

Kubisiak files for re-election

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WIS. RAPIDS — Incumbent Mayor James Kubisiak, who has held the office for 7½ years, filed for his fifth two-year term at City Hall Tuesday afternoon, according to employees in the city clerk's office.

Kubisiak will face an election challenge from 18th Ward Alderman Carl Greenway, who is also president of the Common Council.

Greenway filed his nomination petition for the mayor's office on Dec. 19.

Kubisiak and Greenway will be the two candidates on the mayoral ballot in the April 1st election.

According to Kubisiak, a few of the reasons he is seeking re-election are:

— "To continue efforts to obtain four-lane highway access to Highway 51 and four-lane status for Highway 13 south of the city to its



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intersection with 73."

— "...to continue efforts to provide for the return of scheduled air service to Alexander Field; to improve inter-city roads; and continue extension of sewer and water facilities."

— "To continue to strive for stabilization of the property tax rate so that property owners can afford to live and invest in our city."

— "To continue existing partnerships with surrounding communities to provide for cooperative inter-city transportation facilities, solid waste disposal planning, and management and protection of ground water quality in the Wisconsin Rapids area."

— "To continue the city's long-standing and successful partnership with the Wisconsin Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce in promoting business expansion in the Wisconsin Rapids area and the city's industrial park."

In his first mayoral race, Kubisiak defeated then incumbent mayor Donald Penza. Kubisiak successfully faced another challenge from Penza in 1980, ran unopposed in 1982, and defeated Council President Maurice Mathews in 1984.

In a primary prior to the 1980

election, Alderman Maurice Mathews was eliminated from the mayoral competition. In a primary before the 1984 election, Alderman Helen Jungwirth was eliminated from the mayoral competition.

Kubisiak served one term as 6th ward alderman before his first race for mayor. He was elected alderman in 1976.

The 48-year-old Wisconsin Rapids native is a 1964 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison law school. He also earned a bachelor of business administration degree from the same school in 1959.

He is a 1955 graduate of Lincoln High School.

A member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, Kubisiak practised law in 1965 with the Stevens Point law firm of Peickert, Anderson, Fisher, Shannon & O'Brien. He also practised law for about one year in an office at 1510 W. Grand Ave.

He also operated a construction business before becoming mayor.

Kubisiak served as a platoon sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1959 to 1964.

Kubisiak and his wife, Kristin, live at 1040 13th Ave. S. They are the parents of two sons.