

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING (CANVASSING)
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey City Council conducted a Canvassing Board Meeting to canvass the results of the Primary Election, on Friday, August 17, 2018, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Acting Mayor John LeTourneau
 Councilmember Jill Johns
 Councilmember Mark Kuzma
 Councilmember Melody Shryock

Members Absent: Councilmember Chris Riley

Also Present: Administrative Services Manager Colleen Lasher
 City Clerk Jo Thieling

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor LeTourneau called the City Council Canvassing Board to order at 7:02 a.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Johns, seconded by Councilmember Shryock to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: All present voted in favor. Absent: Councilmember Riley.

4. COMMISSION BUSINESS

4.01: Declare the Results of the August 14, 2018 Primary Election

City Clerk Thieling explained the purpose of this morning's Canvassing Board meeting is to accept and declare the results of the City's Primary Election for Mayor and Councilmember Ward 4. She noted the results as follows: 15,629 registered voters as of 7:00 a.m. Election Day and 174 new persons registered either during the absentee balloting period or on Election Day. The City accepted 332 absentee ballots. Ms. Thieling reported that 3,223 residents voted.

The City Council proceeded to canvass the City election returns from all City precincts, reporting ballots cast as follows:

Office of Mayor	Ballot Count
John LeTourneau	1,562
Richard Wulf	808
Andy Hillebregt	610

Office of Councilmember Ward 4	Ballot Count
Debra Musgrove	364
Ralph Brauer	166
Skip Carlson	154

Mayoral candidates John LeTourneau and Richard Wulf and Councilmember Ward 4 candidates Debra Musgrove and Ralph Brauer will proceed to the General Election ballot.

Motion by Councilmember Johns, seconded by Councilmember Shryock, to accept the results of the 2018 Special Primary Election as indicated above.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Acting Mayor LeTourneau, Councilmembers Johns, Shryock and Kuzma. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmember Riley.

5. MAYOR/COUNCIL STAFF INPUT

Councilmember Johns reported that it appeared the electronic poll books sped up the check in process at the polling places and she felt the move to these books was a positive. City Clerk Thieling agreed that it did speed up the check in process, with the average time being 10 seconds. She added that she received positive feedback from the Election Judges as well as some from the public.

Councilmember Kuzma mentioned that the initial results of the Primary Election posted on the Secretary of State's website were incorrect. The numbers posted were correct, but the numbers did not align with the candidate receiving those votes. City Clerk Thieling responded that the Anoka County Elections staff had explained that it was a coding issue between the County and the State and that it was corrected as soon as it was noticed, which was approximately 8:30 p.m. Councilmember Kuzma stated he was not pleased that this happened and he felt that the Anoka County Elections Department should issue an apology to the candidates.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Shryock, seconded by Councilmember Johns to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The Canvassing Board adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

Minutes Drafted by Jo Thieling, City Clerk