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Johnston City Council Special Election

JOHNSTON, Iowa – On Monday, Apr. 5, the Johnston City Council will set and approve the special election date for Tuesday, Jun. 22, 2021, to elect a Councilmember for the City of Johnston. The election filing period will end Friday, Apr. 30. Filing papers to run for office can be found on the Iowa Secretary of State's office at <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/cityelections.html>.

Filing papers will need to be filed at the Polk County Election Office, 120 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Des Moines, IA 50309, no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 30, 2021. The office of this council seat will expire on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023.

On Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, the Johnston City Council appointed John Temple to fill the vacant seat after former Councilmember Scott Syroka resigned. "John is a resident who understands the importance of public service and listening to our residents," said Mayor Paula Dierenfeld. "I am so pleased that John has answered the call to serve once again. On June 22, an election will be held and Johnston residents will have the opportunity to cast their vote for a candidate they believe will best represent them. I am confident our voters will elect someone that has the vision, passion, and integrity to keep Johnston moving in the right direction."

If more than two candidates file paperwork, a primary is required and will be held on Tuesday, May 25.

The appointment will become effective after the Polk County Election Office has certified the election and the oath is taken by the newly elected person following the special election on June 22.

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