



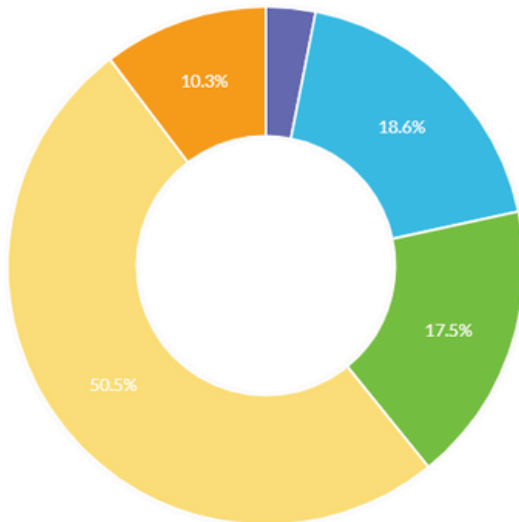
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What Should Zavalla's
Future Be?

March 2025 Survey Results

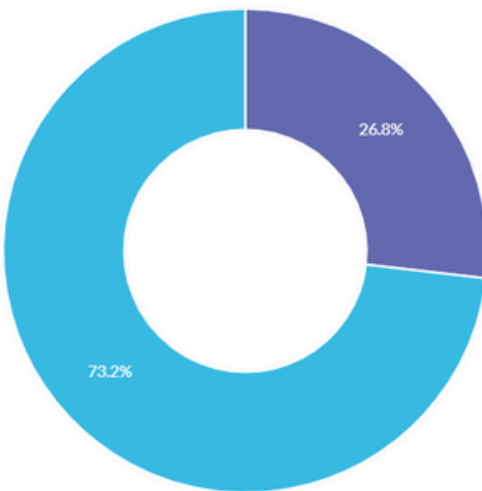
Survey conducted by The Zavalla Eagle

How long have you lived in Zavalla?



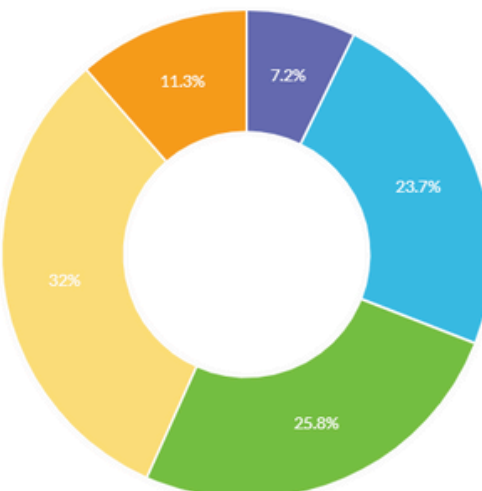
| Choice | Total |
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| Less than 1 year | 3 |
| 1-5 years | 18 |
| 6-10 years | 17 |
| More than 10 years | 49 |
| I don't live here but visit/work/own retirement or weekend home | 10 |

Where do you reside in the Zavalla Community?



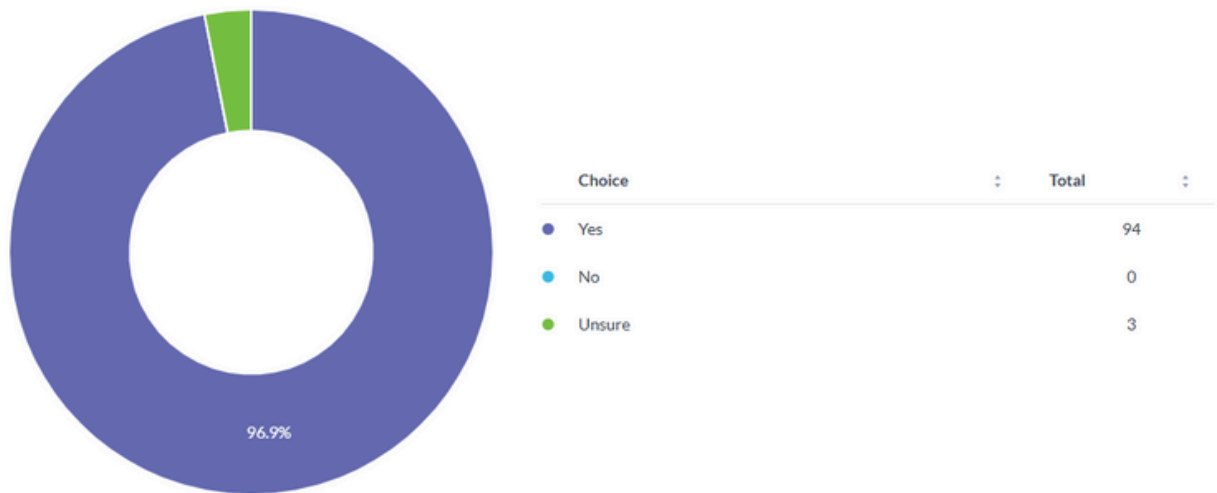
| Choice | Total |
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| Inside city limits | 26 |
| Outside city limits | 71 |

