

# City Election in November – City Council and Mayor Positions

## ***Ready to get involved?***

There will be 3 City Council positions as well as Mayor on the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot. Currently serving in those 3 Council seats are Dustin Padgett, Josh Minton, and Pam Bach. Dustin was appointed to fill Kelly Summy's seat and Josh was appointed to fill Terri Golightly's seat until this Election. Terms for Pam Bach and Mayor Ostrander both end this year.

If YOU want to be on the Ballot this Fall, now's the time to get started! All you need to do is:

- Print out the Affidavit of Candidacy and Nomination Petition from the website: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/cityelections.html> or ask City Clerk Marcia Thomas or me for copies.
- Talk to 10-15 of your De Soto friends and neighbors, asking for their signature on your nomination petition. It only takes 10 but it's always good to fill all 15 spots just in case.
- Return the completed documents to the Dallas County Auditor's Office between Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> by 5PM. They're located at 210 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Adel. Their phone number is 515-993-4751.
- Then, get your name out there! Talk to people. Post it on your Facebook page so local friends can share it. Encourage people to vote this Fall.
- Vote on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> between 7AM and 8PM.
- Go home and wait for the results!

There is no better way to learn the "inside scoop" and how much is involved in the day-to-day work of our City Hall, Public Works, Police, Fire, and Library Departments.

Other Benefits include:

- Serving our community and getting to meet so many Residents and Business Owners
- Getting to know our truly phenomenal Staff and much of what is involved in their jobs
  - I'm now 100% confident I do not have the skill set for any of their positions. 😊
- Working with other Council Members and the Mayor
  - Bringing your ideas to the table for consideration
  - Being open to projects and ideas outside your comfort zone
- Opportunities to meet Developers/Property Owners and see proposed plans for new residential or business construction
- Learning so much about the Budget Process, how much everything costs and how our money is spent
- You don't do it for the money—but \$35 per meeting adds up over the course of the year. Getting that check in time for Christmas shopping is always nice.

I will always be grateful for the opportunity to have served but it's a great time for someone else to bring their ideas and energy to the table. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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