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**ELKINS COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: CANVASS OF THE 2015
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MINUTES**

**401 Davis Avenue
Council Chamber, 2nd Floor
March 9, 2015
12:00 p.m.**

In accordance with West Virginia Code § 3-6-9, Elkins Common Council convened in special session as the Canvassing Board of the City of Elkins in the council chamber of city hall. Present were Councilpersons J. S. Bibey, N. E. Bross-Fregonara, M. D. Cuonzo, M. L. Marstiller, E.R. Ochsendorf, M. D. Scott, and R. A. Woolwine; and City Clerk S.R. Stokes (acting as chair and recording secretary). City Attorney G. S. Roberts was present for part of the meeting.

Absent were: Mayor Van T. Broughton; Councilpersons C. L. Metheny, L.E. Randall, and J. J. Sabatino; City Treasurer T. Fox; Fire Chief T. W. Meader; Operations Manager R.P. Pingley; and Police First Lieutenant E.R. Canfield.

No representatives of the media were present.

BOND SET

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cm. Ochsendorf, **MOVED THAT THE CANVASSING BOARD SET AT \$300 THE BOND THAT MUST BE FILED BY ANYONE REQUESTING A RECOUNT AFTER TONIGHT'S DECLARATION OF RESULTS. The motion carried.**

VERIFICATION OF BALLOTS

Proceeding one ballot box at a time, the board opened the seals placed on election night by poll workers and then used the procedures and worksheets provided in the West Virginia Secretary of State publication *Best Practices Guide to Canvass and Recount* to compare the numbers of ballots (voted, unused, spoiled, provisional, early, and absentee) on hand with records kept by polling place workers. No material discrepancies were discovered. The tabulation for each ward is as follows:

Precinct Ballots Tabulated on Statements of Ballots Used					
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5
Election Day Stubs	32	62	5	16	26

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Early Voting Ballots Cast	18	23	6	6	13
Absentee ballots cast	0	0	0	0	0
Total ballots tabulated	50	85	11	22	39
<i>(Highest vote count)</i>	49	84	11	21	38

The verification for each ward is as follows:

Election Day Ballot Verification					
	<i>Ward 1</i>	<i>Ward 2</i>	<i>Ward 3</i>	<i>Ward 4</i>	<i>Ward 5</i>
Ballots cast	31	62	5	16	26
Spoiled ballots	0	0	0	0	0
Unused ballots	910	627	548	886	712
Election day prov. ballots	0	1	1	0	0
Total ballots	941	690	554	902	738
<i>(Label totals)</i>	941	690	554	902	738

CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

The board considered the disposition of two ballots cast by voters who were listed in the wrong ward for their respective addresses in the voter registration system. City Clerk Stokes verified that both voters were eligible to vote and should have been listed as living in the wards whose ballots they voted.

Cm. Marsteller, seconded by Cm. Ochsendorf, **MOVED THAT THE CANVASSING BOARD ACCEPT PROVISIONAL BALLOT 3-01. The motion carried.** (The result was one additional vote for Scott and one additional vote for Broughton.)

Cm. Marsteller, seconded by Cm. Scott, **MOVED THAT THE CANVASSING BOARD ACCEPT PROVISIONAL BALLOT 2-01. The motion carried.** (The result was one additional vote for Corley and one additional vote for Broughton.)

Cm. Bibey, seconded by Cw. Bross-Fregonara, **MOVED THAT THE BOARD DECLARE THE RESULTS OF THE 2015 ELKINS MUNICIPAL ELECTION AS SHOWN IN THE TABLE BELOW. The motion carried.** The time was 1:21 p.m.

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VOTES CAST BY WARDS

	1	2	3	4	5	<i>Total:</i>
MAYOR						
Van Broughton	49	83	12	18	36	198
COUNCIL - 1ST WARD						
Bob Woolwine	42					
<i>Total</i>	42					
COUNCIL - 2ND WARD						
Jerry Lee Corley		33				
Gene Ochsendorf		52				
<i>Total</i>		85				
COUNCIL - 3RD WARD						
Mark Scott			9			
<i>Total</i>			9			
COUNCIL - 4TH WARD						
Marilynn Cuonzo				21		
<i>Total</i>				21		
COUNCIL - 5TH WARD						
Linda Vest					25	
Joe Sabatino					13	
<i>Total</i>					38	
<i>Total votes cast for council members:</i>						195
<i>Total votes cast for mayor:</i>						198

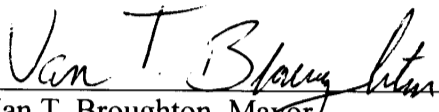
The chair announced that the meeting will stand adjourned until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, to allow passage of the required 48 hours before the declared results may be certified.

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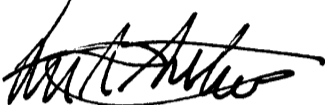
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Approved by council at the meeting
of March 30, 2015



Van T. Broughton, Mayor

Attest:



Sutton R. Stokes, City Clerk