

Unapproved Minutes
Council Special Session
November 10, 2020
Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

The special session of the City Council, City of Vermillion, South Dakota was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the City Hall large conference room.

1. Roll Call

Present: Holland, Jennewein, Letellier, Price (arrived at 5:09 p.m.), Ward, Mayor Collier-Wise

Absent: Hellwege, Humphrey, Willson

4. Adoption of Agenda

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Alderman Ward moved approval of the agenda. Alderman Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Mayor Collier-Wise declared the motion adopted.

5. Visitors to be Heard - None

4. New Business

A. Canvass of November 3, 2020 Home Rule Charter Election Results

Mike Carlson, Finance Officer, stated that the duties of the Canvassing Board are to open the returns from each precinct, which are found in the poll book, determine that the returns are genuine and not forged, tabulate the returns from the precincts, declare the results and make an abstract of the results that is to be signed. Mike reported that the County Commission has canvassed the results for the general election, so the poll book envelopes have been opened, but were again sealed with paper seals. Mike stated that there are two poll books for each ward, one for the absentee and the other for the polling place. Mike stated that attached to the two poll books for each ward is a worksheet adding the two recap sheets from the absentee and polling place for a total to support the detail results print out for that precinct. Mike stated that the totals from the poll book can be compared to the precinct results and the precinct results can be traced to the unofficial results. Mike stated that the County Auditor reported that when the County canvassed the results it was determined that there was one more ballot counted in the Southeast Ward than in the poll book. Mike noted that the poll book for the Southeast Ward polling place voting showed 428 and absentee poll

book had 1,118 for a total of 1,546 yet the tabulation machine total was 1,547. Mike stated that this was noted when the ballots were counted but the math on the Recap Sheet totaled 429 and the ballots were counted twice with the same total. Mike reported that there was one provisional ballot in the Northeast Ward that was determined could be counted and the County Provisional Ballot Counting Board provided their certification of the provisional ballot count that will need to be added to the unofficial count. Mike reported that included in the information was the Clay County Detail Results which show the total votes for Question 1 before the provisional ballot is included.

Alderman Price arrived at 5:09 p.m.

The Mayor and City Council examined the poll books along with election results for each ward. Discussion followed during the review of poll books and results.

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Alderman Price moved approval of the official election results from the November 3, 2020 Home Rule Charter election as follows:

CITY OF VERMILLION
OFFICIAL CANVASS SHEET
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION

	Home Rule Charter Question 1	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Central Ward	422	167
Northeast Ward	284	197
Northwest Ward	569	437
Southeast Ward	834	592
Provisional Ballot	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	2,110	1,393

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
COUNTY OF CLAY)

We, the undersigned, appointed as the Board of Canvassers because of our position on the Governing Body in the jurisdiction of the City of Vermillion for the municipal election held on the 3rd day of November, 2020, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the votes cast in the City of Vermillion at the election as shown by the returns certified to the person in charge of the election.

The Council members present signed the election results and Alderman Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 to 0. Mayor Collier-Wise declared the motion adopted.

5. Adjourn

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Alderman Ward moved to adjourn the Council special session at 5:19 p.m. Alderman Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 to 0. Mayor Collier-Wise declared the motion adopted.

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 10th day of November, 2020.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY
OF VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA

BY _____
Kelsey Collier-Wise, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
Michael D. Carlson, Finance Officer