

Mayor and Members of the City Council **STAFF REPORT**For the Meeting of March 25th, 2024

Title/Subject

Public Notice of the May 21, 2024 Primary Election- Candidate Listing.

Summary and Background

Notice is being given that on May 21, 2024 the City of Hermiston will hold an election for your choice of candidates for the following elected positions:

- Mayor- Four-year term beginning 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2028
 - Nancy Peterson
 - Jackie M. Linton
 - Doug Primmer
 - Manuel Salazar
- Municipal Judge Two-year term beginning 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2024
 - o Cameron Bendixsen

The City Charter states the Mayor and Municipal Judge candidates will run in the Primary Election. If there are two or less candidates then the Primary Election will determine who will be elected into office.

If three (3) or more candidates file, then the May Primary 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 the November General Election. However, should any candidate receive a majority of all votes cast for the office at the May primary 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, with the exception of one space left blank following such name in which the voter may insert the name of any person for whom the voter wishes to cast a ballot.

Attached you will find the Public Notice for the Primary Election – Candidate Listing, which is being published in the Hermiston Herald and posted at the following locations: City Hall, Library, Post Office, and on the City's website and social media sites.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Community Communication and Engagement

Fiscal Information

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

Alternatives and Recommendation

<u>Alternatives</u>

None. Information Only

Recommended Action/Motion

None. Information Only

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