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Two out of the four races on the Burleson City Council ballot are now contested.

Ronnie Johnson, 66, filed for the Place 6 seat currently held by Council member Larry Pool. Pool opted not to run for re-election to his seat so that he could seek the mayor's post. Brenda Gammon has also filed for Place 6.

Those who have filed as of 4:30 p.m. on March 2 include:

Mayor

- Ken Shetter (incumbent), 40, is an attorney and executive director. He has lived in Texas for 40 years and in Burleson for 13 years.
- Larry Pool (challenger), 50, is employed in insurance and real estate. He has lived in Texas for 15 years and in Burleson for three years.

Place 2

- Rick Green (incumbent), 47, is employed in real estate. He has lived in Texas for 47 years and in Burleson for 20 years.

Place 4

- Matt Aiken (incumbent), 31, employed as an attorney. He has lived in Texas for 31 years and in Burleson for six years.

Place 6

- Brenda Gammon (challenger), 58, is a financial advisor. She has lived in Texas for 11 years and in Burleson for 11 years.
- Ronnie Johnson (challenger), 66, retired. He is a lifetime resident of Texas and a 39-year resident of Burleson.

The deadline to file for one of the four seats on the Burleson City Council election ballot is 5 p.m. on Monday, March 5. Candidate packets are available on the City website, www.burlesontx.com, Elections (center column), Candidate Packets, as well as at city hall, 141 W. Renfro St. Candidates may file with the city secretary's office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The candidate must file papers in person at city hall.

The 138-page candidate packet familiarizes candidates with City regulations as well as legal requirements from the Texas Ethics Commission pertaining to

campaign contributions and expenditures. The packet includes the filing form, instructions on how to appoint a campaign treasurer, the Code of Fair Campaign Practices, and information concerning political signs.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old; a citizen of the United States; a qualified voter of the city; a resident of the city or have resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election; not be delinquent in the payment of taxes or other liability due to the City of Burleson; and not be otherwise disqualified from serving on the city council by any other provision of law. The mayor and council members serve two year terms. There are no term limits. Council meets on the first and third Mondays and in special meetings and workshops throughout the year.

For more information about the May 12 Burleson City Council election, call the city secretary's office at 817-426-9661 or email elections@burlesontx.com. Burleson City Hall is located at 141 W. Renfro St.