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“Councilman Shane Clausen”



As one of the newest members of the Norfolk City Council, Shane Clausen is able to bring to the group experiences he has had from living in different parts of the state. Although he grew up in Norfolk and graduated from Norfolk Catholic High School, he got his business degree in industrial distribution at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He then worked in Omaha before setting up a construction business with his brothers, Chad and Aaron, in Western Nebraska in Sidney.

Four years ago he moved back to Norfolk to work with his brothers and his dad, Randy, in the family business, Clausen Brothers

Construction. He ran for the city council this fall hoping to build on the potential he sees in Norfolk.

“I saw a bright spot in Norfolk and want to be part of that. Serving on the city council gives me a chance to help ensure we have a productive future. I’m looking long term. I want my kids to have the opportunity to move back here,” Clausen said.

His wife, Aimee, is a teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. Their four children are ages eight, six, four and two-years-old.

“I believe that right now Norfolk is at a turning point. People are working together and the community and organizations are coming together with common goals. It’s a great time to be on the city council and be part of something very positive,” Clausen said.

Clausen is no stranger to leadership positions. He is currently president of the Norfolk Home Builders’ Association and serves on the board of the Nebraska State Home Builders’ Association. He is a member of the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce executive board and he also serves on the board of the Educational Service Unit 8.

He also finds time for “just being a dad” by helping coach his son’s flag football teams and attending his kids’ wrestling, basketball, dance and soccer events.

His main goal for the next four years representing Ward 4 is to promote economic development in the Norfolk area.

“With the recently passed LB840 (economic development funding bill) approved by Norfolk voters, we have more opportunities and are at more of a level playing field with other cities our size. Recruiting new businesses and helping our local businesses in Norfolk and the region grow will create economic growth, increase retail sales and spread the tax burden,” Clausen said.

He added that another goal he has is to stay open to new ideas and suggestions from Norfolk citizens.

“The day you know everything is the day it’s time to step down. You’ll shut yourself off to better ideas. I want to keep an open line of communication so that people feel like they understand what the council is doing and will also feel free to offer their input,” Clausen said.