

City of Robins Community Survey Analysis

Total # of Surveys Distributed 1135
Total # of Usable Surveys 499 499
Percent Response 44.00%

Question #1 Rank your top three issues in the order of importance you would place upon them being accomplished by the city. Use a "1" to indicate the most important issue, a "2" for the second and 3 for the third.

Item	1	2	3	Total	Ranking*
Maintain small town atmosphere	117	51	50	218	503
Maintain and improve local streets	78	78	59	215	449
Attract new business (economic development)	85	76	35	196	442
Increase recreational opportunities (youth programs, splash pad, tennis courts, etc.)	27	50	62	139	243
Plan for future growth in appropriate areas	34	42	51	127	237
Focus on citizen safety (police and fire)	26	36	45	107	195
Correct storm drainage issues	31	27	34	92	181
Improve appearance of community	22	37	36	95	176
Develop multi-purpose bike and pedestrian trails	26	31	27	84	167
Extend water and sewer to remaining city residents	13	25	21	59	110
Make Dry Creek a feature of the community (fishing, trails, etc.)	10	13	25	48	81
Increase housing opportunities	3	5	13	21	32

* 3 points for a "1" ranking, 2 points for a "2" ranking and 1 point for a "3" ranking

The following were comments on question #1:

- 1) Need to fill Robins Square with businesses
- 2) Make sure our water and sewer capacity is sufficient to support our growth (from Cedar Rapids)
- 3) This town needs restaurant(s) and/or any type of bar and grill
- 4) Horse trails
- 5) Improve Main street - sidewalks and trees
- 6) Personally, I'd like to see more trails, Dry Creek to be a feature + recreational activities for tweens. Not the most important on the list but appealing to me.
- 7) Plan for future growth in appropriate areas: maintain separation between residential and business development - don't want to end up like center point
- 8) My family and I have always liked the small town feel of Robins and would like it to stay. The trail system and newer parks sets us apart from other communities and I would like that to keep improving.
- 9) All streets should be cement and have sidewalks.
- 10) Maintaining and improving local streets should be a standard must do for a city
- 11) I think we should require more areas to have sidewalks. In addition, I think we should focus on having the sidewalk extended all the way from minter to the East Knoll park to provide easier/safer access to families headed to the park.
- 12) Keep Robins mostly a bedroom community. CR is close for people to go for entertainment, shopping, etc.
- 13) Golf course. Trails accessible to residents west of Robins road
- 14) This community NEEDS a eatery/bar/restaurant establishment!!
- 15) Keep low income housing developments out of our community!!
- 16) The mess on S. Mentzer south of the cemetery needs repaved. It is not an attractive, welcoming entry to our town.
- 17) Robins needs to have more pride in its gateway! South gateway looks very junky! I feel the city employees need to be more aggressive to surrounding businesses about their appearance and clean-up!
- 18) [splash pad] no
- 19) Better street lane markings. Reflector on pale that is close to road in front of community building
- 20) Make sure infrastructure issues are addressed before moving on to growth issues
- 21) Robins has the old fashioned, small town feel, that's why people want to live here. People want big city move into Cedar Rapids!
- 22) As a new resident, it is difficult to understand some of these issues. For instance, I am not familiar with the drainage issues and therefore, I may be underestimating the importance of this issue. What I can say for certain is that we are disappointed by the lack of business, and therefore, economic activity in this community. We don't like having to drive to CR for groceries or even fast food. It would be much better for Robins if this money was spent here. Main Street? What Main Street? A gas station and a bank? Kind of sad. We need commercial business!! Also, if there are people without water/sewer, this seems like a priority to me.
- 23) 1) Fix landscaping that city workers ruin - like sidewalks / surrounding grass in front of houses. 3) Build fence between Robins and CR (or reimburse those who already have fence for this).
- 24) To add features to our parks, other than baseball diamonds :-) would encourage more family use (i.e. splash pads, walking trail, tennis, bocce ball courts - which are not very expensive to create but rare, etc.) the fishing idea is awesome! We know many kids, families who would take advantage of that!
- 25) Fix Main to C Ave
- 26) I don't know why it was necessary to pave Northhaven Dr. To me it was a waste of \$\$ as well as a nuisance. There was no problem with the street as it was, no potholes, etc.

- 27) Improve local streets...would like yard carts for Robins! We pay for water, sewer, garbage...what do we do with our maturing tree branches?
- 28) It's sad to see and smell garbage burning in barrels along the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. Do people really need to park their cars on the front lawn. The city should be free of open burning. I always know I'm in Robins by the smell.
- 29) [develop bike trails] no. [make dry creek a feature] no. We have plenty of access to the nature trail and the park is NOT in need of expansion.
- 30) [extend water and sewer] NO.
- 31) #1 - we need a way to get rid of our yard waste (one that doesn't cost \$1.00 a bag). Cedar Rapids has free yard waste removal. Something like their yardies would be nice.
- 32) Police should have at least 1-2 full time officers and part time to fill gaps
- 33) [improve local streets] and sidewalks
- 34) Coffee shop / café / boutiques, etc. Small town feeling though.
- 35) Attract business to support the property tax base and keep residential property tax at a minimum.
- 36) please expand the number of hours for our police department to control speeding on our park streets.
- 37) We need to expand the tax base and afford the private sector the opportunity to enhance the look of our community through controlled development. Main Street is much better but more improvement needed - likely through condemnation.
- 38) #3 Keep North Center Point Rd free of ice and snow in the winter. It is poorly maintained and often unpassable and dangerous.
- 39) Nice idea for a survey - better than the one you put in the paper. We would LOVE a splash pad! We have TONS of kids in Robins!
- 40) Robins is a great place to live and raise a family! Need to focus on speeding traffic! People drive too fast!
- 41) Keep Robins a nice small town.
- 42) #1 Sidewalks. (cement sidewalks in all additions)
- 43) Continue sidewalks on west of the bike trail.
- 44) Would like to see a sidewalk on Main Street from the bike trail towards Center Point Rd.
- 45) Not sure
- 46) new business = restaurant
- 47) [attract new business] increase tax base and other issues will benefit
- 48) Splash pad would emphasize the family-friendly Robins
- 49) It's a delicate balance, wanting new business but not the traffic and congestion that goes with it. We love the small town atmosphere, with the advantages of what a bigger city has to offer close by.
- 50) Instead of a splash pad, how about a city pool. Instead of 2 additional baseball fields, you could put in a pool.
- 51) Love the improvements that have been made such as street lights, trees, curb and gutter on Main Street. We think it attracts people to the community when things are made beautiful and well maintained (and updated).
- 52) [maintain small town atmosphere] VERY important. Robins is an amazing small town. We don't require growth. I'm sure residents would pay higher taxes to retain this. Growth is for capitalistic ideals.
- 53) I live on the corner of Oak St and Landau St. approximately 1 car in 8 actually stops for the stop sign. Many drivers go through the stop sign at 10-15 mph. Also, this north/south portion of Landau St. has cars going 35-45 mph mostly in the afternoon. I am not concerned about myself as my children have grown and moved, but I would hate to see one of the neighborhood children get injured or killed by the reckless driving of the ones ignoring the speed limit.
- 54) Would like to see a pool like Bowman Woods - owned by residents (depending on cost of [unintelligible] membership and used for social gatherings for Robins residents. Not crazy about many new businesses, though a few including a small restaurant would be a nice addition.
- 55) I frankly like Robins as it is.
- 56) [correct storm drainage issues] Ditches yes. Curb and gutter no. [extend water and sewer] if requested or if health issues occur. [citizen safety] Currently seems appropriate.
- 57) would love to have a place to eat in town. Loved the summer camp that was at the park last year.
- 58) [attract new business] restaurant, coffee shop
- 59) Speed limits should be enforced more vigorously, especially in residential areas. In order to plan effectively, Robins must establish its identity and values.
- 60) [plan for future growth] This determines all of the others. Streets, storm drainage, recreation. Follow #1
- 61) We moved to Robins because of the sense of community, the safe environment and low traffic volume. We want it to stay this way. Although we feel the area could be enhanced by bringing in the right business.
- 62) When driving though Hiawatha and North Liberty, we are struck by the attractive appearance. Ponds, trails and bridges make the areas inviting. North Liberty is especially attractive. We must carefully blend the established areas with new developer
- 63) Police and fire should be always @ population need so as Robins [unintelligible] taxes to support these should be as com. needed right?
- 64) Focus on Tower Terrace expansion. Retail / restaurants will follow Tower Terrace.
- 65) Finish Main Street and don't wait several years. It is pitiful that the opinion people get of Robins is "unfinished business."
- 66) Remove junk in yards. Industrial business: County Home Road. Restaurant: Main Street and County Home Road. Street lights - all along Main Street. Main Street / County Home Road - only way to get from one side of Robins to the other. Branch library - from CR, Marion or Hiawatha.
- 67) Although CR amenities are not far away, it would be very nice to have more options here in Robins.
- 68) Small town atmosphere is a great thing to have and we have it here in Robins.
- 69) Taking care of streets and services should come first. Other things as there are funds.
- 70) Doing a GREAT job on the streets.
- 71) Attract several professional businesses to complete city square build-out
- 72) East Main Street from Mentzer west to the railroad tracks should be updated to support increased traffic on Main Street ASAP.
- 73) Although, a sidewalk from trail to Evergreen Estates rates way up on my list.
- 74) Keep housing property taxes from increasing.
- 75) Clean up current [unintelligible] along Main and Oak where [unintelligible] new streets and landscaping is a mess
- 76) No more bike trails.

