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As of noon on Thursday, March 3, two of the three Burleson City Council incumbents had drawn challengers.

On Feb. 25, Leslee Clark Ahrend filed against Place 5 incumbent Dan McClendon. Ahrend, 40, is employed as a teacher. She is a lifetime resident of Texas and a 19-year resident of Burleson. McClendon, 58, is employed as a contractor. He is a lifetime resident of Texas and a 33-year resident of Burleson.

Place 3 Council member Matt Powell faces two challengers – Jerry Allen and Brian Cameron. Place 1 Council member Stuart Gillaspie has not drawn any opponents, and, as of noon, Larry Pool is the only candidate running for the unexpired Place 6 term. Chip Stephens, who resigned Feb. 21, will hold that Place 6 seat until after the May 14 election when the votes have been canvassed and accepted by the council.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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, Departments, City Secretary, 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.