How satisfied are you with life in Zavalla right now?

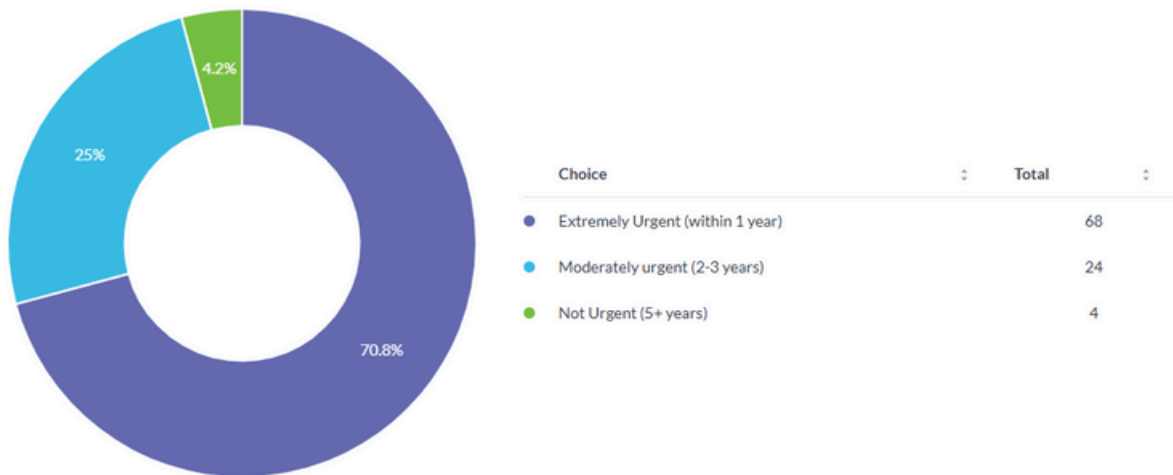


| Choice | Total |
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| Very satisfied | 7 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 23 |
| Neutral | 25 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 31 |
| Very dissatisfied | 11 |

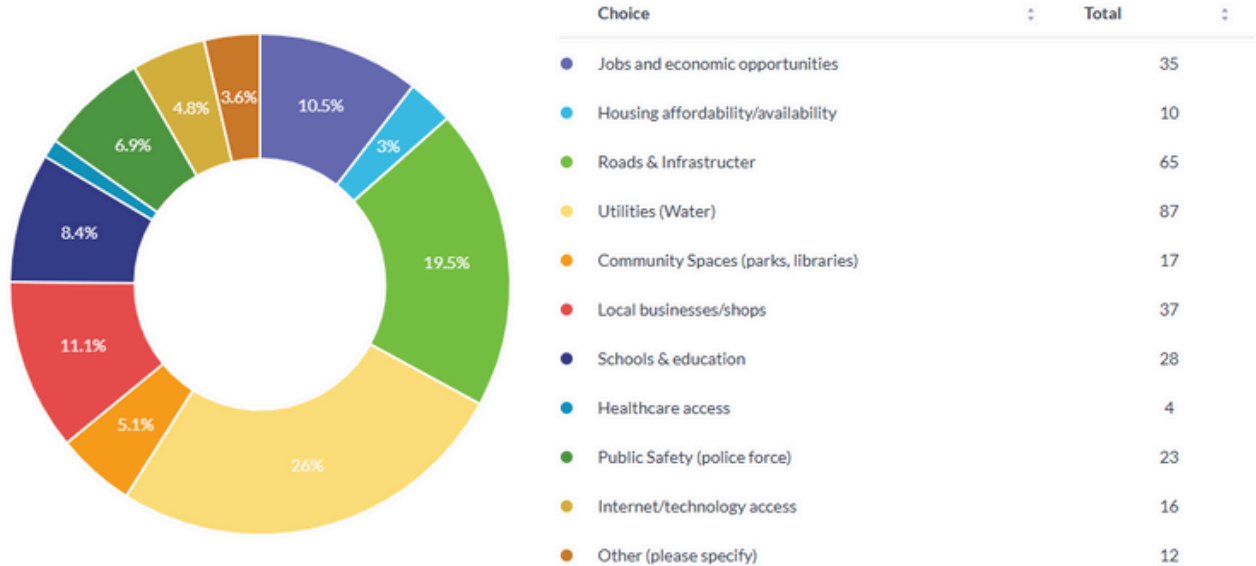
Do you think Zavalla needs changes to improve its future?



