

Spoonmore to fill Monroe County Council seat - Herald-Times (Bloomington, IN) - November 10, 2015

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When the Monroe County Council meets Tuesday night, it will have a new member.

Eric **Spoonmore** was elected Monday night to fill the District 4 seat vacated last month by Rick Dietz.

He immediately was sworn in by Bloomington City Clerk Regina Moore and will sit in his first meeting as part of the council when the seven-member body gathers at 5:30 p.m. for its regular session.

"I'm very happy. I'm very excited about this," **Spoonmore** said just after he signed the paperwork making everything official. "It's been a dream for a long time."

Spoonmore ran for the position alongside two other candidates — Kevin Easton and David Harstad — during a Monroe County Democratic Party caucus Monday evening.

During his presentation, he pledged to follow three parts of his simple platform: adopting a responsible budget that promotes progressive Democratic principles; promoting a healthy and diverse economy in the community; and fortifying faith in local government through responsible management of resources.

"The challenges ahead are not easy," he said, speaking specifically about "dark box" assessments — which lower the assessed value of big-box commercial stores, decreasing property tax revenue — and the rising cost of elections, among other issues. "The bottom line here is that big ideas are what's needed to solve these complicated problems."

Spoonmore said he's a person who has those big ideas as well as a drive and work ethic that he'll apply to his work on the council.

He said he wants his constituents to know that he'll work hard for them, listen to their concerns and do the best he possibly can to represent them.

Final votes

Kevin Easton:

David Harstad:

Eric **Spoonmore**:

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