



**Election Commission
Minutes**

City Hall
City Council Chambers
97 North Broad Street
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Thursday, August 30, 2018

Board members present: Ms. Darnella LoPresto
Ms. Jean Porter
Ms. Julie Yoder

Board members absent: None

Also present was Mr. Stephen M. French, City Clerk; Attorney Tom Thompson; Mayor Adam Stockford; Council Member Greg Stuchell; Council Member William Zeiser; Council Member Bruce Sharp; Josephine von Dohlen (Hillsdale Collegian), Ted Jansen; Penny Swan; and Dennis Wainscott.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by City Clerk French at 3:30 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business for review

NEW BUSINESS

1. Determination of Ward 1 Candidates for the November 6, 2018 General Election

Attorney Thompson briefly reviewed the reason for the meeting and discussed the events that had occurred in regards to the candidates for Ward 1. Attorney Thompson stated three candidates had originally been certified by the City Clerk for inclusion on the August 7, 2018 primary ballot: Ted Jansen, Peter Jennings, and Dennis Wainscott. Attorney Thompson noted indicated, however, that Mr. Jennings had been deemed as an ineligible candidate by the City Council at a special meeting

held on August 1, 2018; Attorney Thompson noted Council had deemed Mr. Jennings ineligible as he was determined not to have been a city resident for three-years, as required by the City Charter.

Attorney Thompson stated that Council's determination was made too late to allow the ballots to be reprinted in time for the August primary, so all three candidates were left on the original ballot for the election. Attorney Thompson reported the results of the primary were:

Peter Jennings	68 votes
Dennis Wainscott	45 votes
Ted Jansen	42 votes

Attorney Thompson continued the issue surrounds the question of which candidates would be included on the November General Election ballot. Attorney Thompson reported the city has requested Mr. Wainscott and Mr. Jansen be the names to appear on the November ballot. Attorney Thompson stated the Hillsdale County Clerk's Office and the State of Michigan Bureau of Elections have recommended Mr. Jennings and Mr. Wainscott's name be placed on the November ballot, based on the results of the Primary Election.

A memo detailing Attorney Thompson's position was filed with the Election Commission papers for the meeting.

Ms. Yoder, seconded by Ms. Porter, moved to determine Mr. Wainscott and Mr. Jansen's name should both be included on the November 2018 General Election ballot for the Ward 1 vacancy.

Roll Call	Ms. LoPresto	Aye
	Ms. Porter	Aye
	Ms. Yoder	Aye

Motion passed 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Member Zeiser thanked the Election Commissioners for their service and noted the difficult decision that had been placed before them.

Ms. Penny Swan thanked the Election Commissioners for allow Mr. Jansen and Mr. Wainscott to be placed on the November ballot.

Council Member Sharp questioned the deadline for write-in candidates for the General Election. City Clerk French stated the deadline was write-in candidates was 4:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the election.

Mr. Dennis Wainscott also thanked the Election Commission for their decision.

Mr. Ted Jansen voiced support for the Election Commission's decision and stated he would have supported their stance, even if he wasn't a candidate for the position.

Mayor Stockford thanked the Election Commissioners for their dedication and apologized for the predicament that the commissioners had been placed into.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen M. French, MMC
City Clerk