

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL VACANT CITY OFFICE
BY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT
AND
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION**

TO THE PUBLIC:

YOU ARE HEREBY notified by the Anita City Council that the Office of Mayor has been declared vacant due to the death of incumbent Mayor Tom Harris on January 24, 2021.

The Anita City Council has resolved to fill the vacancy by direct council appointment during the regular meeting to be held at **Anita City Hall on March 10, 2021 at 7:30 PM CST**. Any individual interested in being appointed to the position should contact a Council Member and/or attend the regular meeting on **March 10, 2021 at 7:30 PM CST**.

If the Vacancy is filled by appointment, the individual appointed will hold the Office of Mayor until the next regular City election held in November of 2021, at which time the Office of Mayor will be on the regular election ballot and will be filled according to the results of such election.

Right to Petition for Special Election. Notwithstanding the Council's intent to fill this vacancy by appointment, eligible voters residing in the City of Anita have the right to petition that the vacancy be filled by a special election. To do so, a valid petition requesting a special election must be filed with the Anita City Clerk within fourteen days after the publication of this Notice or within fourteen days after the appointment is made, whichever is later. The petition must contain at least two hundred signatures or at least the number of signatures equal to fifteen percent of the voters who voted for candidates for the office of Mayor at the last regular election, whichever number is fewer.

If the vacancy is filled by special election, the individual so elected will hold the Office of Mayor for the remainder of Mayor Harris' original unexpired term.

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Kaitlin Hodges
City Clerk