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As of noon on Thursday, Feb. 24, one person had filed for the unexpired term for Place 6 and one of the three incumbents had drawn two challengers for his seat on the Burleson City Council.

Larry Pool filed Feb. 22 for the Place 6 seat currently held by Councilmember Chip Stephens. City council members accepted Stephens' resignation letter at the Feb. 21 council meeting and called for a special election to fill Stephens' one-year unexpired term. Stephens served on the council for seven years and will continue to serve until the votes are canvassed and accepted by council following the May 14 election.

Pool, 49, is employed in the insurance industry. He is a 15-year resident of the state and a two-year resident of the City.

Brian Cameron made Place 3 a three-way race on Feb. 23 when he threw his hat in the ring. Matt Powell is the incumbent. Powell filed for office Feb. 14. Jerry Allen filed for Place 3 on Feb. 12.

Cameron, 61, is a software engineer. He has been a Texas resident for 32 years and a Burleson resident for just over one year.

Incumbent Dan McClendon filed for his Place 5 seat on Feb. 12 and Stuart Gillaspie, who also serves as mayor pro tem, filed for his Place 1 seat on Feb. 17. Neither has drawn a challenger.

McClendon, 58, is employed as a contractor. He is a lifetime resident of Texas and a 33-year resident of Burleson.

Allen, 62, is a real estate investor. He is a 41-year resident of the state of Texas and a 22-year resident of Burleson.

Powell, 46, is a land surveyor. He has lived in Texas for more than 9-1/2 years, all of which have been in Burleson.

Gillaspie, 48, is a transportation manager. He is a lifetime resident of the state and Burleson.

The filing deadline is March 14. Election Day is May 14. Council applications are available through the city secretary's office at Burleson City Hall as well as at the regular council meeting on March 7.

If you want to vote in the May 2011 Burleson City Council election, you must be a resident of Burleson (you pay City taxes) and you must register to vote by April 14. Voter registration cards are available at city hall and the Burleson Public Library as well as through election offices in Tarrant County and Johnson County.

Early voting will be May 2-May 7 (Monday-Saturday), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and May 9-10 (Monday-Tuesday), 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Election Day is Saturday, May 14, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. All voting takes place at Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro St.

For more information, go to the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com), hover over Departments, then hover over City Secretary and click on Elections. You can also call the city secretary's office at 817-426-9660 or e-mail City Secretary Amanda McCrory at [amccrory@burlesontx.com](mailto:amccrory@burlesontx.com).