has lived, worked, and raised a family in this great community.
- Seth has been involved in numerous community activities and efforts over these 19 years including, BBBS, President of OBA, President of HFC, Jumpstart Owatonna, Owatonna Forward, and others.
- Seth places priority on safety and security, quality of life, fiscal responsibility, and community engagement.

Brent Svenby (incumbent)



- Local Government Experience/Community
 Involvement: First elected to the Owatonna
 City Council in 2005 and have proudly served
 the residents of Owatonna since 2006. In
 addition, I serve on the Steele County Free Fair
 board as a director, at Trinity Lutheran Church
 and on the From The Heart committee for the
 past 14 years providing financial support to
 local families on their journey with cancer.
- Occupation: Senior Administrative Analyst for the City of Rochester within the Community Development Department. I am the administrator for the Community Development Block Grant program for the City of Rochester and serve on a team overseeing the city's policies on incentives for tax increment financing. Prior to my current position with the City of Rochester, I worked as a planner for Rochester-Olmsted County Planning Department for over 17 years.
- Education: Bachelor's degree in geography from Mankato State University and a master's degree in urban planning from Minnesota State University – Mankato.
- Family: Wife -Beth and 4 adult children

Molly Kerr



- Molly Kerr earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Music Industry with a minor in marketing from Minnesota State University, Mankato. She was employed with Ticketmaster as an Event Support Specialist for 11 years, before her family relocated to Owatonna in 2017. Molly currently serves as the Marketing and Membership Coordinator at Foremost Brewing Cooperative in downtown Owatonna.
- Over the last 5 years, Molly and her husband, Jason, have planted roots & made Owatonna their home to work and raise their daughter, Bernadette (6). From the beginning, she has been involved in a variety of local organizations: Owatonna Forward steward, MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), and volunteering for community charity fundraisers. This includes Chubs Brew-BQ, Alliance for Greater Equity Food and Brew Festival and Hops for Habitat.
- Molly was active with the ideation, development, and implementation of Foremost Brewing Cooperative. With a focus on the Owatonna community and the revitalization of downtown, Foremost has become an active and growing community asset.
- In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors with her family and fostering dogs through Pet Haven Inc. of Minnesota.