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## Williston City Council member resigns

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**WILLISTON** -- During the past decade, the Williston City Council has experienced some resignations by a few of its members.

A June 28 letter from Williston City Councilman Timothy C. "Tim" Hass to Williston City Council President Charles Goodman shows that Hass, who is the councilman for Group C, is leaving office effective on July 14.

This Tuesday evening (July 11), is scheduled to be Councilman Hass' last meeting as an elected Williston City Council member.

Hass noted that he and his family are moving to another city in the next few weeks.

"It has been an honor to serve the great people of Williston as a city councilman," Hass noted. "In retrospect, if I had known, years ago, that serving our community on the City Council was this rewarding I would have considered serving a long time ago."

The outgoing councilman said he is thankful for the kindness and generosity that President Goodman has shown to him, including the "... kind words of affirmation over the past several months."

As a result of this resignation, the City Council is anticipated to take action leading to a tentative set of events -- culminating in the special election of a new leader to fill the Group C seat on Williston City Council.

The tentative qualifying period for candidates in the probably upcoming special election is from noon on July 31 until noon on Aug. 4.

The special election is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If all goes as is anticipated at this time, then Sept. 19 is the date when qualified Williston municipal voters can cast ballots to choose their leader in Group C.

The first action required leading to that is the City Council taking the anticipated action on Tuesday night (July 11).

Of course, after that it will take at least one candidate seeking office for the end result to be a replacement for Councilman Hass. If there is more than one candidate, then the voters will choose during the special election.

City Clerk Frances Taylor is the supervisor of elections for city elections in Williston.

People who are interested in running for this open seat during this probable upcoming special election may want to conduct research to find when they should open a campaign account, and other actions that will be required on and before the qualifying period starts.

Possible candidates may want to conduct some quick research, too, to learn about the duties and responsibilities of a Williston City Council member.

The telephone number for Williston City Hall is 352-528-3060.