

Frequently Asked Questions

Where's Poynette? - A little north of Madison.

Birthplace? – Hospital closest to Wrigley Field.

Why city manager as a job? – Do difficult things. Make places better. Donuts.

Does this look infected? - More like inflamed.

What are you most proud of? - There's zero utility in pride. Be grateful instead.

Hobbies? – Mountain climbing, firefighting, woodworking.

Firefighting is a hobby? – Volunteer department.

Greatest fear? - Serif font and bad kerning on the tombstone.

Have I saved any room for dessert? - That's the reason I'm here.

Captain Kirk or Captain Picard? - Han Solo.

What is the meaning of life? - Not pretending to not know things is a good start.

Any words of wisdom? - Lighten up, Francis.

How many times have you been hit by a car/truck? – Five.

You mean like in a car accident? - No, I mean like my body bounced off a car/truck five times.

Most grateful for? – Family. General spirit of resilience. Motocross muscle memory.

Did you really think becoming a firefighter at 60 was a good idea? - Yeah. I also thought sending every kid in Davenport to college and transforming the casino to a community non-profit were good ideas.

Little known, not very useful skill? - Juggling.

Are you a public figure? – Does having a sandwich named after me count?

Little known, not very debilitating physical constraint? - Can't hop on my right foot. Can't bend my left big toe.

Those seem ... specific? – You get whacked by five cars & let me know how it goes.

Any lingering impact? – Moved from centerfield to third base.

Besides having lived at a Fortress of Solitude, anything else in common with Superman? - Nigh-invulnerability, minty-fresh breath, red boots.

What's the deal with you and Lee Enterprises? - They're lame.

What's the deal with you and baseball? – Baseball is life.

Five favorite bands? - Replacements, Talking Heads, B-52s, Gaslight Anthem, Regrettes, Cheap Trick, Old 97s, Amanda Shires, Sturgill Simpson, Josh Ritter, Liz Phair, TV On The Radio, Justin Townes Earle, John Prine, BRMC, Cranberries, Cannonball Adderley, Hold Steady, Gary Clark Jr, Lauren Jenkins, Florence + Machine ...

That's way more than five – A prosaic allegiance to the social construct of integers is no way to live.

Five favorite cars? – Lancia Stratos, Lancia 037, Lexus LFA, Toyota AW11, Vector W8

That's exactly five. – A person's five favorite cars is serious business, and requires precision.

How many cups of coffee in a typical day? – Zero, in my life.

How do you handle stress? - Smile and wave as it passes me by.

What's for breakfast? - Pecan pie.

Started mountain climbing at 50, firefighting at 60, what's in store for 70? – Punk band. Or maybe ska. Ska needs a comeback.

Red boots? - Lowa Mountain Expert GTX Evos (love them)