- 77) I would like to see the civic club build and [unintelligible] a small [unintelligible] type by the bike trail and raise money for [unintelligible] projects.
- 78) reduce Robins to one school district
- 79) A coffee shop (e.g. Starbucks, Caribou) would be nice.
- 80) Keep Robins the "bedroom" city it always has been
- 81) Need to diversify tax base
- 82) [develop new trails] center Point Rd to the trail on Main Street.
- 83) Since Robins has grown so much in the past few years, I feel we need more "man power" in the citizen safety area.
- 84) Provide an easy access to Cedar Valley Nature Trail off of Woodland Dr. to encourage a safe usage of the trail by those on the west side of the trail. Should have happened with T&K estates!
- 85) Let's make what we have even better! Strive to keep taxes in check. "Spend within our means." Growth of tax base should not be our goal, as is Cedar Rapids.
- 86) Would like to see Main Street continuous with lights, sidewalks from C Ave to Center Point Rd - also walking trails to path from close neighborhoods.
- 87) It would be wonderful to have a family style restaurant (not the gas station) where we can go - like towns smaller than ours have. We seniors need that!
- 88) When we get a heavy rain the water comes up to our deck filling the back yard because of poor drainage from the field behind us. We currently have no curbs or storm sewer on our street.
- 89) Need for bike trail and sidewalks on west side Main Street. There's a lot of traffic at Robins Road and the [unintelligible] on West Main east of Quass is dangerous with blind spots and sun glare. Someone is going to get hurt/killed if not addressed.
- 90) The only way to keep Robins ahead of CR - Marion is to keep it safe. Riff-raff won't come here if we have a big police presence and no tolerance.
- 91) A lot of cars speed along Main Street as well as Mentzer Rd.
- 92) Put a ban on burn barrels. Have a branch pick up. People that have fire pits and burn garbage in them fine.
- 93) I would [want?] the trails to connect to parks so we don't have to ride on busy streets to get there.

Question #2 Rank your bottom three issues in the order of least importance you would place upon them being accomplished by the city. Use a "1" to indicate the least important issue, a "2" for the second and 3 for the third.

Item	1	2	3	Total	Ranking*
Increase housing opportunities	109	81	75	265	564
Make Dry Creek a feature of the community (fishing, trails, etc.)	96	67	50	213	472
Develop multi-purpose bike and pedestrian trails	59	49	47	155	322
Extend water and sewer to remaining city residents	49	55	43	147	300
Attract new business (economic development)	47	40	32	119	253
Increase recreational opportunities (youth programs, splash pad, tennis courts, etc.)	23	54	51	128	228
Maintain small town atmosphere	32	36	28	96	196
Correct storm drainage issues	18	21	22	61	118
Improve appearance of community	11	19	27	57	98
Plan for future growth in appropriate areas	10	17	33	60	97
Focus on citizen safety (police and fire)	7	15	23	45	74
Maintain and improve local streets	6	4	10	20	36

* 3 points for a "1" ranking, 2 points for a "2" ranking and 1 point for a "3" ranking

The following were comments on question #2:

- 1) Housing is fine!!! NO LOW INCOME HOUSING!!
- 2) Don't know current [storm drainage] issues
- 3) [Appearance] already looks great!
- 4) I think the appearance is already at a high standard.
- 5) Don't think we need business development - like small town residential feel currently have
- 6) We have commercial development filling in on all sides of Robins which makes shopping and services convenient. I feel Robins should stay focused on the quality of living it has to offer.
- 7) I lived in a town where most people wanted to keep the "small town atmosphere" to the detriment of growth. Economically a town must grow to survive.
- 8) We are on a community well w/ our own septic tank and this works well for us. We don't want a water bill! There are plenty of recreational opportunities in nearby communities.
- 9) If basic infrastructure issues are dealt with early, you won't have to go back and address them later w/ the possibility of higher costs
- 10) How bad is [storm drainage issues] currently? Not enough info to know how serious this problem is. How many are without [water and sewer] services?
- 11) The CR "metro" is expanding and based on our search for a home, it is expanding north more than any other direction. Although the small town feel is nice and has its appeal, we must embrace the growth and seize the opportunity to bring business and economic activity to the city of Robins. This is a great revenue opportunity for the city. The metro will expand with or without Robins' help. Why not be the solution and encourage business to expand here.
- 12) We feel you've done an awesome job improving the appearance of Robins with the new bridge and street lamps on Main Street. What else is there?
- 13) [increase housing opportunities] Low income?
- 14) personally, I don't want any new business or housing, either lower as re: the new area off of minter (east), or new, exclusive high income residences.
- 15) This is a trick question. You have my answer in the question #1

- 16) There seems to be plenty of houses for sale. Why should the city line the pockets of developers? Robins Square is not filled in with businesses as promised. Another abuse of a TIF district.
- 17) Stick to doing infrastructure
- 18) [appearance] already looks good
- 19) [extend water and sewer] Don't do this. [police and fire] This is fine now.
- 20) Don't need to add businesses
- 21) [storm drainage issues] Not enough information - e.g. is there a drainage issue?
- 22) Streets are outstanding - can back off improvements, except would like to see widening and installing sidewalk on [unintelligible] between East Robins Rd and Landau.
- 23) Housing is fine - we need business, retail, services, jobs.
- 24) Safety - very good now
- 25) [extend water and sewer] NO THANKS!!! This was a difficult exercise as I feel all issues are important. The one I feel most strongly as least important as extending water and sewer. I live on a well and have a septic. and I prefer to remain this way!
- 26) Not sure
- 27) [maintain small town atmosphere; improve appearance of community; extend water and sewer; make dry creek a feature; increase housing opportunities] These issues aren't essential for government
- 28) maintain streets] for the most part they are in great shape. My kids would welcome a splash pad at E Knoll park, but would it benefit Robins citizens or surrounding people more? We like it quiet for the most part but, if it benefits the majority of Robins, we are all for it.
- 29) Appearance of community is already great. That's why [ranked] so low.
- 30) It's all important, but we personally would like to see Robins remain a "bedroom" community. Although we do believe in supporting local business.
- 31) [improve appearance of community] don't need it.
- 32) I believe all the areas are important. I don't think that there is an area that is not important!
- 33) City has already been doing a great job of improving appearance of community - bridge, lighting, trees, sidewalks on major roads, fixing streets. Need to get Sattler area on S Mentzer cleaned up, mowed, etc. Still looks like crap.
- 34) Parks and ball diamonds good. Soccer fields at Tuma. More opportunities nearby. More rec would necessitate supervision.
- 35) Growth for growth's sake should NOT be a goal of this community.
- 36) [extend water and sewer] Have they asked for it? [increase housing opportunities] Keep it single and double family homes. No trailer courts, no apartments. [increase recreation opportunities] Public parks are expensive and under used and attract trouble.
- 37) We would prefer NOT to see a splash pad at E Knoll park. It will be expensive and bring non-residents to the area while not generating additional revenue.
- 38) We need more beyond a small town feel and endorse the idea of regionalism. Pursue smart growth strategies.
- 39) Get the streets done before worrying about splash pads, trails, etc.
- 40) Water and sewer is very costly. Allow neighborhoods to decide if they have adequate service. The city needs to weigh the burden to citizens.
- 41) I feel very safe and am confident of the public safety's capabilities. Although Robins is a small town, their presence brings appreciated reassurance.
- 42) [appearance of community] Already looks great!
- 43) Please, no apartment buildings
- 44) Dry Creek is dry. Dry about 3 months out of the year.
- 45) Keep property taxes from increasing.
- 46) No more bike trails.
- 47) I don't know the details of the extension [of water and sewer] services so it is not important to me. Everything else is expected of the city.
- 48) Reduce the high properties [taxes?] of the residents that live in the Linn Mar school district (rezone us out of the Linn Mar district)
- 49) Tennis courts rarely get used and are often vandalized.
- 50) [citizen safety] already handled.
- 51) I think that the trails and recreational activities ARE important. But you are so close to Cedar Rapids rec. activities and the bike trail is great...unless you want to develop more sidewalks that access you to the trails.
- 52) This was difficult to choose! All of these would be a boon to our community!
- 53) Feel the police and fire do a good job now. There is enough things for the kids now. Splash pads hardly get used in CR.
- 54) Police and fire coverage, although very important to maintain, appear very adequate at this time.
- 55) If you improve the appearance and recreational opportunities, these will naturally occur.
- 56) I want Robins to remain small and homey.
- 57) Roads are in great shape now; Have developers help pay for future expansion [of water and sewer]; Land use map appears to be well thought out.
- 58) Why spend money on cops. All they can do is run radar and saet belt check. If something serious happens, they tell you nothing will happen. Probably better to outsource to Linn Co Sheriff instead of paying officers to ride around and waste gas.

Question #3 **Currently, Cedar Rapi**

	Number	Percentage
Yes	154	31.88%
No	329	68.12%
Total	483	

The following were comments on question #3:

