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“Corey Granquist – Newest City Council Member”

The newest city council member is already collecting signatures to run for an open seat on the council this November.

Corey Granquist was appointed by Mayor Sue Fuchtman to fill six months of the Norfolk City Council Ward 1 seat left vacant when council member Dale Coy resigned to take a job as a city park caretaker. In order to stay on the council, Granquist will have to be elected for the position in the November 4th general election. To get on the ballot, he needs to collect at least 174



signatures from registered voters in Ward 1- a task he’s been working on since his June 30 appointment.

Granquist said he has always been interested in serving the community and had thought of running for city council before. He lives at 900 Westbrook Drive which is in the East Walters housing division.

“I think it’s important to have a voice from over at this end of town. You listen to what people say and you make the best decisions you can after you study the issues,” Granquist said.

Granquist has lived in Norfolk since he was eight-years-old. His kids are attending his alma maters- Jefferson Elementary and Norfolk High. He and his wife, Julie, have three children: Samantha, age 21; Yazmine, age 15; and Gaven, age 8.

After graduating from Norfolk High in 1990, Granquist obtained a degree in Architectural Engineering Technology from Southeast Community College - Milford. He then worked for two years at the post office and one year at Affiliated Foods before starting at Vulcraft in 1994. In 2005

he helped establish the Nucor Detailing Center and then worked as a District Sales Manager with Nucor Building Systems for two years before switching back to the Detailing Center in 2010 where he currently works as a Team Leader.

Granquist enjoys running, biking and working out – you’ll find him at the gym every weekday at 5:00 am. He also has helped coach his kids’ baseball and soccer teams and enjoys riding four wheelers and motorcycles.

As he walks around the neighborhood and talks to residents about their concerns in the city, Granquist said he hears some common themes: sidewalks and taxes.

“Many people in this area would like to see some sort of path or sidewalk along Victory Road. The street is too busy with truck traffic to ride bikes, run or walk on,” Granquist said.

The other issue is taxes as valuations recently went up in the eastern area of Norfolk.

“People see their valuations go up and they want to make sure that their money is spent wisely,” Granquist said.