

RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL

The Mayor and City Council members are elected at the November even-year elections. The entire City is one voting precinct and all Council members represent the entire City. The Mayor is elected every two years and terms of the six Council members are staggered so that three Council members are elected for four-year terms at each even-year election.

A person is eligible to hold any elective city office if he/she is a registered elector of the City and has been a resident of the City for at least six (6) months immediately preceding his/her election or appointment. A person who is in default to the City shall not be eligible to hold any city office during the period of default, except those actively contesting a claim, tax or assessment through legal means.

Any qualified voter of the City may be nominated for election as Mayor or Council member by first submitting a petition signed by qualified voters of the City not less in number than ten (10) or more than fifteen (15) along with an Affidavit of Identity. These forms are available at the office of the City Clerk. The petition and Affidavit must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on the fifteenth Tuesday preceding the August primary date. If, upon the expiration of the time for filing nominating petitions for any elective city office, valid petitions have been filed for no more than twice the number of candidates for an office to be filled by election at the following regular city election, no primary election will be held. Candidates will then be nominated for election at the November General Election. If a primary election is needed, candidates for Mayor and Council equal in number to twice the number of persons to be elected to each office to be filled by election at the next regular City election who receive the highest number of votes of the electors at the primary election will be the nominees for election to the respective offices for which they are candidates.