- 1) IF I wanted more recreational, safety services or infrastructure I would have bought housing in another city.
- 2) We have rebuilt two parks, main street east and west, the fire station/city hall/ police department with the levy we have now. Leave it alone. That is one reason people like it here. Taxes have gone up every year we have lived here already. Don't make it worse.
- 3) Robins appears to be making updates, new services w/o upping its tax %. If property taxes had increased only with inflation the past few years instead of increasing greatly, the answer would more likely swing to yes.
- 4) Robins has made many improvements over the last few years. Why would we need increased taxes?
- 5) Yes for safety, not recreational opportunities
- 6) We moved here for the LOWER property taxes.
- 7) Yes, but only to the extent where my home value improves and personal convenience is improved
- 8) A limited increase. Less than 10%
- 9) You need to control taxes and work within your means like everyone else (private).
- 10) NO, NO, NO. We already have Obama taxing us to death
- 11) Increase a little. Not as high as neighboring communities if possible.
- 12) feel taxes are appropriate for current level of services provided
- 13) I won't agree to a tax increase without a solid plan for the future and strong leadership. [unintelligible] a surplus of money to something before it is needed creates big government and wasteful spending. Cedar Rapids is an example and the people voted no.
- 14) Yes, 1% increase
- 15) There might be other ways to pay than a property tax
- 16) Yes, but ONLY if there is a voluntary committee willing to oversee projects - if a tax is levied for a certain project that is where the funds should go.
- 17) [yes] Not more than 1%
- 18) How would tax be paid? Once per year? Twice per year?
- 19) As long as the additional revenue was spent on things all citizens used.
- 20) A slight increase - say 10% would seem fair
- 21) Not more than 10%
- 22) [yes] but not a 7% increase! 9% would be plenty.
- 23) The low property tax, along with the quiet residential community is why I moved to Robins.
- 24) save our money for the huge expense of the tower terrace project.
- 25) [yes] but not much of an increase. Max residential tax levy of 10%.
- 26) One of the reasons we like Robins so much is the lower property taxes. There are plenty of recreational opportunities in nearby communities that Robins residents can participate in.
- 27) Would need specifics / details
- 28) I would support increased taxes if there was also commercial development. I spend all of my money in other cities b/c Robins has no amenities.
- 29) No more than a 2% raise depending on bond costs and the availability of improvement grants. Money is cheap now, take advantage of it.
- 30) Although we physically reside in Robins (wildflower subdivision), we have a Cedar Rapids mailing address and pay CR taxes (unsure about this). Either way, my property taxes are very high already (just went up another \$154 this year). I moved here from Missouri. It's ridiculous what we have to pay for property taxes in Iowa.
- 31) Yes if it were for safety services and infrastructure improvements
- 32) No, we don't want to pay more in taxes. Many people in Robins have more square footage that we are paying for compared with some of the other cities. Build more house so we have a larger tax base.
- 33) [yes] as long as Robins doesn't become commercialized.
- 34) Having moved here from Denver, I am dumbfounded by how expensive property taxes are in this state. We are paying twice as much here. I do not wish to pay more.
- 35) If we could still keep it a little lower than everyone else, our low taxes would continue to look appealing to new families. But the extras would be an added benefit!
- 36) We bought home in Robins to get away from high taxes (CR)
- 37) [yes] within reason, primarily for roads
- 38) up to 10%.
- 39) No more than 2%
- 40) Moderate increase of 1%
- 41) Depending on how the money were to be used
- 42) [yes] for infrastructure improvements
- 43) [yes] an additional 2%
- 44) [no] Tough enough economic times!
- 45) Tax increase would be difficult for us on our current income.
- 46) [yes] 10% maximum
- 47) If you leave out recreational opportunities, there will be plenty for safety and infrastructure
- 48) [yes] Safety and infrastructure improvements only
- 49) [yes] only if you spend it on things I like :-)

- 50) I'm not sure. I would need a detailed plan of what the money would be used for exactly.
- 51) [yes] please try to keep Robins as the lowest taxed community
- 52) ?
- 53) [no] One of the big reasons we chose Robins was the low taxes.
- 54) We're satisfied with the way things are & don't feel raising taxes will improve things enough to justify the cost.
- 55) Yes, but only if Linn Mar School district taxes are reduced.
- 56) [no] what infrastructure improvements are you referring to?
- 57) Slight increase ok, but lower taxes attracted us to the town.
- 58) [yes] infrastructure only
- 59) The lower taxes were a major draw for us to move to Robins. I think home values would decrease if taxes were increased.
- 60) [yes] Only if infrastructure improvements were the number 1 priority.
- 61) [no] My property tax already went up 30% when I was involuntarily annexed into Robins with no benefits.
- 62) Safety yes, the others no.
- 63) [yes] As long as there are visible improvements and levy stays well below other cities.
- 64) A small increase. Strive to keep low so we get more people to move here.
- 65) No! \$4,754 is high enough for an assessed value of \$290,614. So by CR rates, it would come close to doubling! I would move away.
- 66) [yes] Only a couple percent more, not Marion / CR levels.
- 67) [no] not considering our current economics
- 68) [yes] but only 1% increase
- 69) [yes] Please stay below the other 3 cities. This is a selling point for people to move to Robins.
- 70) [yes] Fire has enough [unintelligible]. Taxes should increase slowly 1-2%.
- 71) [no] lower levy is part of reason for moving to Robins.
- 72) Property taxes continue to go up and it's a struggle to pay additional taxes
- 73) Many choose Robins to build our houses due to lower tax rate. Keep it low. Growth for growth's sake is not good.
- 74) [no] New businesses can help by paying taxes.
- 75) Hell no!!
- 76) [yes] but don't raise it to same level as those communities. Maybe 10% would be ok.
- 77) Our taxes are outrageous enough!!!
- 78) I would support increased commercial property taxes not residential
- 79) [no] Maybe a little more but our taxes are high
- 80) Any votes related to increased taxes will get a NO from us
- 81) Increase the tax base first from business development
- 82) [yes] Only to 9.5%, not more than 10%. That is why we purchased a home in Robins.
- 83) No more. That's one reason we chose to live in Robins.
- 84) [yes] extended hours for Robins police department.
- 85) [yes] 12% max
- 86) The local option sales tax should be sufficient.
- 87) Taxed enough already!
- 88) [yes] within reason. If business development drives need for more services, then they should pay for it. No free rides for business at homeowners expense.
- 89) [no] on fixed income
- 90) Taxes (or the lack thereof) is a major selling point to current and future residents.
- 91) A slight increase.
- 92) Not at this time due to current economic situation of this country.
- 93) [no] Please don't tax all of us for tennis courts, etc. that are only in the "wealthy neighborhood" park.
- 94) [no] Like the low taxes. Keep it that way!
- 95) [no] KEEP TAX LOW
- 96) [no] We have a small town. We want to keep it.
- 97) [no] Property values have went down our property tax should too!
- 98) [no] Robins should grasp this opportunity by showing that our town is a nice place to live, has good roads, a trail along its length and can still be fiscally sound without raising taxes. The mayor and city council have been doing excellent, why ruin a good thing?
- 99) If people wanted more services, they should not have moved here in the first place. Robins should be a quiet suburb - not a big city!
- 100) [no] low taxes foster growth and development
- 101) [no] Once it's raised it will never come down and money will be misused!! Instead, draw in more people and have them spend money here in Robins, via housing, business, rec!

- 102) [no] Having a low residential tax was one of the reasons that brought us to Robins. Keep it as low as possible, without sacrificing the quality of life in Robins.
- 103) [no] depends on what the additional taxes will be used for.
- 104) [no] We really are fine as we are.
- 105) Our taxes have increased \$800 in the last 14 years. That is enough! Part of the reason we moved here was lower taxes.
- 106) One of the reasons we chose to live in Robins is the lower tax. Question? Do we need more money for safety services and what infrastructure improvements need to be made?
- 107) [yes] We do not need to push for growth and end up like North Liberty.
- 108) [no] I moved to Robins from Marion to escape the high taxes
- 109) [no] part of the reason we like Robins is the lower taxes. I pay \$5,200 a year. That's enough in total taxes to live somewhere!
- 110) [no] Taxes are high enough.
- 111) [yes] Only slightly. Don't want to pay 15% - that's why I don't live in those communities.
- 112) [no] the reason we bought here is the low taxes. Don't change it!
- 113) [no] of course I don't want to part with more of my money during these difficult times. Any tax increase should be modest.
- 114) [yes] Marion level
- 115) [no] See Tower Terrace answer in number 1 [Focus on Tower Terrace expansion. Retail / restaurants will follow Tower Terrace] I would prefer to grow and expand tax base first. I think it's very important to be known as low tax.
- 116) Only for streets, police and fire. Not recreational opportunities.
- 117) [no] recreational
- 118) [no] given the economy and already present concern on tax rates, this is not the time to discuss tax increases.
- 119) [yes] I don't mind small tax increases as long as the funds are appropriated as intended.
- 120) [yes] As long as the increase isn't too much at a time or too high.
- 121) [yes] No greater than 2% increase.
- 122) [no] I can't even imagine paying higher property taxes than I am now.
- 123) [yes] But the communities of CR and Hiawatha are much closer to conveniences we do not have - therefore we must spend extra money in gas to reach those services so our taxes should be lower for this reason.
- 124) Keep housing taxes on property from increasing.
- 125) [yes] 3-5% no more please.
- 126) [no] unless specified what exactly these services are.
- 127) [no] This is one of the reasons we moved to Robins instead of closer to CR.
- 128) [no] One of the reasons I chose to live in Robins was the lower property tax.
- 129) [yes] public vote and / or participation in the process would be a prerequisite.
- 130) [no] I believe this revenue can be generated by expansion of economic development, creativity, and strategically,
- 131) [no] Taxes are currently too high because of the Linn mar School District.
- 132) [no] We moved to Robins to enjoy lower taxes.
- 133) [no] There again, Robins is a small "bedroom" type city.
- 134) [yes] but no more than 1.5%
- 135) [yes] Small tax increase would be ok. The increase would be more acceptable if the increase was specifically targeted to a project.
- 136) Yes to safety and infrastructure
- 137) [no] I do not believe we need to compare our town to surrounding communities. Just do what we want.
- 138) [yes] However, we are not the size of the other communities so would hope for a much smaller increase to maybe 10%
- 139) [yes] only if managed well and kept to a minimum.
- 140) [yes] Not too much. Lower taxes drew us to Robins.
- 141) [yes] trails and a splash pad
- 142) I believe fire department is so much better than the ones that cover more area. They don't need more money. How many parks do you need?
- 143) [no] I believe our improvement and maintainance rate has been managed well. No more than a 1 to 2% residential tax levy increase - ever!
- 144) [yes] However, I'd prefer to try and budget the existing amount - cutting excess before increasing taxes.
- 145) Yes, provided that we get city water and storm sewer.
- 146) [yes] property tax can be increased slowly over an extended period (15 - 20 years) to meet the levels of our neighbors. Increase housing and commercial development to build your base bigger.
- 147) [no] We are taxed enough! Not to mention those of us in Linn Mar are getting taxed to death!
- 148) [no] We live here partially because of lower taxes. Please don't raise them!!
- 149) [yes] As long as we have the opportunity to vote on the increase and what it will be used for.

