

July 8, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Gerald Herman, City Administrator

From: Derek Watson, Administrative Services Director

Re: Ward 3 Alderman Vacancy

The City received a total of eight applications from residents interested in being considered for appointment to the vacant Ward 3 Alderman position. Two applicants have requested that their names be removed from the applicant pool. The remaining applicants were interviewed during a public meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Interviews were conducted in alphabetical order by last name. The applicants scheduled for interview were:

1. Keith Futch
2. Richard Luft, Jr.
3. Jerry Napier
4. Mollie Platt
5. J. Ritterbeck
6. Gianni Scramuzza

All applicants have been notified that this appointment will only fill the vacancy until the official election process is completed. The Ward 3 Alderman position will appear on the November 3, 2026, ballot as an unexpired term.

Applicants were also informed that anyone interested in officially running for the position must pull a petition through the Sumner County Election Commission. The first day to pull a petition was Monday, June 22, 2026, and the qualifying deadline is Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 12:00 noon. Additional election and candidate information is available through the Sumner County Election Commission website at VoteSumnerTN.org.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns leading up to the meeting.

Thank you,

Derek Watson