



**CITY OF DENISON
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

Monday, May 13, 2024

Announce the presence of a quorum.

Mayor Janet Gott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Mayor Pro Tem, Robert Crawley, Brian Hander, Michael Courtright, James Thorne, Josh Massey and Aaron Thomas. Staff present were Interim City Manager, Bobby Atteberry, Assistant City Manager, Renee Waggoner, City Attorney, Julie Fort, City Clerk, Christine Wallentine, and Deputy City Clerk, Karen Avery. Department Directors and members of the media were also present.

1. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

Council Member James Thorne gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge led by Mary Tate, Director of Development Services.

2. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION

A. Recognition of outgoing Mayor and Council Member.

Mayor Pro Tem Crawley presented service plaques to outgoing Council Member Brian Hander and Mayor Gott, recognizing their years of service on the City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Crawley stated Council Member Hander had served five years on the Council and thanked him for his interest in art in downtown Denison and his interest in the City's History. Mayor Pro Tem Crawley also thanked Mayor Gott. Mayor Gott was a single mother of two girls early in her life. She put herself through Southeastern University and received a degree in Accounting. Mayor Gott rose to the corporate heights of two international companies. After her professional career she was a trustee on the Grayson College Board and became a City Council Member and ended up being the City's Mayor for the past 6 years. Mayor Pro Tem Crawley thanked Mayor Gott for all her mentoring over the years.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Gott called for any public comments at this time and reminded those wanting to comment on the guidelines established by the City Council. Mayor Gott then asked City Clerk, Christine Wallentine, if any Request to speak Cards were received. Ms. Wallentine confirmed there were no Request to Speak Cards received at this point in the meeting. Therefore, no public comments were received.

4. ELECTION

- A. Receive a report, hold a discussion and take action on an Ordinance Canvassing the General Election held in the City of Denison on May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing Council Members to Single Member District 1, Place 1, Single Member District 2, Place 2 and Place 7, At Large (Mayor), and declaring the results of said election.

Council Action

Christine Wallentine, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager, reminded the City Council they ordered and called a General Election on February 5, 2024, to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing Council Members for Single Member District 1, Place 1, Single Member District 2, Place2, and Place 7, At-Large (Mayor). The City Council by way of the City Clerk has caused to be posted and published in accordance with the election laws of the State of Texas, Notices of the Election. Notices of the Election were actually given by the City and the Grayson County Elections Administrator as required by state law. The Election was duly and legally held on May 4, 2024, in the City between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm., and in conformity with the election laws of the State of Texas, and the results of the Election, including the returns of the early ballots cast in connection therewith to the Canvassing Board. The results of the election, including the returns of the early ballots cast in connection therewith and tendered to the canvassing board, were as follows:

Council Member, Place 1 SMD	Votes Cast
Michael Courtright	437

Council Member, Place 2 SMD	Votes Cast
James Thorne	212

Council Member, Place 7 At- Large (Mayor)	Votes Cast
Brian Hander	915
Robert Crawley	1,075

These numbers have been verified by the Ballot Board for the Elections Administration for Grayson County.

There was no discussion or questions from the Council.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Crawley, seconded by Council Member Courtright, the City Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 5345, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF DENISON ON MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 1, PLACE 1, SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 2, PLACE 2, AND PLACE 7 (MAYOR), AT-LARGE; DECLARING THE RESULTS OF SAID ELECTION; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS ON THE SUBJECT; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE

MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS AN OPEN MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE”.

- B. Receive a report, hold a discussion and take action on an Ordinance Canvassing the Special Election held in the City of Denison on May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing Council Members to serve the remainder of unexpired terms for Single Member District 4, Place 4, and Place 6, At Large, and declaring the results of said election.

Council Action

Christine Wallentine, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager, stated the Special Election was called at the same as the General Election as a result of the resignation of Council Member Hander and Mayor Pro Tem Crawley. Since each of them has more than one year left of their term, a special election was required to be called to replace them. The election was held on May 4, 2024, notices were posted in accordance with the laws of the state of Texas. The results of the election, including the returns of the early ballots cast in connection therewith and tendered to the canvassing board, were as follows:

Council Member, Place 4 SMD	Votes Cast
Spence Redwine	521

Council Member, Place 6 At Large	Votes Cast
Teresa Adams	1,171
Braeden Wright	743

These numbers have also been verified by the Elections Administration and the Ballot Board.

There was no discussion or questions from the Council.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Crawley, seconded by Council Member Thorne, the City Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 5346, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF DENISON ON MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 4, PLACE 4, AND PLACE 6, AT-LARGE, TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM UNTIL THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION IN MAY 2025; DECLARING THE RESULTS OF SAID ELECTION; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS ON THE SUBJECT; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS AN OPEN MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE”.

- C. Administer Statements of Officer and Oaths of Office and deliver Certificates of Election to newly elected Mayor and Council Members.

Council Action

Christine Wallentine, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager, administered Statements of Officer and Oaths of Office to Mayor elect, Robert Crawley, Single Member District 1, Place 1 elect, Michael Courtright, Single Member District 2, Place 2 elect, James Thorne, and At Large, Place 6 elect, Teresa Adams. Single Member District 4, Place 4 elect, Spence Redwine was absent and will be sworn in at a later date. Upon administering the Statements and Oaths above, Ms. Wallentine delivered the Certificates of Election to the newly elected Mayor and Council Members.

The newly sworn in Council Members and Mayor then took their place at the dais. Mayor Gott passed the gavel to Mayor elect, Robert Crawley, and offered words of thanks and encouragement. Mayor Crawley thanked everyone who attended this evening, including former Mayors Brady, Johnson and Munson.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

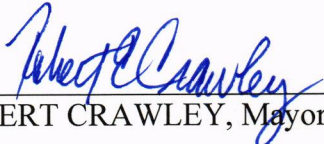
- A. Receive a report, hold a discussion and take action on appointing a Mayor Pro Tem to serve a one-year term.

Council Action

Mayor Crawley suggested a nomination of Teresa Adams, who previously served 6 years on the Council and is the most experienced on the Council.

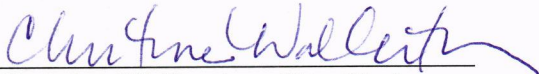
On motion by Council Member Massey, seconded by Council Member Thorne, the City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Teresa Adams to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



ROBERT CRAWLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christine Wallentine, City Clerk