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"Corey Granquist- New City Council Member"

Corey Granquist was appointed to replace Dale Coy on the Norfolk City Council at a special meeting held Monday, June 30. Mayor Sue Fuchtman submitted Granquist's name to the council who approved the appointment unanimously. Granquist is an employee of the Nucor Detailing Center and will represent Ward 1 on the City Council until December 2014 to fill the rest of Coy's term. 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.

An election will be held this fall for voters to select an individual to serve as the Ward 1 City Council member.

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.