

**WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2018**

AGENDA ITEM 1. Call to Order.

Mayor Willcox called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Roll Call.

Council Members present: Koch, McCarthy, Plechash and Tyacke. Also present: City Manager Dahl, and City Clerk Kathy Leervig.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Canvass Election Results.

City Manager Dahl explained state statute requires election results to be certified by the local governing body following the election. Mr. Dahl stated no disputes or recounts were requested. Mr. Dahl noted that the reason for the special meeting was required because the timeline did not meet the guidelines for the regular council meeting schedule as it had in previous years. Mr. Dahl asked City Clerk Leervig to explain the election totals and comment on the overall process.

Ms. Leervig stated there were 2856 votes cast with 1383 in absentee ballots. Approximately 90% of absentee voting was handled by administrative staff with the help of election judges. Staff handled the additional work with professionalism and a sense of humor. Ms. Leervig noted that the mid-term numbers were high compared to the last election. Ms. Leervig stated that more thought and planning will be needed to address the next election with the increase in early voting and staffing needs. Overall, the election went well with normal and expected issues with some registrations on the day of the election.

Mr. Dahl noted that other cities are approaching legislature to help them understand the additional burden on administrative staff to accommodate absentee voting.

Mr. Plechash asked if 90% of the absentee ballots were handled in-house, what happened with the remaining 10%.

Ms. Leervig stated those ballots were mailed in directly from voters to Hennepin County.

Mr. Plechash asked why someone would mail their ballot rather than vote in-person.

Ms. Leervig stated it could be due to disability or unable to leave their home for other reasons.

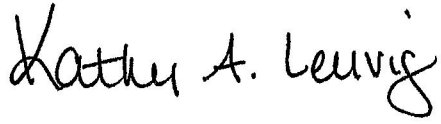
Mr. Plechash asked how the ballots are totaled and reported. Ms. Leervig explained the process of transmitting the data to Hennepin County.

Mr. Tyacke made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Plechash. The motion carried 5/0.

Adjournment

Mr. Tyacke made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. McCarthy to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

1 Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy A. Leervig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct dot over the 'i' in 'Leervig'.

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3 Kathy Leervig
4 City Clerk

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6 Drafted by Kayla Rokosz
7 *TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*