Question #4 **How significant an issue is each of the following ("X" one response for each issue)**

Problem	Very Significant	Significant	Not significant	# of respondents per issue
Price of housing	102	213	158	473
Housing availability	24	153	293	470
Storm water flooding	117	230	124	471
Lack of sidewalks	80	184	214	478
Location of new development	111	212	149	472
Street maintenance	176	270	34	480
General appearance of residential areas	150	252	69	471
General appearance of commercial areas	115	265	85	465
Lack of a connecting trail system	69	133	275	477
Rising property taxes	289	155	42	486
Development of existing commercial areas	112	220	148	480

Percentages

Very Significant	Significant	Not significant
21.60%	45.00%	33.40%
5.10%	32.60%	62.30%
24.58%	48.80%	26.30%
16.70%	38.50%	44.80%
23.50%	44.90%	31.60%
36.70%	56.30%	7.10%
31.80%	53.50%	14.60%
24.70%	57.00%	18.30%
14.50%	27.90%	57.70%
59.50%	31.90%	8.60%
23.30%	45.80%	30.80%

The following were comments on question #4:

- 1) NO to rising property taxes
- 2) We do NOT want increased property taxes
- 3) No interest in sidewalks
- 4) I wouldn't want to see a great deal of commercial development in Robins
- 5) There is a trail right through town, how many do we need?
- 6) [storm water flooding not significant] in our neighborhood.
- 7) Government
- 8) Take it slow and steady. Good residents improve the community by investing and improving their property. The city should support this - not replace it.
- 9) Our property tax statement showed up the same day we received this survey. Reinforced the fact that we don't want to pay more property taxes. We need to promote and develop more commercial and residential areas.
- 10) We don't want [rising property taxes]
- 11) I am not aware if other areas are affected by storm water flooding; if so then it's an issue that needs attention. There is an existing trail system, so what's this [lack of a connecting trail system] about? What is needed is access to mass transit. although that's not a popular idea in Iowa. I would happily hop on a bus for an appt. downtown or to visit both east and west side shopping areas and/or restaurants or grocery areas. Or, for students to use to and from school. I don't have children though so don't really know how accessible transportation to and from school is i.e. school bus. No unnecessary paving.
- 12) This is very vague. [housing availability] for who or what? [location of new development] what kind of development? No low income housing. Keep small town feel.
- 13) Old parts of town connecting to new parts of town need sidewalks! Ex. (Charlotte Ave). Re-did road, but there are no sidewalks and 1 streetlight!? DARK STREET.
- 14) The reason we moved here was small town feel. Quit trying to be Hiawatha or CR.
- 15) Get businesses in to help fund the things we want
- 16) [lack of sidewalks] E Knoll Road
- 17) People don't use existing sidewalks. Don't need higher taxes to get all the "I wants."
- 18) (2 1/2 acres) My property on 2796 Robins Road NEEDS SEWER WHICH WAS PROMISED 11 YEARS AGO WHEN IT WAS ZONED COMMERCIAL.
- 19) Having a superior appearance for the community will draw future development and maintain property values, which is good for residents and for property taxes. Also need to plan NOW for future residential and commercial development.
- 20) It would be nice to see back yard junk and trash piles cleaned up especially visible on corner or high traffic areas.
- 21) [lack of sidewalks] especially leading to bike trails
- 22) I'm not sure I understand the "lack of a connecting trail system". I assume you mean the fact that there are no sidewalks/bike paths that lead to the trail.
- 23) One of the main reasons I moved to Robins was because taxes were lower than Marion and cedar Rapids and utilities were less.
- 24) [rising property taxes] lower would be nice.
- 25) The town should not spend money to attract business, but let the business people make the decisions for themselves.
- 26) It would be nice to see Robins as the example of what a town with low property taxes can do.
- 27) Let market dictate development. [rising property taxes] don't. [development of existing commercial areas] main focus of government! Make PRIVATE enterprise SUCCESSFUL
- 28) low property tax rates draw people in!!
- 29) We live in a new area, so a lot of the street / appearance questions don't really apply to us. Taxes and commercial development are a significant issue.
- 30) [connecting trail system] Don't we already connect?
- 31) [develop existing commercial areas] Leave Robins a small town.
- 32) [lack of sidewalks] certain areas
- 33) We bought here for low taxes. If I had wanted the wasteful govt. spending in CR, I would have bought there.
- 34) We would like to see improvements made that will preserve the small town community while expanding the economic potential that could provide additional revenue for the city and amenities for its residents.

- 35) Street maintenance is excellent. Please no low cost housing. There are opportunities in surrounding areas that meet the needs. Pockets of commercial development are an eye-sore. Establish a commercial district and use only that area. Robins is geographically small enough that we don't need a convenient store in every quadrant.
- 36) Hiawatha has done an exceptional job for commercial development.
- 37) Rather than discuss tax increases, city should concentrate on commercial development.
- 38) The trail connects very nicely with downtown and northern trail rides to Center Point.
- 39) Need to be more [unintelligible] [unintelligible] who does work - quality along Main is terrible for landscaping. All weeds. Hold contractor to higher standard.
- 40) west of nature trail sidewalks trails need a restaurant or coffee shop near / in Robins Square for homey atmosphere.
- 41) Bicycle trail connecting various sections of town is most important. Urban cross section of streets...Main, Quass, Troy
- 42) We are looking forward to the Tower Terrace project being completed through Robins so that we can walk (on sidewalks) all the way to the shops at Boyson and C Ave. Through the neighborhoods south of Westfield school.
- 43) [developing commercial areas] Helps keep residential property taxes low
- 44) With all the trails in the area most bikers are still on the highway. Trails not important.
- 45) [lack of sidewalks] only if a true safety issue. Limit new development and do not compromise on allowing small lots.
- 46) People park RVs in yard / driveways. Looks tacky.
- 47) All of Main Street needs wither bike paths or sidewalks. We love the small town feel and don't want to lose that.

Question #5 In general, how restrictive or permissive do you believe the city's approach is toward controlling growth and development? ("X" one response)

City's Approach	Ranking	Percentage
Balanced	188	38.70%
Don't know / No Opinion	158	32.50%
Restrictive	62	12.80%
Permissive	35	7.20%
Very Restrictive	32	6.70%
Very Permissive	11	2.20%
Total votes	486	

The following were comments on question #5:

- 1) Who has knowledge or expertise to make decisions on the board now?
- 2) Very restrictive. Keep it that way.
- 3) I feel Robins stays balanced and progressive in its development. We have a great mix of housing, newer parks, updates to main street. I feel we are moving at a well managed pace.
- 4) At this point I believe the city is doing a good job! I would hate to see the city focus on attracting more commercial / industrial properties. Let Hiawatha do that!
- 5) Haven't had any experience with building in Robins
- 6) There's no commercial growth!
- 7) Give and take. If the community looks progressive and responsible, the natural flow of development will take place.
- 8) It would be good to have a hair cutting / styling business or two. We need a restaurant / bar. More business and growth.
- 9) Haven't been here long enough to know. However, I love this survey and how the city is getting residents involved. That is new for us.
- 10) Decent residential growth. No industrial / commercial. Need to model Hiawatha on Boson Rd to attract restaurants / office buildings.
- 11) I don't know of specific decisions - however, the lack of new growth / development commercially is interesting.
- 12) Mr. Woods was going to put in 1 - 4 condos. He now has almost more condos than single family homes. Robins was going to stay large lots, single family homes. Didn't happen.
- 13) [restrictive] This is the perception that Robins does not want commercial property.
- 14) [very restrictive] depending on your neighbor!
- 15) Please look at the problem of cars, trucks, etc. parked in yards & junk outside of private homes.
- 16) I'm not sure. I think P&Z does okay with housing but we don't seem to want businesses in our community.
- 17) What is the city's approach? Is there a plan in place?
- 18) Good with restrictive
- 19) [very restrictive] City Council members are to blame for this!
- 20) Not informed enough to make an opinion on this question.
- 21) [don't know] Most residents are NOT developers.
- 22) Didn't care about high voltage lines going down the trail.
- 23) Seems Robins Council promotes any and all growth. What's wrong with keeping town small, simple and safe?
- 24) [very permissive] Sattler development

- 16) We have had at least 3 party's TURNED DOWN and TWO MOVED across the street to Hiawatha and 1 built garages in Hiawatha all on Robins Rd.
- 17) We need to have a well defined growth plan and to expect all commercial development to meet a higher standard even if it means giving them a short term tax break.
- 18) We need a strong plan. Within that plan we can be permissive.
- 19) City of Robins is great to deal with!
- 20) Small town feel is ideal.
- 21) Keep small town atmosphere.
- 22) I am uncertain what the city's current approach is!
- 23) Please see response to question #1. Do we really need businesses to maintain a nice town?
- 24) Let market dictate development
- 25) Honestly don't know
- 26) Commercial growth seems to be restrictive. It looks like that may be changing with the growth of Robins towards County Home Road.
- 27) Not sure of restrictions for new businesses.
- 28) I have no complaints. The key is to make sure all citizens know the plans far ahead.
- 29) We just moved here 6 months ago, so we are unaware of the city's plans.
- 30) Somewhere between Marion and North Liberty.
- 31) More concerned about growth rather than maintaining what we have
- 32) The city has set rules regarding types of business it allows.
- 33) [restrictive] It's a good thing
- 34) at times seems not to be consistent.
- 35) Don't have enough experience with the city of Robins to respond.
- 36) Growth generates life long liabilities on the city, standards and assurances should be used to minimize risk.
- 37) [very permissive] Too permissive
- 38) I am not sure, but I would like to have it between balanced and restrictive
- 39) I never hear any news about Robins commercial development. Housing development is also very scarce.
- 40) The people of Robins are the problem, not the city.

Question #6 Check *any* of the following housing types the city should encourage to develop in the future.

