

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Agenda Item:

November 14, 2014

A special meeting of the St. Cloud City Council was called to order by Council President Jeff Goerger on November 14, 2014, at 12:00 p.m. in Conference Room #1 of City Hall for the purpose of canvassing the results of the November 4, 2014 general election.

ROLL CALL:

Members present were John Libert and Jeff Goerger. Members absent were George Hontos, Jeff Johnson, Carol Lewis and Dave Masters. Others in attendance were City Clerk Gregg Engdahl, Mayor Dave Kleis, and the appointed canvassing board members Stacey Jacobs and Randi Konsbruck.

CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS:

City Clerk Engdahl reviewed the numbers of registered voters that turned out at the general election noting that the turnout was 56% and typical for this type of election.

Results of the sales tax question were reviewed. The measure passed with 13,252 affirmative votes and 5,375 negative votes.

Results of the City Council election were reviewed. City Clerk Engdahl noted that the 11 vote margin for the 2nd Ward Council seat qualifies for a publicly funded recount. State statute authorizes a recount at no cost to the losing candidate when the margin is equal to, or less than, one-half of one-percent of the votes cast for that office. (In this case there were 3,766 votes cast for the 2nd Ward Council position. The cutoff for a publicly funded recount versus a discretionary recount is 19 votes.) Following an election, the City Council is required to adopt a resolution to declare a winner. The losing candidate has seven days following the election to submit a written request for a recount. City Clerk Engdahl advised that he had already received a written request from Sonja Berg and that a recount has been scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. The recount will take place in Conference Room #1 of City Hall.

Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Canvass of the Election Returns for the November 4, 2014 General Election was brought forward. It was moved by canvassing board member Stacey Jacobs, seconded by canvassing board member Randi

Konsbruck, to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was unanimously approved. The adopted resolution was assigned number 2014-11-140.

It was moved by Councilmember Libert, seconded by canvassing board member Konsbruck, to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. The motion unanimously carried.

City Council President Jeff Goerger

Respectfully submitted by

Gregg Engdahl, City Clerk