

February 4th, 2025,

Good evening,

My name is Timothy Hudson, eligible voter and resident of Claremont. While the city council and new mayor pledge transparency, their lack thereof has made it incumbent upon The People for recourse.

Ryan Hedberg, you were appointed and your term began in March of 2024. Kystal Sultze, while you vocalized that you were elected by write-in votes, the only information regarding your term, provided by the City Administrator, Liz Sorg, is that you were also appointed, and your term began on January 3rd, 2023, according to this this attached spreadsheet. Both of your terms expire on December 31st, 2026.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 412.02 Subdivision 2a, "A vacancy in an office shall be filled by council appointment until an election is held as provided in this subdivision... If the vacancy occurs before the first day to file affidavits of candidacy for the next regular city election and more than two years remain in the unexpired term, a special election shall be held..."; meaning both council members were required to file an affidavit of candidacy with the Secretary of State, and retain their seat by being elected.

In checking with the Secretary of State's filings, neither council member submitted an Affidavit required by law, thus circumventing the ballot and the election, unlawfully overstayed their appointments, created and approved motions, and created and fulfilled another appointment on the council, who has just been sworn in as mayor; all unlawfully.

This is reiterated in Minnesota Statute 205.10, calling for a special election upon a petition comprised of at least 20% of the total who voted in the last election. The undersigned petition of 73 eligible voters and Claremont residents, accounts for 31%. This petition calls for the election of 2 new city council members, and with approval of the only question on the ballot, a new mayor. I submit this petition to the clerk-administrator, consisting of 9 pages of 73 signatures, who is required to submit it to the Dodge County auditor.

Furthermore, I submit this information and petition to the City Attorney, Mark Rahrck, for his immediate advisement to the council, and to the Dodge County attorney, for his petition to the Dodge County District court under Minnesota Statute 204B.44 - Error and Omissions, and a hearing and final order of correction and a special election on the next uniform date of Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, acting not for the people in power, but for the best interest of the people of Claremont. Both avenues of recourse hold legal merit, giving the power back to The People via a special election. Your response is requested within 10 days of receipt of submission of this information and petition to the City Administrator immediately following this meeting. This information and petition shall also also be entered and approved into the the City Council Minutes as a matter of record,