Housing Type	Ranking
Moderately priced single-family homes	350
High value single-family homes	264
Senior citizen housing / assisted living	168
Town homes / condominiums	101
Starter single-family homes	70
Duplex	39
Apartments	17

The following were comments on question #6:

- 1) NO APARTMENT BUILDINGS. Enough of those elsewhere. Don't need any here. Low income housing either. Bring them in and watch the crime go up!
- 2) NO starter single-family homes. NO NO NO NO NO apartments. I didn't move to Robins to have "transient" living in my neighborhood
- 3) No apartments
- 4) Don't want housing developments like what is being built by cemetery
- 5) I don't think Robins leadership should be encouraging low income housing, apartment houses or spending more money on starter homes.
- 6) No habitat for humanity!!
- 7) No to apts, town homes, condos! These tend to attract people who tend to let things get very run down
- 8) NO Habitat - too bad the entrance to Robins for a first impression is that field behind Robins cemetery
- 9) I think housing opportunities are already a strength w/o future city encouragement. City's partnership will be important.
- 10) Please do not encourage apartments or lower income housing. There is direct correlation with that and increased crime.
- 11) Keep some standards. You can't be all things to everyone. If certain developers approach the city, listen to them and see what they have to offer.
- 12) Senior citizen housing / assisted living would create jobs and enable residents to keep their family members close. It would be a great business to have in town.
- 13) No rentals - they can stay in Marion, Hiawatha and Cedar Rapids.

- 14) In my opinion, it is the best interest of the city to maintain the quality and standard for those moving to Robins. Duplexes, apartments and other multi-family dwellings promote crime and lower the value of the homes around them.
- 15) No apartments or trailer parks
- 16) Please - please keep the small town community feel and don't allow apartments / low-income housing.
- 17) None!
- 18) Let the market dictate what gets built. I am against tax credit driven affordable housing.
- 19) The market should drive housing. There's already Sattler Slums that border Robins.
- 20) Please, no multi-family housing or low-income single family homes!
- 21) The current mix of moderately priced housing keeps the small town feel within Robins. I would be disappointed to see commercial residential developments like assisted living or apartments. Keep the community feeling.
- 22) Do not want apartments or low income housing.
- 23) I don't see any value to the current citizens by increasing low cost housing.
- 24) Tax dollars gained on these [high end] homes justifies growth. They are self sufficient so to speak. Apartments, duplexes bring crime and barley any taxes. Negative growth!
- 25) We live in a development with condominiums which attracts residents with motor homes parked in driveways (unenforced) and have become an eyesore.
- 26) NO trailer parks
- 27) Condos only if nicely done like Skogman developments or similar. Avoid apartments and low end housing. Let's keep Robins looking nice and well kept.
- 28) Apartment and manufactured home development should not be part of Robins' growth plan.
- 29) All can be fine with proper planning and scale. Too much of one property type can damage - in particular low income or apartments. Higher density will stimulate commerce / retail.
- 30) [apartments] NO
- 31) No apartments! No duplex! Live in Hiawatha if you want that. Look at ridiculous development allowed by Mentzer Cemetery! Bad idea!!
- 32) keep traffic low
- 33) The [unintelligible] area needs a retirement community living area with space separation if wanted or condo if wanted, but a club house supported operation.
- 34) No opinion
- 35) Do not encourage anything that would turn into a slum district.
- 36) Encourage all types - let market and developers dictate
- 37) [apartments] NO!!
- 38) [duplex] No. [apartment] ABSOLUTELY not. Nothing that promotes increased crime, either now or in ten years. No trailer parks, no low income housing, no HUD-type housing. I know that sounds bad, but there are plenty of it around to choose from. WE DO NOT NEED IT!!
- 39) Apartments and town housing will bring down existing home values and will generate higher crime rates.
- 40) NO apartments!!!
- 41) This is a bedroom community, it does not need apartments and duplexes here. There are enough of them nearby in CR!
- 42) Don't bring low income housing residents, leave them in CR and Hiawatha.
- 43) None
- 44) [townhomes/condos] NO. [apartments] NO. No trailer courts. Keep it low density. That is why we moved here. Nursing home OK if done well.
- 45) High value housing is going to provide the most revenue for the city. We would be very concerned to see the city support construction of apartments, town homes and starter homes.
- 46) No apartments please. Hiawatha has that covered for folks wanting to live north of CR.
- 47) [townhomes/condos] upscale
- 48) Higher end types. I want realtors to be able to say to new comers to the corridor that Robins is THE place to look for housing. Great houses, safe neighborhoods, low taxes, etc. Plus proximity and easy access to Collins, Blairs Ferry and Boyson.
- 49) Any encouraged development would be an improvement.
- 50) It would be nice to have some more moderate priced condos for seniors wanting to stay in Robins but need to downsize.
- 51) I think we should consider all these options [excluding duplex and apartments]
- 52) No apartments or [unintelligible] housing
- 53) duplexes maybe - if owner occupied! [apartments] NO
- 54) Do not need low income housing.
- 55) Absolutely NOT apartments and condos!
- 56) Get on utilities to make their areas better. Walked by Oak and Mentzer, terrible how phone left corner eye sore hazard - sidewalk drops.
- 57) Keep small town atmosphere.
- 58) None of these - keep Robins SMALL!
- 59) [starter homes; duplex; town homes/condos; apartments] NO, NO, NO, NO
- 60) None, let the market determine what is needed
- 61) all of these options should be considered.
- 62) [none] This should be left up to investors which will normally decide what to build and where.
- 63) [duplex] ?
- 64) The small town atmosphere is why we moved to Robins. We must manage growth and change, but let's not emphasize growth. I would rather emphasize quality of existing community.
- 65) With the increase in housing, Robins needs to look at adding an elementary school for the CR school district.

- 66) Very important for our seniors to have senior housing (assisted living).
- 67) Keep low income housing and apartments out!
- 68) Please no HUD homes
- 69) Town homes and condos should border commercial development
- 70) Leave housing as is. Keep riff raff out.

Question #7 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? ("X" one response for each statement)

Statement	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure	# of respondents	Percentages		
					Agree	Disagree	Not Sure
Robins should promote increased residential growth	227	135	107	469	48.40%	28.80%	22.80%
Robins should promote the preservation of prime agricultural land	223	130	118	471	47.30%	27.60%	25.10%
Robins needs more diverse housing opportunities	63	333	78	474	13.30%	70.30%	16.50%
Robins should establish more recreational opportunities	250	124	97	471	53.10%	26.30%	20.60%
Robins should increase property taxes to pay for additional services	77	304	95	476	16.20%	63.90%	20.00%
Robins needs more business development	272	123	83	478	56.90%	25.80%	17.40%
Robins should establish a comprehensive trail and sidewalk plan	235	131	115	481	48.90%	27.20%	23.90%
Robins should develop a business park	183	154	134	471	39.90%	32.70%	28.50%
Robins should diversify its tax base (95% residential) by promoting new business development	247	112	116	475	52.00%	23.60%	24.40%

The following were comments on question #7:

- 1) Why is business park by Guppies still empty? Why isn't Center Point Road traffic stopped on Wednesday nights? Two big churches next door to each other was not a very good plan. Too much traffic in one area at the same time.
- 2) Should have a Subway and a family restaurant like Rileys!
- 3) Develop north end of city limits along County Home Road
- 4) Not more than 1-2% increase in taxes. We already have a business park not full.
- 5) Not sure on the diversification benefit? Doubt there is tax savings directly for home owners. But additional services/benefits could be achieved more economically
- 6) NO diverse housing opportunities
- 7) Would like to see sidewalks that tie residential areas to parks. Would like to see more recreational opportunities for children
- 8) I'm not sure of Robins land boundaries but if we could add to Hiawatha's business park would make sense. If Robins started its own isolated from others it sounds costly and risky.
- 9) [crossed out sidewalks]
- 10) grocery / retail
- 11) We do NOT need or want any housing like the Jim Sattler mess east of Mentzer! Know that's in CR - but TOO close to Robins - we don't want that.
- 12) [disagree] strongly [on increasing property taxes, needing more business development & promoting new business development]
- 13) Robins is a nice size with a small-town atmosphere that I'd like to see maintained. A few more businesses to complete the existing business park would be fine.
- 14) [business park] just complete existing one.
- 15) Community center w/ pool and exercise facilities would be nice. Business development good if not in residential areas.
- 16) Need businesses so we can keep taxes low. We need to focus on increased businesses for a tax base. It would be nice to have a book drop for library books and eventually a satellite library with programs
- 17) Yes, we need tax revenue from business dev!!!
- 18) Improved trail access on Woodland Drive on public property not private
- 19) Not sure what a business "park" is.
- 20) Keep small town feel. Don't want to be like Hiawatha.
- 21) Robins Square is a flop and the tax payer took the risk. Has the TIF paid off with additional property taxes?
- 22) As long as the business locations are APPROPRIATE.
- 23) [business park] have one not full. Trail going to trail now is not used all the time. Still use road!
- 24) [agree to more recreational opportunities, but] not bike trails
- 25) The residential base will grow without promotion. We need some commercial development because it brings in more taxes and a business park is how you get it done. Look at Hiawatha.
- 26) Biz park develop out by County Home Rd. We already have trail and sidewalks.
- 27) Establish a sidewalk plan
- 28) [increase property taxes] limited
- 29) Youth activity center where EVERYONE can use it. [business park] Have one already
- 30) Restaurants encourage community feeling
- 31) Agriculture is an important industry in Iowa.

