

**SPECIAL MEETING & CANVASS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 17, 2020
5:00 PM
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Mark Denman, Councilmembers Ashley Graves, John Mahon, Bob Wartens, Matt Prior, and Councilmember-Elect Phil Johnson

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Don Matter and Councilmember Bryce Klug

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Dick Gregg, Jr., City Secretary Sandra Ham, Assistant City Manager Mary Chambers, and Finance Director Csilla Ludanyi

PRESIDING: Mayor Mark Denman

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Mark Denman called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and announced a quorum of Council was present with five elected officials in attendance.

CITIZENS' REQUEST FOR HEARING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Mark Denman announced a Public Hearing for citizens to address Council regarding any issues or concerns.

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:15 p.m.

There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was immediately closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Resolution canvassing the returns of the City's General Officer and Special Election held on November 3, 2020

The caption of the resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASSAU
BAY, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF A GENERAL AND
SPECIAL CITY ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

(Said Resolution is of record in Resolution Book No. 19 of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas, being Resolution No. R2020-2207.)

The elected officials in attendance reviewed the resolution which included the vote totals for Mayor and Council Position 2, 4 and 6, along with the twenty-two Charter Amendment Propositions on the November 3rd ballot. City Secretary Sandra Ham stated the figures were taken from the official results of the election as provided by the Harris

County Elections Division. The City entered into an agreement with Harris County to hold a joint election. The official tabulation is attached to the resolution as Exhibit B.

As a result of said election, no candidate for the position of Mayor received a majority vote of over 50.1%, therefore no candidate was declared to be the duly elected Mayor of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas. This will result in a runoff election to be ordered December 12th, of which candidates Bob Warters and Ashley Graves are designated for the runoff election as having received the two highest number of votes.

Phil Johnson is hereby elected to Council Position 2. Bryce Klug is hereby elected to Council Position 4. Matt Prior is hereby elected to Council Position 6. Propositions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, and V are approved by the voters.

It was moved by Councilmember Bob Warters, seconded by Councilmember Matt Prior, that the resolution be approved, officially canvassing and declaring the results of the November 3, 2020 election.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

Approval of an Ordinance ordering a special Runoff Election to be held on December 12, 2020 for the purpose of electing a Mayor; said election to be held jointly with Harris County (first and only reading)

The caption of the ordinance reads as follows (first and only reading):

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS, ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR; DESIGNATING THE DAY(S) OF THE ELECTION(S) AND THE POLLING PLACE; PROVIDING THAT ALL DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS SHALL BE QUALIFIED TO VOTE; PRESCRIBING A FORM OF THE BALLOT; PROVIDING A NOTICE OF ELECTION; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO SAID ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THAT THE ELECTION SHOULD BE HELD JOINTLY WITH HARRIS COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

(Said Ordinance is of record in Ordinance Book No. 13 of the City of Nassau Bay, Texas, being Ordinance No. O2020-805.)

As the Nassau Bay City Charter states “majority rules,” and that in the event that no candidate for a designated office receives a majority of the votes cast for that place in the regular or special election, a runoff election shall be held between the candidates who received the two greatest numbers of votes for such place.

The candidates who received the two greatest numbers of votes for the position of Mayor were candidates Bob Warters and Ashley Graves and are now designated for the ballot for the December 12, 2020 election. The runoff election shall be held in accordance with a Joint Election Agreement between the City of Nassau Bay and Harris County.

It was moved by Councilmember Matt Prior, seconded by Councilmember Bryce Klug, that the ordinance be approved, officially ordering a runoff election for December 12, 2020.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this 8th day of March, A. D., 2021.

CITY OF NASSAU BAY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

Robert L. Warters
Mayor

Sandra V. Ham
City Secretary