

**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 Special General Election, on Monday, August 19, 2019, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor John LeTourneau
Councilmember Mark Kuzma
Councilmember Chris Riley
Councilmember Debra Musgrove

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis G. Ulrich
Administrative Services Director Colleen Lasher

Members Absent: Councilmember Nadine Heinrich

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LeTourneau called the City Council Canvassing Board to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Consensus was to approve the agenda as presented.

4. COMMISSION BUSINESS

4.01: Declare the Results of the August 13, 2019 Special General Election

Administrative Services Director Lasher explained the purpose of this evening's Canvassing Board meeting is to accept and declare the results of the City's Special General Election to fill the At-Large vacancy. She noted the results as follows: there were 16,102 registered voters as of 7:00 a.m. on Election Day and 15 new persons registered either during the absentee balloting period or on Election Day. There were 131 accepted absentee ballots. Ms. Lasher reported that a total of 655 Ramsey residents voted in the Special General Election.

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

Office of Councilmember At-Large	Ballot Count
Jeffrey Menth	343
Richard Wulf	310
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The Abstract of Votes Cast is attached to this set of minutes.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove and seconded by Councilmember Kuzma to accept the results of the 2019 Special General Election as indicated above.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor LeTourneau, Councilmembers Riley, Kuzma, and Musgrove. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmember Heinrich.

5. MAYOR/COUNCIL STAFF INPUT

Councilmember Musgrove commented that there were up to 8 election judges at the polls and wondered about reducing the number of judges for special elections. She also inquired about combining polling places for special elections.

Administrative Services Director Lasher stated there are a minimum number of judges required per polling location but staff will look into the matter. She also stated that staff requested Anoka County to draft language to start the legislative process of allowing combined polling places for special elections.k

Councilmember Kuzma asked how we could increase voter turn-out.

City Administrator Ulrich stated the turn-out of 4.07% was better than the last special election. He stated that additional signage was put out in City and directly outside of City Hall, which may have helped.

Councilmember Musgrove asked what the turn-out was for the last special election.

Administrative Services Director Lasher stated it was 1.48%.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Kuzma, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The Canvassing Board adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Lasher
Administrative Services Manager

Minutes Drafted by Colleen Lasher, Administrative Services Director

Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Absentee	Absentee	Absentee	Absentee	Absentee	Absentee	Absentee	COUNTY	COUNTY	
Election Judges	Voting Booths	Regis @ 7 am	Election Day Registrants	Spoiled	Duplicate	Signatures on Roster	# Ballots Counted	Election Day Regis AB Voters	Spoiled	Duplicate	Rejected	Regular/Military/Overseas	Federal	Total Accepted Absentee Ballots	Total Persons Voting	Turnout	
CITY-WIDE	51	59	16,102	13	0	0	524	524	2	0	0	0	131	0	131	655	4.07%
RAMSEY W1 P1	8	8	2,946	5	0	0	88	88	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	108	3.67%
RAMSEY W1 P2	6	5	885	0	0	0	33	33	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	40	4.52%
RAMSEY W2 P1	6	7	1,492	1	0	0	70	70	1	0	0	0	17	0	17	87	5.83%
RAMSEY W2 P 2	7	9	2,815	0	0	0	114	114	0	0	0	0	42	0	42	156	5.54%
RAMSEY W3 P1	7	8	2,951	4	0	0	71	71	0	0	0	0	19	0	19	90	3.05%
RAMSEY W3 P2	5	7	1,130	0	0	0	26	26	1	0	0	0	5	0	5	31	2.74%
RAMSEY W4 P1	6	8	1,963	3	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	0	11	0	11	61	3.11%
RAMSEY W4 P2	6	7	1,920	0	0	0	72	72	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	82	4.27%