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Liberal City Commissioner Don Rash filed to retain his seat on the commission earlier today.

Rash was elected to a two-year term in 2007 after a sitting out of public office for more than 20 years. Rash had previously served as a Seward County Commissioner during the implementation of the Seward County Activity Center.

“From a business standpoint, I want to represent the taxpayer,” Rash said.

Rash owns and operates Rash Oil and the Sinclair convenience store on East Highway 54.

During the past two years, Rash has been involved with the site location for the new fire station after the previous commission opted to sell the existing property to Walgreens.

Rash has also been involved with the water park and the plan to pay off the Trailmobile default. He has also been a part of the discussions to improve Western Avenue.

With all these projects still in progress, Rash is seeking to remain on the commission to continue to work on advancing issues critical to Liberal’s future.

“In the last two years, a lot of progress has been made,” Rash said.

Rash has been a strong proponent of Dorothy's House and the Land of Oz exhibit as well as other community tourist attractions.

Rash joined Mayor Joe Denoyer in filing for re-election. Vice Mayor Doug LaFreniere has already stated he will not seek re-election, creating a vacant seat.

As of this morning, no other filings had yet to be recorded.

Larry Koochel and Dave Harrison are also on the commission, but their terms do not expire for two more years.