

CITY OF BIWABIK

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2025
5:00 P.M. SPECIAL MEETING**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
321 NORTH MAIN STREET**

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. RESOLUTION 2025-7 APPOINTING A CITY COUNCILOR**
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

DATE: February 10, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution 2025-7 Appointing a City Council Member

BACKGROUND: I received the attached letters of interest from Jim Weikum and Patti Wallert. If either of these applicants are appointed, they would serve until the next regular municipal election, which is November 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution 2025-7
- B. Letter of Interest from Jim Weikum
- C. Letter of Interest from Patti Wallert

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Council Decision

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2025-7

City of Biwabik, Minnesota

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BIWABIK CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Councilor Steve Biondich has resigned as a City Councilor in order hold the office of Mayor, and

WHEREAS, The Biwabik City Council has officially declared that a vacancy exists, and

WHEREAS, The City Council accepted and reviewed letters of interest from interested citizens at a City Council Meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Biwabik City Council hereby appoints _____ to the seat vacated by Robert Kovatovich until the next regular municipal election, when the office shall be filled for the unexpired term.

Adopted this 10th Day of February 2025

Jim Weikum, Mayor

Attest:

Jeff Jacobson, City Administrator

Moved by Councilor _____, supported by Councilor _____ that the above resolution be adopted:

Ayes:

Nays:

Adopted:

Approved:

Mayor and City Council Members
City of Biwabik
ATTN: Jeff Jacobson, City Administrator
P.O. Box 528
Biwabik, MN 55708

January 29, 2025

Mayor Biondich and City Councilors:

I offer myself in consideration for the vacant seat on the Biwabik City Council. As you already know, it was my privilege to serve our community as a city councilor and mayor for twenty-one years, from 2004-2024. In addition, I represented the City in the following capacities:

- Biwabik elected representative to the East Range Joint Powers Board (ERJPB)
- Board of Directors, Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS)
- Board of Directors, League of Minnesota Cities (LMC)
- Biwabik representative to the East Range Community Advisory Board
- Governor's Task Force on Broadband

I am eager to continue serving our community. My experience is wide-ranging. While I have particular interest in legislative relations and the issue of housing needs, I am ready to assist the Mayor and Council in any capacity needed. Please note that I will be out of town from February 1 through February 7.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Jim Weikum

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January 23, 2025

Administrator Jacobson, mayor, and councilors,

I am writing this letter to express my interest in the vacant council seat. More than 30 years of Biwabik community involvement has prepared me to serve as a member of the city council. In 2018, I attended the Blandin Community Leadership Program, which taught me to embrace the opportunities and challenges of community leadership. I have previously served on the City Council, the Planning and Zoning board, and the budget committee. I currently serve on the Biwabik Charter Commission, and have participated in the formation of Biwabik's Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Plan. I was the chair for SD1 of the city strategic plan in which our committee completed the goals set out in the plan.

Through my professional and volunteer activities, I have developed the ability to work both independently and as a team member. I understand the need to stay connected with people in the community and region. I value and appreciate diverse opinions. I would like to continue the work started while I was serving on the council, therefore I am requesting an appointment to the council.

Cordially,
Patti Wallert