



## City of Ferndale Temporary Mayoral Appointment

To be considered for a temporary appointment as Mayor of the City of Ferndale (approximately September–December 2019), please complete the following application. Resumes and/or letters of intent are encouraged and can be **attached to the form using the button on the left**. Applications will be accepted August 19–September 3, 4 p.m. City Council will review applications and are expected to make an appointment at their regular September 9 meeting.

<b>Name:</b> Sherry A. Wells	
<b>Home Address:</b> 315 W. Troy St. Ferndale MI 48220	<b>Work Address:</b>
<b>Home Phone:</b>	<b>Work Phone:</b>
<b>Cell Phone:</b> 248-219-8477	<b>Email:</b> sherwells@tm.net
Minimum <b>two-year</b> Ferndale residency is required for this position. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a Ferndale resident. If so, for how many years? <u>31</u>	

**Describe experiences you have had that led to your desire to serve the City.**

My desire to serve the city was evidenced the most in being the front promoter for the successful push for a Charter Revision Commission. I received the highest number of votes for the commission seats. The commissioners elected me its Chair. I served as Chair for two years, working closely with the city clerk's office, setting agendas and spending one to two hours after each meeting summarizing our work to save the city from paying travel time for the Flint attorney we had hired as our consultant. Because the commission chose a night to meet other than on a Daddy night for my daughter, I paid babysitting for the privilege of serving.

For 4 years during that period, I attended City Council meetings (Mondays were Daddy nights, too) and don't recall missing any. I've attended many council meetings before and since, as an interested resident as well as expressing compliments and concerns, not only as an avid recycler.

I offer you the opportunity to follow the lead of our county commission, which appointed our former mayor so as to not give unfair advantage to either of the declared contenders for County Executive. Appoint me for my experience and for that fairness.

**Provide a brief biography including your skills, background and expertise, as well as involvement in the community, professional or other non-profit organizations that are specifically applicable to this position.**

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I've been a lawyer for decades, which sharpened my reading, writing and speaking skills. My degree in Education evidences my desire to learn and convey information. My minors were Political Science (!) and Spanish.

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**Employment:** List your three most recent employment experiences.

Dates	Company Name / Location	Position	Job Description
1977 to present	Sherry A. Wells	Attorney	General law practice
1984 to present	Lawells Publishing	Owner	Author, publisher, janitor
1970-1973	State of Michigan	Caseworker	Worked with ADC clients

**Education:** List your three most recent educational experiences.

Educational Institution / School	Degree Received	Area(s) of Study
Wayne State University	Juris Doctor	Law
Michigan State University	B. A.	Education, Political Science, Spanish
Grand Rapids Jr. College	A.A.	General undergraduate

**Important Public Records Information:** All information submitted in this application is public information and subject to disclosure in response to a public records request made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Please contact the City Clerk at 248-546-2381 if you have any questions or concerns about the disclosure of specific information.

**Truth and Accuracy:** I certify that the information contained on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information disclosed on this form will be available to the public as part of a Freedom of Information Act request.

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08/30/2019

Applicant's Signature

Date

Interim Mayor -- Application for Sherry A. Wells

Although the website application looks like it has been fixed, just in case....

***Experiences that led to my desire to serve the city***

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