If yes to changes, how urgent do you think these changes are?



What areas do you think need the most improvement?



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Other answers:

- Other (please specify): **Get people with half a brain in leadership and stop all the FB drama BS**
- Other (please specify): **The new sidewalks are going to be great. But will it be safe to go for a walk? All the drugs and thieves in town, I am scared to go outside without a gun on me.**
- Other (please specify): **Something for our kids to do and our elderly**
- Other (please specify): **Run down houses. Filthy yards**
- Other (please specify): **City should be unincorporated.**
- Other (please specify): **Residents need to stop arguing and being disrespectful to each other on social media and public forms. City officials, city government (mayor, city counsel and city employees) need to be respectful to residents, listen to the public, do the best job they can and be transparent. All the power struggling, disrespect, and belittling of each other is the most damaging to the city.**
- Other (please specify): **The entire leadership of. The city has to go**
- Other (please specify): **Clean up the Pleasure Point Subdivision. Arrest the drug heads and people with warrants. Monitor the drug activity at night in the Subdivision.**
- Other (please specify): **The means running the city.**
- Other (please specify): **Get rid of the drug families and dissolve city. We should be a town not a city. No one seems to know what they are doing so it keeps getting worse**
- Other (please specify): **Proper training for anyone trying to make decisions on behalf of the city. There is free training available!**

What would make you most proud to stay in or recommend Zavalla?

- Love living here the peace and quiet compared to big city life
- A school that cares about more than just sports (bring back the high school library and drama department!), businesses that provide a livable wage, opportunities to grow and live without having to commute hours for a decent job, city government with the people in mind instead of their own interests, infrastructure and utilities that aren't crumbling so new people and businesses WILL move here, a community that actually loves their neighbors again. Why is everyone ALWAYS at each others throats? Zavalla has been better, and could be again if the people would just LET IT.
- Stop the drama on Facebook. If the keyboard warriors know so much start helping and stop complaining
- If the city can let people who live outside city limits vote and run for city council are mayor because if you have the same people than you will get the same result
- If we could see the town for what we could be if all people dropped there own agenda and seek the better of our town. That includes myself. Because we live on one of the largest lakes with so much opportunity and diversity.
- Decent safe water, a trustworthy local Government, more upstanding business, less local childless hostility.
- A city council that actually has some sense and doesn't get on Facebook posting things like "I don't give a damn". It's embarrassing that these are the best people available for the job. It's clear that no one on city council has ever run a business. They have the city in shambles and are all just on a power trip.
- To see the town come together in a way that we do in hardships in order to make our town great again. Not only voice their opinion, but go to events and lift up our workers and people in office in prayer and conversation.
- Less "I" more community.
- The feeling that my kids receive quality education with a small town community feeling.
- Nothing
- I would love to be able to say that Zavalla has an inclusive community that is interested in growing, but retains small town values.