- 32) If we don't have enough money - stop spending - DO NOT increase taxes.
- 33) [establish more recreational opportunities] Only if fiscally responsible. [trail and sidewalk plan] doesn't it exist already?! [develop business park] what's market dictating?
- 34) [develop business park] it has one
- 35) would not support trailer parks
- 36) [diverse housing opportunities] NO. carefully - quiet small-town feel still important. Having some "green spaces" inside the city limits is a great thing.
- 37) [diverse housing opportunities] OMG NO!!!!
- 38) I do not want high traffic business. No shopping malls or strips. Small local owned business ok.
- 39) Business development should be purposeful and sustainable and should involve residents. (i.e. NO bus barns or developments that will be disruptive)
- 40) Please avoid strip malls
- 41) Business growth is good if right kind. Place new growth in current Robins Square.
- 42) Yes yes yes to the last one!!! Tower Terrace expansion!
- 43) [increase property taxes] depends on services [develop business park] County Home Road
- 44) [develop a business park] ? Not needed. Robins should no longer be viewed as a stand alone community, but look to growth with the corridor.
- 45) [residential growth and agricultural land] This should be decided by the market and farmers - not govt. [develop business park] if it makes financial sense and is not by my house
- 46) [diversify tax base] Needs to happen or tax base will detract new homeowners.
- 47) [business park] need more info as to what and where!!
- 48) Attract businesses to complete city square.
- 49) Clean up what we have first. What is that land mess on South Mentzer about? Been field weeds for some time. Eye sore!
- 50) The appeal of Robins is its small town residential feel!
- 51) Need sidewalks. Robins west Main very dangerous. Tons of bikers runners.
- 52) We would like to see a restaurant / bar / grocery store in Robins, maybe some little store (mercantile)
- 53) Let the market determine what is needed here also.
- 54) [raise property taxes] depends on what the taxes are for.
- 55) Let or wait for Robins Square to fill before development of more.
- 56) anything marked "not sure" [increase property taxes; need more business development; establish trail plan; develop business park; diversify tax base] is because I am not sure it will be done well and without raising taxes too high!
- 57) [increase property taxes] or cut spending.
- 58) I believe in keeping Robins a nice, small "housing" community. If anyone wants business growth and development...move to Cedar Rapids.
- 59) [increased property taxes] only if storm sewer issues are addressed!
- 60) Business park not in residential area.

Question #8 Please check *any* of the following areas Robins should focus development in the future:

	Number
Tower Terrace Road	239
Robins Square	208
County Home Road	105
North Center Point Road	100
All of these	82
None of these	36
Other	13

The following were comments on question #8:

- 1) Should keep pushing for Tower Terrace Road interstate exit. It is long overdue.
- 2) A restaurant or two would be perfect in Robins square. Granite City, not Perkins style.
- 3) Depends on what type of development - residential / commercial / recreation, etc.
- 4) We think a central area of town should be established. Currently Robins square is the most logical place to do this. The city offices should be located there as well.
- 5) Develop and maintain what's here. Lots of commercial property undeveloped.
- 6) We need a restaurant and an aquatic activities center. There are many families with children in the community.
- 7) All of these, but not all at once - ease into commercializing Robins.
- 8) Other: East Knoll Dr to have SIDEWALKS from the park to East Knoll Dr.
- 9) Plant trees!

- 10) Tower Terrace - business park out to County Home Road with residential and water park and trails. Robins square - light commercial and services.
- 11) in the interim, consider adding "All City Garden" plots in areas of excess land (possibly similar to what they offer near Ellis Park)
- 12) North Troy Road - commercial/light industrial
- 13) Please define development - housing? Commercial? My input is for commercial.
- 14) Focus on areas that already have infrastructure in place.
- 15) I would love to see County Home Road be expanded to four lanes. At times it seems very congested especially at peak times. There are also lots of farmers who use this which now makes it slower and more dangerous.
With four lanes it would handle more traffic plus let farm equipment be less a factor. Would love for it to go from N. Center Point Rd to Marion interchange. This would also allow for development along County Home Road without being too much for that road to handle.
- 16) Complete Robins Square development (business park)
- 17) Community center in Robins Square?
- 18) [other] East / West Main
- 19) Keep things manageable. Don't over extend. Other community's development may help Robins in an indirect manner
- 20) Interstate access from Tower Terrace Road. More retail / eating franchises on N. Center Point Rd.
- 21) North Center Point Rd by 380 would be a great location to develop. Tower Terrace needs the by-pass and an on-ramp to 380.
- 22) I believe the focus should really be in two areas: 1) the center of town / main street. This provides quick access to residents while giving a sense of community (i.e. it feels like Robins). 2) Southern side of town - Tower Terrace. This side of town borders neighboring communities and therefore offers greater opportunity for success and the ability and the ability to "steal" revenue from Hiawatha/CR. If residents [unintelligible] to head in that direction anyway / e.g. for a job, to go to Wal Mart, etc.), why not give them a place to stop along the way. It's the convenience factor.
- 23) If we filled in Robins Square w/ a few more businesses it would look a lot more complete and maybe we could forgo a business park (?) Has anyone considered a small eating establishment (alcohol free, please!)
- 24) The traffic is already high on North Center Point Road with high volume during the day hours and Sundays. This is already busy with high traffic speed being a concern. Development on Tower Terrace would be [unintelligible] and County Home Road.
- 25) [Tower Terrace] We need this extension done so commute time is shorter to work.
- 26) Has nice churches and a nice restaurant and small office would be good.
- 27) C Ave is option
- 28) Robins Square has been available for how many years? Why would you expand development before this land is occupied?
- 29) The Tower Terrace Road doesn't benefit Robins at all. It will by-pass ALL traffic to the south of Robins - why do we want to by pass our town??? We have a great opportunity to showcase Robins to the north with County Home Road. Why not do it up right from County Home to the south in Robins?
- 30) Any new commercial should be a 1/2 mile from any existing residential.
- 31) County Home Road should have been Marion By-Pass!
- 32) [other] Robins Road
- 33) ?
- 34) Make sure we continue look of the city as has been done with businesses in Robins Square.
- 35) [County Home Rd] No.
- 36) Robins Square needs to remain low traffic, low impact type businesses. Respect the neighborhood.
- 37) [other] buy church - move city offices there and make rest into a business area that is [unintelligible] to the city of Robins.
- 38) [Robins Square] existing space
- 39) Robins Square development should be completed.
- 40) [other] Robins Rd
- 41) [other] Robins Rd West. As we expand city limits to the north, we should be thinking primarily commercial development, especially along County Home Road and Tower Terrace.
- 42) Coffee shop
- 43) Would depend on type of development (commercial, industrial, housing)
- 44) [other] Main Street - the west side of Mentzer should be redeveloped and cleaned up. Some of the housing is an eyesore.
- 45) Need more business
- 46) [Robins Square] No more! Small town atmosphere is very nice! Let's keep it that way! If people don't like what we have, they can move...
- 47) Keep integrity of current area that's consistent with Robins ideal state of a small town feel
- 48) Stop lights at different locations on County Home Rd.
- 49) In the long term, downtown Robins will be at County Home Road and I-380. Robins needs to plan for and promote commercial and industrial development in this area. Acquire 180 acres. In the short term push the construction of Tower Terrace Road and 380 interchange..
- 50) The area west of N Center Point Rd (across from existing residential) should be residential to the creek / treeline to not negatively impact existing housing developments. May be an ideal area to develop a retirement community. The land between the treeline and I-380 could be light commercie
- 51) [Tower Terrace] To take some of the traffic off of Main Street and to develop along the road.
- 52) The community needs a center for people to gather and assure small town feel. It's less than 5 minutes for all to city hall - that's the kind of center we need.
- 53) If Robins has plans for future business development, why not promote and utilize the area ALREADY developed for this, before spending more on infrastructure that may never be fully developed. Who knows what this economy will turn into.
- 54) Don't know all areas and market trends to comment
- 55) Main arteries of travel should make for prime retail locations, while still maintaining the small town feel that most of us love.
- 56) I live off N. Center Point Rd. I don't think we have the right infrastructure (roads) to promote more development along that and Tower Terrace plus I hate to see prime farmland being used. The semi-rural atmosphere is a big plus for Robins. Otherwise, I'd be in Marion or CR.

- 57) Any new business in Robins Square must be highly restricted as it is in a highly residential area.
- 58) My number one priority would be Council and Robins Road between CR and Robins. Those are two critical areas. I don't want strip malls, taverns, strip clubs there. Eventually [unintelligible] is going to be [unintelligible]
- 59) We are relatively new to the area and are too uninformed to make decisions about these areas.
- 60) County Home Road would be an area to consider commercial development. Businesses would be supported by more than Robins residents, due to it being a high traffic area. Be kind to residents on Main and allow low traffic businesses only in Robins Square. such as offices (no we don't live on Main).
- 61) Focus on Tower Terrace Rd (380 interchange) for long range (very long range) we will need to expand Council for in / out access.
- 62) [Robins Square] restaurant. Develop our own water and sewer systems for future years.
- 63) we need the new interchange on the interstate.
- 64) As long as it is residential - not business - no bars/taverns PLEASE!!!
- 65) Robins Square does not have enough room to do anything substantial.
- 66) [other] Intersection of C ave and Main Street - we have heard there was interest in putting a grocery store in that area and a few more shops along Main there would be closer to our community.
- 67) Fix field of weeds on Mentzer when coming to town! Eye sore! If CR land, get on them to fix!
- 68) [Robins Square] to be a "hub" need some sit down eatery or coffee shop. Maybe focus on business along Tower Terrace and County Home Road intersections.
- 69) [other] Main Street
- 70) Might want to wait and see when County Home Road is going to be 4 lane or not.
- 71) I live in SW Robins, I can hear the noise from "Hydro-fab Company" on Robins Road already. We don't need development south of town.
- 72) What kind of development? Housing, commercial, industrial? I think having a plan first is more important.
- 73) could develop business
- 74) [Tower Terrace] possibly
- 75) Use the access from 380 to increase / create a business park!
- 76) [other] Robins Rd. Tower Terrace - exit on 380 and take Tower Terrace into Marion.
- 77) perhaps a senior living facility in Robins Square with a gazebo

Question # 9 What type of business should Robins encourage?

	Number
Restaurant	243
Office	171
Retail	110
All	96
None	67
Light industrial	66

The following were comments on question #9:

- 1) Bar and grill
- 2) local [restaurant] not franchise
- 3) [all] especially restaurant!
- 4) [retail] maybe. Neighborhood café
- 5) Don't know enough about the pros and cons
- 6) [retail] ?
- 7) [restaurant] small family type
- 8) bar
- 9) [office] existing in Robins Square
- 10) Out by County Home Road. Not in town!
- 11) [restaurant] upscale
- 12) [all] increase tax base
- 13) No heavy industry! No huge plants.
- 14) [restaurant] sit down, not McDs [retail] small [light industrial] ok if in right location like [unintelligible]
- 15) [restaurant] Yes!
- 16) [retail] No
- 17) No more churches! Not a good investment! Churches are business.

