Dear Mayor Sorenson, City Clerk DeBruin, and members of the Common Council:

I want the District 7 appointment. I live in Ward 13 and have resided in District 7 for two years.

My name is Michael Brunette. I run SheVegas (shevegas.com and shevegas.org) -- civic research, budget memos, and council reporting on Sheboygan. For over a decade I've attended council meetings, spoken in public forum, and tracked public money: TIDs, development agreements, utility budgets, surveillance contracts. I work from public records and publish what I find.

I'm a photojournalist by training. I worked newspapers with Gannett and Thompson, including Packers coverage.

Taught New Media & Photojournalism at University of Iowa as well as Driving Uber & many other things.

I'm not bringing endorsements or a slate. I'm bringing something simpler: I already do the homework. I read the packets. I follow the money. I've stood in that chamber asking questions since at least 2012. As an alderman, I'd keep doing it with a vote.

District 7 deserves someone who shows up, reads the material, and answers to residents. That's what I've done without the title. I'd like the chance to do it with one.

I welcome the opportunity to present to the council and answer your questions.

Respectfully,
Michael Brunette