

Headlines



PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF FIFTH WARD ALDERMAN

June 20, 2006

It was with regret that the City received on June 19 the formal notification of Evie White's intention to resign as Fifth Ward Alderwoman for the City of Rock Island effective July 31, 2006.

Mayor Mark Schwiebert stated: "Evie White has made an invaluable contribution to the City both in her role as Fifth Ward Alderwoman and through her service on Boards and Commissions of the City and of her Broadway neighborhood. Her tireless efforts on behalf of her constituents and her irrepressible good will have served the City she loves in an exemplary way. Though her move to another part of Rock Island prevents her continued service as a member of the City Council, this will not prevent her continuing to participate on other bodies of the City including the Board of the Public Library which she loves so well. We wish her and her dedicated husband, Charlie, well in their new home."

Recognizing the necessity of filling the Fifth Ward vacancy, Mayor Schwiebert announced today the procedure to be followed in appointing an alderperson to serve the Fifth Ward until the next City elections in Spring, 2007.

Applications may be picked up in the Mayor's office in City Hall beginning **Wednesday, June 21, 2006**. All such applications are to be filed with the Mayor's Office by no later than close of business on **Monday, July 3, 2006** at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Schwiebert will then review the applications with a special Screening Task Force comprised of two other members of the City Council he will ask to assist him in reviewing and narrowing the range of applications.

A nomination for appointment will then be made by Mayor Schwiebert to the full City Council for their review and approval.

It is hoped that the position can be filled by August 14, 2006; and the appointment will be effective until the next City election in Spring, 2007. Appointment may be sought by any qualified voter in the Fifth Ward who has resided in Rock Island for at least one year, is not delinquent in taxes owed to the City, and has not been convicted of certain specified offenses.

The process outlined above is similar to the process followed in 1989, 1997, 2004, and 2005 when vacancies occurred on the City Council.

Questions regarding this Press Release and procedures may be directed to the Mayor's Office at 732-2012 or his law firm at 762-9369.