- 18) [restaurant] or coffee shop
- 19) Not enough info
- 20) coffee shop
- 21) [light industrial] NO!
- 22) [office] maybe; [light industrial] very small
- 23) [light industrial] if park created; for existing area Robins Square - office. If industrial park created then light industry.
- 24) bar
- 25) [restaurant] very limited

Question #10 Do you think Robins should be more proactive in bringing business to our town?

	Number	Percentage
Yes	294	61.40%
No	110	23%
No opinion	75	15.70%
Total	479	

The following were comments on question #10:

- 1) Limited
- 2) Call Don Primus!
- 3) [yes] Just until Robins square is fully developed.
- 4) In Robins Square
- 5) Out by County Home Road only.
- 6) Not sure what we are doing?
- 7) [yes] if it would help with the tax base.
- 8) Depends on what type of business
- 9) Define proactive.
- 10) [yes] but only a few - not a lot.
- 11) [yes] if it is the kind we want
- 12) [yes] Absolutely
- 13) [yes] By making it easy to do business here. Don't need to offer incentives.

OPTIONAL DATA

Survey taker's age-range

	Number	Percentage
18-30	15	3.20%
31-40	68	14.50%
41-50	120	25.60%
51-60	131	27.90%
61+	135	28.80%
Total	469	

Household size (average)

	Average number
Adults	2.1
Children	1.99

Years lived in Robins (average)

	Average number
Years	11.87

Do you own or rent home?

	Number	Percentage
Own	429	99.10%
Rent	4	0.90%
Total	433	

What section of Robins do you live

	Number	Percentage
SW	78	18.40%
NW	96	22.60%
NE	158	37.20%
SE	93	21.90%
Total	425	

Additional comments (question #11):

- 1) Has Robins considered an independent library?
- 2) Keep Robins the way it is today. I enjoy the small town feel of Robins.
- 3) Really need a restaurant in Robins.
- 4) Develop the trails for exercise and recreation. Purchase the church at the 4 corners and use it for city hall and community services - the town square. Robins Days are my kids greatest memories of Robins, they need to get back to front and center. People can't find it. Tie our business park into one of our neighbors so we can feed off each others success. We need a bar and restaurant in Robins Square.
- 5) Robins appears to be primarily a "bedroom" community so promoting business to the area that supports that seems logical. Restaurants, small shops, banks, etc.
- 6) The sewer bill is getting expensive - able to decrease sewer bill?
- 7) I think we need to get rid of the burn ban. We have no way of getting rid of tree trimmings.
- 8) Addition of a nice privately owned restaurant. Avoid "chain" restaurants. Example "KAVA House" in Swisher, Tea Room/Dysart, Phat Daddy's/Marengo
- 9) Since I'm 83 years old, I won't be out to use most things. I won't vote on the way the city should go. I will leave it to you young people. You are doing a great job with what you have already done. Keep up the good work. [name deleted]
- 10) I think Robins would benefit from some sort of sit-down restaurant / café (not a chain) to help draw people to the community. We love the park at East Knoll Park and are excited for the swings to be added this fall. We have a lot of runners/walkers in our area and we would really appreciate more sidewalks in the "older" section of town to provide a safer environment during the winter months after work.
- 11) The trucks and semis using the quarry should not be allowed on Main Street in Robins. They ruin our streets, fill the trucks to full and spill at the intersection and are just plain dangerous. They should enter and exit from the north and use County Home Road.
- 12) We need a restaurant/bar! Complete an entry point to Cedar Valley Nature Trail from Woodland Drive - understand from Vince it would be easy and not costly. Finish Main Street w/ sidewalk and decorative street lighting uptown where not done.
- 13) Not doing more to prevent the low income housing development on the main street coming into Robins is a major disappointment. I don't feel we (Robins) did what they should have to stop it. From here on out people moving to town will always look at it and inquire about it. The addition of sewer, water and sidewalks has been a great improvement. Police and fire departments do an awesome job.
- 14) I moved from CR to get away from all the traffic, businesses and commercial areas. CR is only minutes away if I need to go to the grocery store, restaurants, etc. I like Robins the way it is! It's a great small town community. Keep it that way! Thank you!
- 15) might think about some activity for younger adults, i.e. singles, young couples, etc. Night life, evening activities draw in younger people and they'll stay and raise families!
- 16) This survey is a great idea! Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion. I love Robins and would like to see it stay a safe, low tax place to live with a small town atmosphere. I am not a fan of big government and because there is plenty of recreational opportunities in nearby communities, I don't feel that Robins has to spend our tax dollars to provide even more of them. Let's keep our city government as small as possible and try not to do all/be all for everyone.
- 17) Robins would benefit great from restaurants and retail. I would love to spend my money where I live.
- 18) Don't get too business happy. Let things take their course. If Robins provides a positive, upscale lifestyle for its residents, many others will notice and see it as a special and unique community. Thanks for the opportunity to be included!
- 19) We need more retail shopping and eating establishments in the area. Also, recreational activities for young families - what about a nice affordable miniature golf course and ice cream shop for starters. Some franchises that would go over well here would be: Firehouse Subs, Famous Dave's BBQ, Qdoba Mexican Grill (current locations in Des Moines and Quad City area- Davenport), Pizza Ranch, Jimmy John's , etc. etc.
- 20) Hiawatha does a great job. Robins doesn't seem to care to have business.. Lived here 13 years and we have not increased our business.
- 21) We need a family restaurant / bar to help keep money within the city of Robins, instead of having to travel to other cities. Hair cutting / styling business. Service station / repair shop would be nice.
- 22) 1) Improvements to any major issues such as water, sewer, drainage, roads, sidewalks, etc. using current revenue streams. 2) focus on new business development. 3) encourage residential growth. 4) Worry about recreational and other issues when new revenue from businesses starts flowing.
- 23) [unintelligible] #9 and #10, I think Robins should look at all the possibilities and then choose the ones appropriate to our size city and land area. Our city could be enhanced by the appropriate mix of business.
- 24) Leave as is - nice quiet "bedroom" town - in close proximity to Cedar Rapids.

- 25) We moved here as a bedroom community. Not a place of business.
- 26) I love Robins exactly the way it is. It's convenient for me to go down the street to the eye center, but I'm still boycotting BP, so no longer use that service station. That's enough business industry for me!
- 27) We need a bar / restaurant
- 28) This is probably something that can't be changed but I find it unfortunate that Robins is divided into so many separate school systems (Linn Mar, CR, Alburnett). It makes it hard to be a community.
- 29) We missed the Hy-Vee opportunity. Way to go. How about more churches?
- 30) [we lived 44 years on this property] Taken into the city involuntarily a few years ago.
- 31) Carefully add businesses. Appearance is important for property values. This is a very unique town. It's quiet and very attractive. That's the appeal of Robins. Lot size should be large for business and residential. Buildings are not crowded together here. Trees & plantings are very important here.
- 32) Thank you!
- 33) We need a tavern!
- 34) Keep the small town community feel! It's what sets us apart from CR/Marion/Hiawatha. Robins doesn't need to compete or keep up with those larger towns/cities. Let's focus on friends and family instead.
- 35) I think a bar and grill would be great for the community.
- 36) Maintain existing roads better. Add a few more sidewalks and be happy with our SMALL low tax community. If you want growth, move to CR, etc...Thank you for asking! Tax dollars well spent
- 37) We enjoy living in a small quiet bedroom community. It is planned that Hy-Vee build on the corner of East Main and C Ave. This is close enough.
- 38) No new taxes!!
- 39) Name and phone number deleted
- 40) I would like to see yard waster collection on at least a bi-monthly schedule.
- 41) The traffic enforcement in the residential areas needs much work or attention. Too many speeders during rush hours.
- 42) Thanks!
- 43) But always keep a small town attitude. That is the beauty of Robins and make it attractive to citizens of Robins.
- 44) 1) safety - we need more police and fire department. 2) safety - we need sidewalks all along Main Street to connect to bike trail for families. Someone is going to get hurt / hit by a car. 3) We need a splash pad. Our parks are really never used. It's so sad
Thanks for getting a consistent garbage service. It was stupid to have multiple garbage trucks on different days. However, Rudd is not our favorite.
- 45) Quass Rd needs widening and improved. Minimize big truck traffic - they wear the road out. Need to establish a drawing card (i.e. restaurant) to bring business to the area.
- 46) Don't need more traffic, we live in Robins because it is a nice bedroom community.
- 47) Robins can be a small progressive town if everyone involved moving the town forward doesn't try to eliminate any one area.
- 48) Robins has an appeal of being a "small town" yet close proximity of jobs market in Cedar Rapids. It would ruin that appeal if significant business growth occurred.
- 49) Please count this response for each husband and wife rather us copying the same response.
- 50) Thank you so much for continuing library service to Robins citizens. We so appreciate it. We love the small town atmosphere of this community and hope to stay here many more years.
- 51) Always enjoyed the small town, bedroom community! 15 minutes from downtown CR.
- 52) Thank you for allowing my input!
- 53) I am concerned about having a bridge crossing Dry Creek from the nature trail connecting into the expansion area of the city park on Troy Road. I assume this is only a foot bridge, but I think this may promote more vandalism to occur in the park.
It would provide another avenue of escape for any vandals.
- 54) I know it can't happen but everyone takes their money out of town to gamble but you want people to come into town they will come and the town will grow and they are safe. A nice restaurant and hotel will bring more house condos if you want condos.
Just my opinion which does not carry much weight. Thank you.
- 55) Robins could use a restaurant / bar. Most small towns have one and can support one. Would love a small town atmosphere restaurant/bar. Look how much business even Guppies does for food.
- 56) If it will lower property taxes!
- 57) Consider planting trees / fence on the east side of Knoll Park
- 58) Don't over extend city (i.e. business park) if no demands! Don't increase taxes - if limited revenue, re-evaluate what you're doing
- 59) Robins is a bedroom community. That is part of the reason we moved here. Leave it that way. We have plenty of business in CR.
- 60) Make the Robins parade bigger, promote it more, drawing a bigger crowd, make the parade route longer.
- 61) Our biggest future worry is crime, followed by congestion. Right now we virtually have none of either one.
- 62) Bar / rest but early closing (11:00 pm). Professionals.
- 63) We came here because of the small town feel that Robins has. We do not have to have retail or industrial business come to Robins. It is a bedroom community! Keep it that way! A "family" restaurant would be nice (no chain).
- 64) Robins should not encourage more businesses into town. There are plenty in Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha if needed. Also, Robins should ban any apartments or large condominiums being built in town to prevent low income population. If we need more revenue, it should come from more residents and/or taxes.
- 65) Rec-center: adult, child to join. Child care. Hair salon and spa
- 66) I like the small town feeling of Robins, a few more businesses would be okay if it helps bring up the tax base to support community projects and adds services many would use, i.e. restaurant, daycare, etc. But otherwise, we are close enough to the bi conveniences and adding more business would really just add traffic.
- 67) I don't mind the current area that's developed (Robins Square) being filled up but I don't want to lose the small town quality of Robins.
- 68) Important that Robins ordinances prevent/restrict undesirable businesses, i.e. no adult book stores, strip clubs. Don't need bars.
- 69) Make sure police are responsive to residents. I left a message on police voicemail last fall and no one ever returned my call. Also consider putting a stop sign at Landau and Maple to discourage speeding on Maple St. I see cars going very fast on Maple St.
- 70) We love living here. Very proud of the Main St improvements. Thank you!