What would make you most proud to stay in or recommend Zavalla? (continued)

- Our water to not be the worst in the state. Our school and education to improve tremendously. We need to have set in stone police officers and members of the city hall.
- To see a new council and mayor in the city.
- The water system needs to be fixed. It's ridiculous to be paying for water that you can't drink.
- More involvement with the school! More things for kids to do! More business to bring more money into our school!
- To see growth and people wanting better for the community
- Love this area n my life here
- More business and unity amongst citizens and city officials
- Improved water system. We are known for the water issues. Also, it would help matters greatly if people did not consistently tear one another apart on public forums, the endless drama sets a terrible and dramatic reputation for the city.
- It's refreshing that the community is still a small town community. The parades, some of the welcoming people.
- I love the way this small town will pull together in times tragedy
- Better road and a whole new city. Get rid of the idiots who run this town
- Better water more businesses and more jobs
- Getting rid of all the criminal activity. Cleaning up Subdivisions. Better and cleaner WATER.
- Cleaner-safe water to drink. Public officials being honest with the community. The police being serious about controlling the drug issues in the community.
- The biggest factor Zavalla has going for it is the lake. The city should really embrace and welcome fishermen and recreational boaters to Zavalla. "Outsiders" bring in a lot of money and like to spend it. There is not a single thing in town right now that says "Welcome Fishermen" or "Thanks for visiting!" On the contrary, a lot of us outsiders feel like we are an inconvenience for the city.
- If we had better water quality , road reconstruction, crime prevention and follow through no matter the last name, as well as more transparency within city government.

What would make you most proud to stay in or recommend Zavalla? (continued)

- I was born and raised in Zavalla. It hurts to see it in the mess it's in. The town can't keep going like it is. And sidewalks. REALLY when the roads and water is in such bad shape. Don't understand that one.
- Having clean water
- Unity
- Cleaner Less drama
- Better drinking water
- Stop the drama on fb. Just because you can say it doesn't mean you should say it there.
- Not sure
- Less drama.
- I lived in Zavalla & it is a nice little town, but there are definite improvements that need to be made. Top priority should be a better water treatment plant that can accommodate the increasing population and provide actual drinkable water. And the drainage system is an absolute must as well. Until improvements are made, it will be difficult to attract businesses, which will bring jobs and improve economy. A local healthcare even part time for people who have travel issues. And an entertainment space for kids to safely have fun, ie., skating, bowling, arcade. Example Main Event in Houston.
- A united community focused on economic development and improving the quality of life in the area while maintaining historical value and emphasizing the kindness of the people.
- City council and mayor get their act together. Keep city out of the red. Keep citizens informed.
- I was born/raised in Zavalla and moved after getting married. I've been away since 2011. Zavalla has more to offer now then it did while I was there so as long as more businesses are able to make it, education/school improves overall, crime/drugs are more addressed, the water issue/roads improve then I'd for sure recommend Zavalla! It's home to me and always will be. My parents recently passed so now my sister and I have our family home to care for so what's available to us in Zavalla is and always will be important to us.

