

STAFF REPORT

For Meeting of February 8th, 2016

Mayor and Members of the City Council

Agenda Item #
NO. 2016-

SUBJECT:
Public Notice of
May 17, 2016
Primary Election

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Summary and Background

Notice is being given that on May 17, 2016 the City of Hermiston will hold an election for the following elected positions:

Mayor- Four year term

Municipal Judge – Two year term

The City Charter states the At-Large Council elections are held only at the General Election in November. At-Large Council candidates must file by August 30, 2016. Public Notice will also be given for the At-Large Council Positions later this year.

Attached you will find the proposed Public Notices for the Primary Election.

Attachment A will be published in the Hermiston Herald.

Attachment B will be posted at the following locations: City Hall, Library, Post Office, and on the City's website.

Fiscal Information

Apart from a modest publication cost, there is no financial impact.

Recommendation

Post notice of Primary Election.

Requested Action/Motion

Motion to direct the City Recorder to post notice of the Primary Election.



Submitted by:



City Manager Approval:

City of Hermiston

Attachment A

CITY OF HERMISTON
NOTICE OF ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, an election will be held in the City of Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon for office of the following:

Mayor – Four year term

Municipal Judge – Two year term

Candidates must file for office by submitting their completed declaration of candidacy to the City Recorder no later than 5:00pm on March 8, 2016. Forms are available at City Hall, 180 NE 2nd Street, Hermiston, OR 97838 or at <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/manuals-tutorials.aspx> .

Amy Palmer, City Recorder

Attachment B

City of Hermiston

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF CITY OFFICIALS

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 an election will be held in the City of Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon for your choice of candidates for the office of Mayor and Municipal Judge. The election will be conducted by mail. Your choice of candidates will be presented upon the official ballot and shall be voted upon by all qualified voters of the City.

Filing for Position

City elections shall be held at the same times and places as general state elections in accordance with applicable state election laws. The election offices and precincts for such elections shall be the same as for regular state elections. Elections shall be nonpartisan. The filing deadline for positions of Mayor and Municipal Judge is 5:00 pm March 8, 2016.

Filing Instructions

The filing forms and manuals are available at City Hall or online at the Secretary of State's website which is listed below.

<http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/manuals-tutorials.aspx>

Forms are to be filed with the City Recorder at:

City Hall
180 NE 2nd Street
Hermiston, OR 97838

Qualifications for Mayor and Municipal Judge

No person shall be eligible to the office of Mayor or Municipal Judge unless at the time of their election he or she is a qualified voter of the state and has resided in the City for one year immediately preceding their nomination or declaration for the office. A map of the wards is available on the City of Hermiston website at <http://www.hermiston.or.us/government/city-council>.

Positions and Terms

Mayor – Four Year Term

Municipal Judge – Two Year Term

If at the May election (the third Tuesday of May), two (2) or less candidates file nomination petitions or declarations of candidacy for the position of Mayor or Municipal Judge, then the May election shall be considered the general election.

If three (3) or more candidates file, then the May election shall be considered the primary election and the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees whose names shall appear on the ballot for a November general election. Should any candidate receive a majority of all votes cast for the office at the May 17, 2016 election, then the name of that candidate shall be printed separately on the ballot at the general election under the designation equivalent to "Vote for One" and no other name shall be printed on the ballot in opposition to such candidate. One space, however, shall be left following such name in which the voter may insert the name of any person for whom the voter wishes to cast a ballot.

Amy Palmer, City Recorder