- 71) Small restaurant would be ok - no fast food. Growth should be high quality, well planned and restrictive. Growth for growth's sake alone is NOT good. Businesses that make noise, like car washes should not be allowed near residential areas. Speed li in residential areas should be vigorously enforced.
- 72) We bought here for big lots and low taxes. We didn't want wasteful big govt spending. Keep it single family housing for the most part. Small clean business is fine - if well planned. I would not even object to a manufacturing plant on County Home Roa
- 73) We are new to the area and state and are very encouraged by all the dialogue between the city and residents. We hope it will continue and that residents will be involved in the decision making going forward. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input
- 74) We received this survey 8/30/12 and it's due 8/31/12. How badly do you really want to know the responses?
- 75) I'm a fairly new resident (2.5 years) and I think Robins should strive to be the place where realtors can recommend as the best place to look for CR (and even the corridor). We need to accentuate our positives (nice homes, safe neighborhoods, very low taxes, easy access to NE CR restaurants, businesses, etc.) Robins needs to lose any nostalgia to old small town ideas and pursue growth (starting with Tower Terrace). Also work with neighboring communities and the corridor at large to promote the entire region. Especially work with Marion, Hiawatha, etc. (library for example) And work with CR as much as possible (i.e. leaf pick up)
- 76) Focus on current issues before adding businesses and recreational opportunities, Love living in Robins. We are not Hiawatha or CR. Keep it that way or you will lose residents who enjoy the small town atmosphere. That's why we moved here. Don't want to move out.
- 77) When addressing new business to the area, the type of business should be considered. Putting/allowing dog kennel on Robins Road was a poor decision. It will effect future residential/commercial business in the area.
- 78) Robins, to me, is a bedroom community. Any businesses we need are 5-10 minutes away in CR. We don't need a lot of that in our back yards. If people want all that they should MOVE TO or STAY IN CR or other larger cities. We have lived here over 40 years and have always had all our needs met before we came home to Robins. Focus on family dwellings not business.
- 79) The reason we moved here was because of the quiet small community atmosphere. We like it the way it is and do not desire any change.
- 80) Although I didn't include business development in question #1, I would put business development ahead of housing development.
- 81) I would like to see an area for bio-degradable waste - yard and garden waste. With the promise of a Hy-Vee at C and Robins Rd, I feel that will serve most needs, restaurant, stamps, bank, booze, flowers, dry cleaning.
- 82) Robins needs LARGE lighted signs leading into the City. Very hard to find Robins at night on County Home Road.
- 83) We like small town feel. Bedroom community. But outlying areas could be developed. County Home Rd and Tower Terrace. The new churches have added considerable traffic.
- 84) I just recently moved to Robins from a community of 10,000. I really like the quiet atmosphere of Robins and think keeping it small town feel is important but only having a gas station/pizza stop and car wash seems like not enough. I would like to see a few more small shops - strip mall or of the like in an old fashioned main-street style just to have a few more options for eating close to home and a few cute shops on small size scale would bring new people to our community. I think if done right it would be a plus to our small town while keeping in mind to keep it small scale. Driving 1/2 hour to get somewhere is pretty inconvenient and as a person who comes from a small town very hard to get used to. Thanks for getting the community's opinion on these matters. [name deleted]
- 85) Keep residential property taxes from increasing. I did not move to this community only to be taxed out of it.
- 86) If we are spending money on bike paths, bikes should use them where they are available. Bikes are riding in street right next to paths. Connect from Evergreen Estates to bike trail would be nice so people don't have to use West Main to get to trail.
- 87) Support vision to grow and will even support tax to pay for it. But need to clean up messes from last improvements and make sure do better on next projects. Walk along Main Street to only see weeds, rocks and dead trees! Not sure how home owne can [unintelligible] that area when [unintelligible] replaced good top soil with rock.
- 88) A nice sports bar like Mulligans would be nice. Not a dive.
- 89) Like the bumper sticker idea. How is sign development coming along. Robins is a bedroom community.
- 90) Should continue to be high end housing and nice recreational trails, parks and better sidewalks.
- 91) We love the town, not happy about people who let their dogs run free. It would be nice to have a nice family restaurant / bar in town.
- 92) I think that Robins should promote businesses that are already in town. Thanks for the new asphalt streets but we have an asphalt company in town that donates to Robins. The one you are using does not contribute.
- 93) I would like to see a sports bar and other family business types in Robins as well as industrial.
- 94) No change.
- 95) PLEASE! When redoing new streets, complete the landscaping in an attractive fashion. Would you plant weeds in your yard? I am embarrassed of our street! Charlotte Ave roadside is absolutely atrocious!
- 96) Cable operator needs to be changed. They don't provide very good channel options.
- 97) If a business thinks it can make a go, ok it in Robins. Then I'm all for an open playing field. I don't like picking and choosing winners. The best thing about this community is its small town atmosphere. I didn't move here for sidewalks. I also didn't come for city services. I like being left alone, being self-sufficient and being there when a neighbor needs help.
- 98) I feel that having only one bridge across dry creek is a problem for the west side of Robins. Police and fire services are only located on the east side. When the bridge was being rebuilt a few years ago, the west side was cut off from these services. If anything blocks the current bridge, then response times for these services is greatly increased. Somewhere in the next 5 or 10 year plan, another bridge across Dry Creek should be added.
- 99) Clean up older homes and buildings along Main Street
- 100) Keep Robins Robins. Develop it but carefully, with great thought. Business (small) is fine, but specifically located. There is a lot of room in Robins Square left. County Home Road and Center Point Road areas would be good for business locations. Duplexes and senior housing, single family homes are good. Apartment buildings increase wear and tear on roads and renters, many times, do not have the same attitude about community and property which home owners do.
- 101) If they are the "right" kind of businesses. Keep the small town feel, keep taxes low, improve services as you can without moving taxes to double digits.
- 102) New to town. I like the small town feel but understand the need for business and the revenues it generates. Do not want Robins to go low end or multi-family housing. We need better or more trash removal service options. Why limit to one provider.
- 103) I would like to see garbage pick up similar to CR - everyone has the same garbage cans with wheels and lids that don't blow away. Also a yardy for yard waste.
- 104) Would love a local restaurant / bar to take my family. Our closest option is Oscars on Center Point Rd. Would like to see a sidewalk or trail on Main Street from the Cedar Valley Nature Trail to Center Point Rd. [unintelligible] safety concerns with bikers and runners.
- 105) A couple things I would like to see would be having a yard waste pick up a couple times a year - I think this would cut down on the burning that is necessary for those of us with many trees that occasionally need to be cut down. We have no way of getting rid of the limbs and brush other than burning or paying for someone to come haul it. Another thing would be a day or two a year for a pick up of items too big for disposal or recycling that again, we have no way of getting rid of, i.e. - outdated exercise equipment. Hiawatha has a couple days a year that allow pick up of these items and I always wished Robins did. We love living in Robins - we feel safe and the community is a warm, inviting place - I love the work done on Main Street, the lighting and lan look beautiful and during the holidays it's especially pretty with decorative lighting.
- 106) Would LOVE to see a family resaurant / bar.
- 107) If installation of crossing gates would decrease the amount that trains blare their horns (at all hours), and increase safety, we, as a community should pursure them. Police presence is important. I am thankful to have them. We should financially

support them, without ever imposing quotas on their performance. Far too many cities have replaced "To Serve and to Protect" with "let's create a new source of tax revenue."

108) I have lived here 45 years - and the development of business here is horrible. Breathe some life into this town!

107) Would like to see 24 hour police protection. Had a robbery and could not contact an officer for over 48 hours. Drainage issues are huge for us. We fear for our home when it rains hard.

108) We agree with the decision to move toward one garbage collection agency. However, I have a concern w/ Rudd and their concern for their quality of service. The trucks that are dispatched actually leave as much garbage as they pick up. Our cul-de-sac and development are left with debris including glass shards and various liquids including paint and other foul smelling garbage. I must wash the street in front of my driveway everyweek to keep the smell and glass away from car tires and kids in the neighborhood.

109) We feel it's important to grow our city and tax base yet maintain the small town feel and identity that Robins has. The Main Street / South Troy area needs to be cleaned up. Several blighted homes that are just not cared for properly. This becomes more important as we invite more citizens and business to our community. For many this is the first thing they see and judge us on.

110) We just moved here about a year ago from a small town. We loved living there but the commute was too much. We love Robins because it has that same feel but cuts the commute. Growing up in Marion its growth has lost that small town feel and would hope that doesn't happen to Robins.