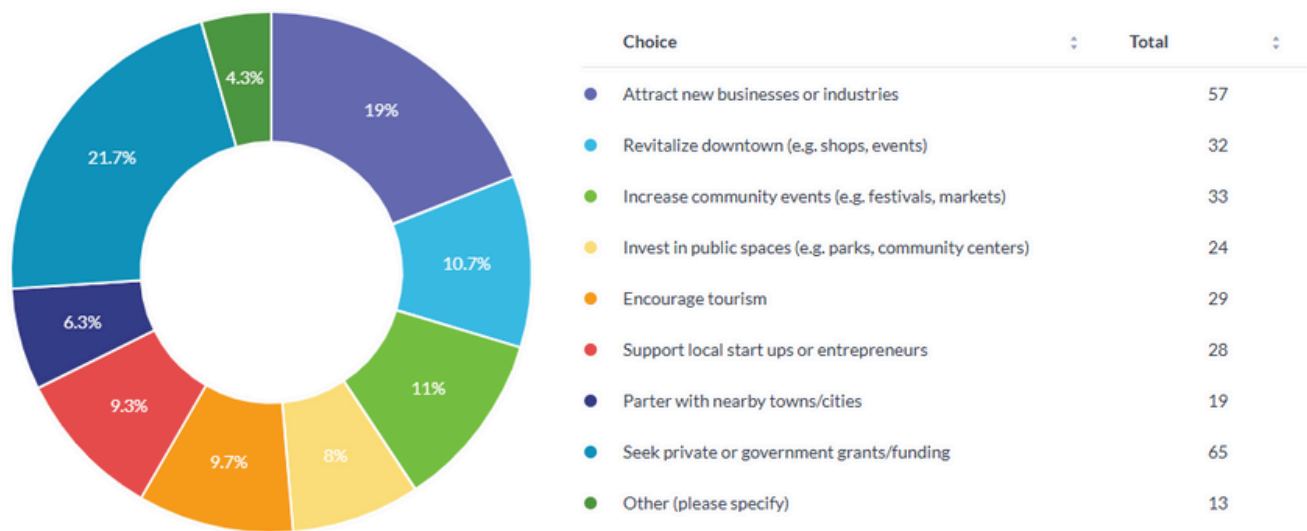
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- Road maintenance
- Get rid of drama in all city administration, clean city appearances, public utilities repaired
- For the community to come together instead of tearing each other apart.
- To go back to the 1960s, which we can do. So unincorporated, to stop all the bickering over the city government. Let the state take over the water/sewer.
- Water that's drinkable people that did not treat others like dirt simple because they were not born and raised here or come from one of the big families here
- It would be very nice to not constantly read/see griping and complaining about everything little thing. No matter what is said there is always someone to criticize!
- I wouldn't there to many new ppl ppl. Folks from here dont like ppl moving here from other states an places !trying change a town that didn't need changing. you clearly got ppl running it with no knowledge on making an keeping money .adding 100 police won't fix anything you need water ppl ,utilities ppl not more police in a town this small .
- The people themselves
- Actually having a healthy and vibrant down town
- Zavalla has so much potential. Must get out of our own way, greed and prejudices to allow growth and opportunity for the greater whole of this towns future.
- Clean up their act
- The community that is willing to leaving drama aside to be there for one another. We do it all the time in times of need if only we could do that to benefit EVERYONE long term
- A town that can provide drinkable water to the community. A town that would have a grocery store that didn't increase prices because it's a EXPRESS but charge double for what looks like leftovers from the bigger stores. A town who showed interest in the kids and had a good place for them to hangout and also somewhere for our elderly to recieve meals if they are in need. A lot of folks can't afford to buy local and don't have the means to drive to surrounding areas

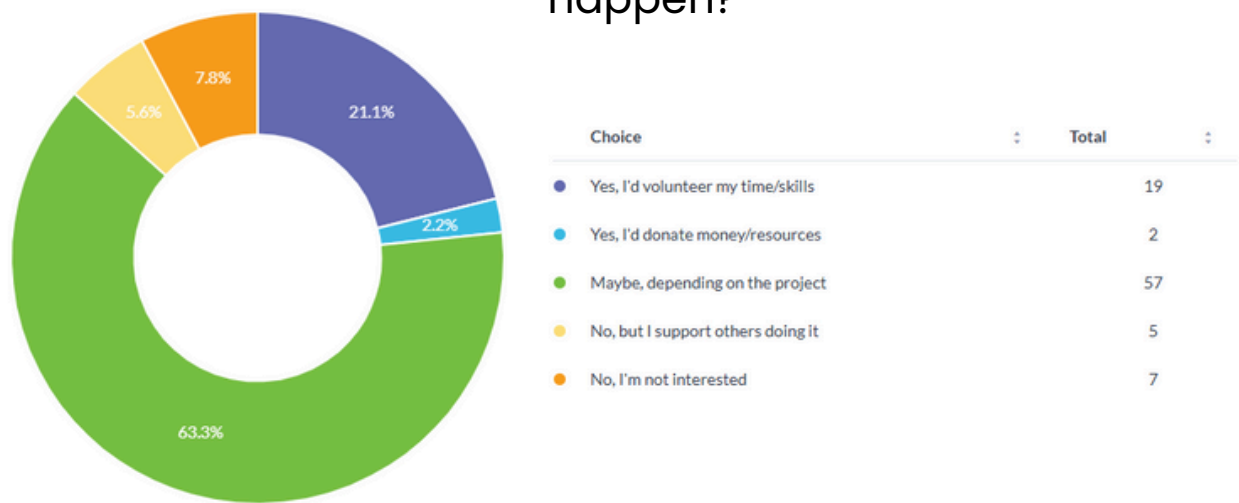
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- Safety is a big issue in our community. Living outside the city limits, after 4 or 5 sheriff deputies come from Lufkin.
- fix our water, roads, and get rid of the drugs

How would you like to see improvements in Zavalla happen?



Would you be willing to get involved in making these changes happen?



What is the one thing you love about Zavalla that should never change?

