

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

NOVEMBER 17, 2015; 7:38 A.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR BOB STEVENSON, JOYCE BROWN,
TOM DAY, JORY FRANCIS, SCOTT FREITAG
AND JOY PETRO**

STAFF PRESENT:

ALEX JENSEN AND THIEDA WELLMAN

The meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Layton City Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown opened the meeting and turned the time over to Staff.

AGENDA:

CANVASS OF ELECTION

Thieda Wellman, City Recorder, gave the Council a copy of the election packet. She indicated that Proposition #1, the transportation tax, passed in the County by 55.53%. Thieda indicated that the Davis School Bond also passed, but the final numbers were not available as they were canvassing their election today as well.

Thieda reviewed information included in the packet. She indicated that voter turnout was higher than normal due to the number of issues on the ballot. Thieda stated that Layton City's voter turnout was 25.2%.

Thieda said the RAMP Tax passed solidly with 63.01% voting in favor of the RAMP Tax. She reviewed voter information by precinct. Thieda said 4,481 by-mail ballots were sent out and 2,399 or 53% were returned. She said the Council might want to have a discussion in the future about by-mail voting.

Councilmember Day said most cities that did a by-mail election had about 30% voter turnout.

Council and Staff discussed voter turnout in other cities in the County.

Mayor Stevenson asked what it would cost the City to do a by-mail election.

Thieda said she thought that it would be \$65,000 to \$70,000 for the election; this year the election budget was \$48,500. It would be more expensive.

Mayor Stevenson said he had heard that the average turnout in the County for by-mail elections was 33%. He wondered if the additional 9% would be worth the cost.

Thieda said that was something the Council would have to decide.

Councilmember Day asked if early voting was eliminated with a by-mail election.

Thieda said yes. She said with a by-mail election, she would recommend having one polling location on Election Day because some people refused to vote by mail.

Council and Staff discussed the pros and cons of a by-mail election.

Thieda indicated that there were 115 provision ballots; 8 did not count. She said there were 22 by-mail ballots that did not count.

Council and Staff discussed costs associated with early voting.

Mayor Stevenson asked if we knew how Layton City voted on Proposition #1.

Thieda said she didn't have that information but would get it from the County.

MOTION: Councilmember Petro moved to approve the official abstract and certify the election. Councilmember Francis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Council signed the Certification of Election.

Thieda indicated that the Swearing In Ceremony would be held January 4, 2016, at noon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 a.m.

Thieda Wellman, City Recorder