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JOHNSTON CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS JOHN TEMPLE TO FILL VACANT SEAT

JOHNSTON, Iowa – On Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021, the Johnston City Council held a Special Meeting to appoint former Councilman John Temple to fill the vacant seat after Scott Syroka resigned.

“The Council discussed the vacancy and agreed that John has the experience and qualifications to represent the residents of Johnston once again,” said Mayor Paula Dierenfeld. “Our objective was to appoint someone who understands the importance of public service, including listening to our residents and making thoughtful and informed decisions. As a Councilmember, John’s insights on issues impacting our community have been invaluable and have resulted in decisions that are in the best interest of the residents we serve.”

John Temple served on the Planning and Zoning Commission from 1998 to 2000, was first elected to City Council in 2000, serving until 2008, then returned to the Planning and Zoning Commission from 2008 to 2012. He was again elected to the Council in 2012 and left his seat in 2019. “After a year away, I am excited to be part of the Council to continue to guide future developments. Seeing the Town Center and new City Hall come together is exciting, and I look forward to being part of the decision-making process as we continue to see this area develop,” said Councilman John Temple.

Councilman Temple will remain in this seat until the November election. However, the electors of the City have the right to file a petition requiring that a special election fill the vacancy by the filing of a petition in accordance with Iowa Code Section 372.13(2)(a)(2) within 14 days, which is Thursday, Mar. 4. If a special election is held, Johnston taxpayers' estimated cost would be \$4,000 - \$7,000.

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