- Being close to the lake
- There's not much here to start with.
- Th friendly people
- Change is needed but remain humble and true.
- The people when they united on crisis
- The people
- Nothing, everything changes
- Our people!
- Haven't really found anything that I love yet
- Faith based town!!
- That everyone comes together in a time if need.
- how most of us come together as a community when it's needed and work together.
- A sense of history, and opportunities for young people.
- Nothing. It's old and run down. Nothing works right. I will not say I'm from Zavalla anymore when asked; I live at Sam Rayburn
- The helpfulness of the people when bad things happens to someone
- Small town community
- My church family and community!
- The way that we can depend on each other. We are beyond blessed to have a community that pulls together when families need it! It's a true blessing.
- It's small town charm
- Our home town community. Not being there full time at my home makes that hard for me to help facilitate. Which makes me very sad but have to be able to pay our bills.
- Hmm not sure
- There is literally nothing in this town that wouldn't benefit from some degree of change or growth.
- Community

What is the one thing you love about Zavalla that should never change? (continued)

- The trees
- It's home and always will be! I love how most people come together to help each other in times of need!
- Being a small town
- The kindness and generosity of the people and the history of the area
- It's a small town with a great community interaction, and support. It has a lot of potential if someone took the initiative to contact to government and submit applications for grants for improvements and development. Being so close to Lake Sam Rayburn would only be an added incentive to bring people in.
- Small Town feel
- The BIG flag at Colemans
- Churches of all dominations don't mind bonding together on projects to share with the community. Ex. Easter
- The community helps each other
- Most people are friendly
- Compassion for others
- The "family" feeling that the community provides. Everyone knows everyone. And even if they don't they treat you like they do. Everyone is always quick to come together when someone is in need.
- There is always room for growth
- How the people come together and support each other during difficult times.
- Small town activities like the parades, get together for different holidays, mom and pop businesses.
- Nothing. Just about everything about the city needs to change beginning with the leadership. Change is a good thing. Not accepting change is a path to being left behind.
- Small town parades, Community get together at City Hall, and hometown businesses.

Any additional ideas or comments about the future of Zavalla?

- It would be great to see the town prosper and not have to make continuous cutbacks. But again, someone needs to take the initiative to lead the way...the right way.
- Addition of a decent grocery store . less storage buildings.
- Not at this time
- Need a daycare, gym, game center
- We need new business downtown. The city needs to make some of these places clean up. When you drive around and see such messes at houses and ect. I think they should be made to clean up. This is a reflection on the town.
- Need to allow noon city limit residents to serve in the government and start eliminating all the good ol boy crap going on
- Fix the water and roads. Our vehicles are getting torn up and it is not safe for us to walk or jog the neighborhood with family. Clean up stray animals and drug users. The water is not safe and is a known issue. If the city can't provide safe water then allow residents within city limits to have their privately owned well.
- Everyone is either friends with everyone or kin to everyone. It's going to take outside leadership to do what needs to be done. The lack of education, experience and courage will always hold Zavalla back if they don't figure out a way to get some new blood into leadership roles.
- The water & roads have got to be fixed. The roads have caused so much damage to vehicles. The water at times is so nasty it actually kills plants when you water them. Some days my dogs will not even drink it. They would rather have pond water. Please help!!
- Yes I believe if the city limit was extended one mile radius it would bring more opportunities for more people to run for city council or other city jobs that may have fresh idea's

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- I would like to see our donut shop with a drive thru & to be open daily.
- Connect to 4-way water, we have a county constable and a county deputy, they should be more visible in our area. We should only need one city officer.
- Zavalla needs stuff that let them grow into an amazing community
- Need more wk on roads n our water.
- Zavalla needs to get there shit together so it can remain Zavalla
- No
- i hope it changes. i would hate for my kid to grow up here like i have
- The town needs to come together!
- Develop rodeo grounds to host different events, hold fishing tournaments or events,
- It can't grow until it is under financial control so utilities can serve the people Training is a must!!
- Zavalla has got to do something about their public works system immediately. New growth will never come into Zavalla with the way the water system is. A business owner would be crazy to open anything in town right now.
- I pray that we all get off social media to handle our differences. That we talk face to face and stop the keyboard killing that is going on. We have great people with great ideas but the internet has destroyed human communication
- Thinking