

Greetings Trimble Resident,

I am campaigning for Mayor because I believe Jim Stark's unrealistic future plans will increase property taxes.

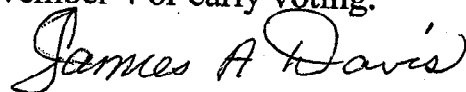
Because of the higher property appraisals this year, the state recommended a lower tax rate of 1.52 thus keeping your taxes the same as last year. Jim Stark wanted to raise your taxes by keeping the old tax rate of 1.74. The Aldermen approved the 1.52 rate.

During the September/October town board meetings, Jim Stark stated his desire to annex the land between the old and new Highways 51. This land includes the "too tall flagpole". He wanted to hire a Jackson company at \$5,250.00 per year to plan the industrialization of Trimble. Annexation in the name of "progress" cost money for required services, buildings, and extra water tank. It would take a very long time for the town to recoup its expenses. Business/Industry will go to Dyersburg and Union City which have lots of supporting facilities. The Aldermen voted to postpone any further action on Jim Stark's proposal until January 2009. The town zoning/planning boards have never considered Jim Stark's proposal.

The "too tall flagpole" is not in the city limits and has nothing to do with the city or cemetery. It is on a hill in the county overlooking Highway 51. The American flag was flown during the July 4 period. Otherwise, the Confederate battle flag is flown. Jim Stark has become overly obsessed with removal of the Confederate flag, including those hanging from homes in Trimble. Americans tolerate lots of different religions; why not historical flags. On October 13, the Dyer County Commission voted to allow historic monuments in the county. Thus the "too tall flagpole" is now legal. The "Confederate flag issue" will resolve itself and doesn't need interference from "Father-knows-Best" Jim Stark.

To my knowledge, Jesse Powers has never been Trimble Mayor, an Alderman, or attended a board meeting. Now is not the time for on-the-job training during this economic crisis.

I appreciate your vote for me on November 4 or early voting.



James A. Davis