



MAYOR RUSSELL KESSLER BIO:



Mayor Kessler grew up in south Wichita and joined the U.S. Navy after graduating High School. After 23 years of service, in 2007 Russ retired from the U.S. Navy and moved to Haysville. Russ began his public service in 2009 after being appointed to serve on the Haysville Planning Commission, serving for two years before being elected in 2011 to the Haysville City Council, and was reelected to his third term in 2019.

Russ has served as President of Council and the Chairman of the Park Board. Russ volunteered as a Den Leader of Haysville Cub Scout Pack 893 for five years, American Legion Post 408 member, and Haysville VFW Post 6957 Lifetime member. He and his wife of 36 years, Sherry, have three adult daughters, a son in eight grade attending Haysville Middle School, and nine grandchildren, six of which are in the Haysville school system. Russ is a Department of the Army Civilian employee for the U.S. Army Reserves at the 451st Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) in Wichita, working as the Deputy G6 Assistant Chief of Staff and Supervisory IT Specialist. Russ completed the Mini MPA program at Wichita State University, earned an Associate's Degree from the Community College of the Air Force, Bachelor's degree of General Studies from Fort Hays State University, and a Master's degree in Management Information Systems from Friends University.

His favorite things about Haysville include the people, his church family at Haysville Christian Church, the excellent school system, Recreation Department activities for kids, and the annual events like Village Christmas, Haysville Fall Festival, and the Independence Day celebration that contributes to the atmosphere of small community living, making Haysville a great place to live and raise a family.