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Imperial Mayor Annie Longan is looking for a few good men and women to consider an appointment to the city council.

That became necessary Monday night, when the council formally accepted a resignation letter from council member Dustin Weiss, who has served the past two and a half years.

He resigned effective May 11, according to his letter.

Weiss and his family recently moved outside the Imperial city limits, which precludes him from serving on the council, said City Clerk/Administrator Jo Leyland.

In his letter, Weiss wrote, "Current events have happened much faster than anticipated and I am sorry to put this burden on you and the other council members."

Weiss was elected in the November, 2006, election. The person appointed will fill out the rest of his term through December, 2010.

According to state law, council must meet concerning an appointment within two weeks of the council's formal acceptance of the resignation.

The city is currently advertising for people interested in the appointment to contact Mayor Longan. Anyone considered for the post must live in the city limits and be a registered voter.

An appointment will be considered at the start of the council's June 22 meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The remaining council members, Doug Gaswick, Chad Yaw and Sue Moore, must vote to accept Longan's appointment. Should the initial appointment not be approved, state law says another name cannot be considered that same night.

However, an appointment must be made within four weeks of the resignation.

Weiss also served as the council's representative on the Southwest Nebraska Solid Waste Agency board. At Monday's meeting, Gaswick was appointed to fill that seat.