

Norfolk Insider

City of Norfolk, NE

www.ci.norfolk.ne.us

June 17, 2014

“Filling the Ward 1 Norfolk City Council Seat”

Persons interested in representing Ward 1 on the Norfolk City Council have a number of opportunities to do so. Mayor Sue Fuchtman will consider the names of qualified electors from Ward 1 to complete Dale Coy's term that expires in December,

2014. Coy resigned from his City Council post to become employed as one of the seven full time park caretakers in the City of Norfolk Parks Department.



Fuchtman will submit a name to the Norfolk City Council during a special meeting which needs to be held prior to Monday, June 30, 2014. A simple majority of the City Council is needed to approve the nominee for the seat.

Persons from Ward 1 who are interested in being considered to fill the vacant seat must submit a written statement of his or her intention to be considered along with a personal

resume to City Administrator Shane Weidner, 309 N 5th Street, Norfolk, Nebraska, by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014. Norfolk City Code entitles the Mayor and City Council to personally interview any and all persons interested in the seat.

Because the new Ward 1 City Council member's term expires in December 2014, Nebraska State Statute provides options for persons wanting to be on the ballot for the November 4, 2014 general election. A person can collect at least 174 valid signatures (which is the number set forth in state statutes and represents 10% of the number of votes cast for president in the last general election from Ward 1) from registered voters in Ward 1 on a petition approved by Madison County Clerk Nancy Scheer. The petition would need to be turned into the County Clerk's office in Madison, Nebraska, no later than September 2, 2014. For more information on obtaining a petition and gathering valid signatures, contact the County Clerk's office at 402-454-3311, extension 136.

Another option for persons interested in the City Council seat is to run as a write-in candidate. To do so, a person must file a notarized affidavit with the County Clerk by October 24, 2014 and pay a filing fee. Those voting for that candidate must then write in that person's name to vote for him or her.

For information on the duties of a Norfolk City Council member, please go to www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/citycode/Tableofcontents.htm#Chapter_2. For more information, please contact the Norfolk City Clerk at 402-844-2000.