

## City to Consider Filling Municipal Judge's Position Monday

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As of presstime Friday, only one application had been submitted to the City of Seminole for the soon-to-be vacant City Municipal Judge's position.

According to City officials, Seminole resident Mary Trevino has submitted her application for the position, which is currently held by Municipal Judge Tom Keyes.

Keyes, earlier this month, submitted his letter of resignation from the Municipal Judge's seat, citing his acceptance of a full-time position.

"I appreciate the opportunity the (Seminole) City Council provided me to serve as the Municipal Judge," said Keyes in a resignation letter obtained recently by the Sentinel from the City of Seminole.

"However, a great full-time position with benefits has become available, and I can not pass it by."

Keyes' letter, which was addressed to the Seminole City Council and Seminole City Administrator Tommy Phillips, was dated Dec. 1 and states his resignation will be effective Dec. 31 of this year. The letter did not state what profession Keyes would be entering upon leaving the Municipal Judge's position.

Keyes was appointed to the position in December 2010, upon the resignation of former Municipal Judge, and current Gaines County Judge, Lance Celander.

Trevino, who formally worked for the City of Seminole's Municipal Judge's office as a clerk, also applied for the vacancy in December 2010 against Keyes.

Seminole City officials stated three applications were picked up for the open vacancy, with Trevino's being the only one submitted back to the entity.

Seminole City Council members, according to an agenda obtained by the Sentinel on Thursday, will host an executive session discussion over the Municipal Judge's vacancy during their Monday evening meeting at Seminole City Hall.

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