

**AGENDA**  
**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

160 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN

**APRIL 16, 2021**

1:30 p.m.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
- 3) **ADOPT PROPOSED AGENDA**
- 4) **BUSINESS** – Canvass Results of the April 13, 2021 Special City Election
- 5) **ADJOURN**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING COVID-19 NOTICE**

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# AGENDA ITEM

Big Lake City Council

<b>Prepared By:</b> Gina Wolbeck, City Clerk	<b>Meeting Date:</b> 4/16/2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Regular Agenda Item</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent Agenda Item</b>	<b>Item No.</b> <b>4A</b>
<b>Item Description:</b> Canvass Results of the April 13, 2021 Special City Election		<b>Reviewed By:</b> Clay Wilfahrt, City Administrator	
		<b>Reviewed By:</b> N/A	

## ACTION REQUESTED

Motion to approve a RESOLUTION Canvassing the results of the April 13, 2021 Special City Election.

## BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

### VOTE TOTALS -

The attached resolution contains votes cast at the April 13, 2021 Special City Election for one Council Member seat for the remaining term expiring January 1, 2023.

The candidate receiving the highest vote count at the Special City Election is as follows:

Council Member (remaining term expiring January 1, 2023): **KIM NODING** [264 votes]

### RECOUNT INFORMATION -

The difference between the votes cast for the winning candidate with the fewest votes and the candidate with the most votes from among the candidates who were not elected, does not fall within the state guidelines for requesting a Publicly Funded Recount (difference would have to be less than one-half of one percent). At this time, no candidate has submitted a Discretionary Recount request (funded by the candidate), and the deadline for doing so is Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (7 days after canvass). A Certificate of Election can be issued to the winning candidate after the end of business day on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, as long as there are no recount requests, and the winning candidate has submitted all required financial reports/certification.

### VOTER TURNOUT COMPARISON INFORMATION 2016/2018/2020/2021 (special election)

2016 ELECTION (Presidential)	Precinct 1 City Hall	Precinct 2 Public Works Building	Precinct 3 Saron Lutheran Church	2016 Totals
Number of Voters on Election Day	1129	1067	2215	4411
Number of Voters by Absentee Ballot	218	188	331	737
<b>TOTAL NO. OF VOTES CAST AT 2016 ELECTION</b>				<b>5148</b>
				<b>88.8% voter turnout</b>
Pre-Registered Voters @ 7am	1530	1431	2834	5795
New Registrations on election day	167	210	357	734

<b>2018 ELECTION</b> <b>(Mid-term)</b>	<b>Precinct 1</b> City Hall	<b>Precinct 2</b> Public Works Building	<b>Precinct 3</b> Saron Lutheran Church	<b>2018 Totals</b>
Number of Voters on Election Day	903	833	1652	<b>3388</b>
Number of Voters by Absentee Ballot	164	129	268	<b>561</b>
<b>TOTAL NO. OF VOTES CAST AT 2018 ELECTION</b>				<b>3949</b> <b>65.4% voter turnout</b>
Pre-Registered Voters @ 7am	1599	1497	2941	<b>6037</b>
New Registrations on election day	88	90	142	<b>320</b>

<b>2020 ELECTION</b> <b>(Presidential)</b>	<b>Precinct 1</b> City Hall	<b>Precinct 2</b> Public Works Building	<b>Precinct 3</b> Saron Lutheran Church	<b>2020 Totals</b>
Number of Voters on Election Day	1012	987	1915	<b>3914</b>
Number of Voters by Absentee Ballot	550	538	992	<b>2080</b>
<b>TOTAL NO. OF VOTES CAST AT 2020 ELECTION</b>				<b>5994</b> <b>90% voter turnout</b>
Pre-Registered Voters at 7am	1738	1705	3235	<b>6678</b>
New Registrations	162	185	298	<b>645</b>

<b>2021 ELECTION</b> <b>(SPECIAL)</b>	<b>Precinct 1</b> City Hall	<b>Precinct 2</b> Public Works Building	<b>Precinct 3</b> Saron Lutheran Church	<b>2021 Totals</b>
Number of Voters on Election Day	152	104	251	<b>507</b>
Number of Voters by Absentee Ballot	5	0	4	<b>9</b>
<b>TOTAL NO. OF VOTES CAST AT 2021 SPECIAL CITY ELECTION</b>				<b>516</b> <b>7.5% voter turnout</b>
Pre-Registered Voters at 7am	1763	1803	3275	<b>6841</b>
New Registrations	0	3	3	<b>6</b>

### **THANK YOU TO OUR ELECTION JUDGES AND CITY STAFF –**

The City would like to thank the 17 Election Judges that served in the City Precincts for this Special Election. Service to the City Elections takes judges away from their jobs and families, and they have dutifully served for 6 elections in the past 15 months. Our Election Judges work very hard and were dedicated to carrying out fair and impartial elections for the City.

We had substantial assistance from various departments throughout the City that offered their help to the Clerk's Office. Elections literally affect each and every department at the City, and Staff really needs to be recognized for their willingness to help out. THANK YOU to every Staff person that offered their help. The teamwork in this organization continues to amaze me.

***FINANCIAL IMPACT***

At this time, we haven't been able to pull together financial information on the cost of this special election. Staff documented time and hard costs, and an update will be provided to Council when it becomes available.

***STAFF RECOMMENDATION***

Staff recommends Council approve the attached Resolution canvassing the results of the April 13, 2021 Special City Election.

***ATTACHMENT***

Resolution

**CITY OF BIG LAKE  
MINNESOTA**

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Big Lake, Minnesota was called to order by Acting Mayor Ken Halverson at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Big Lake, Minnesota, on Friday, April 16, 2021. The following Council Members were present: Ken Halverson, Sam Hanson, and Paul Seefeld. The following Council Member was absent: Mayor Paul Knier. A motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Council Member and seconded by Council Member

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX**

**A RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RESULTS  
OF THE APRIL 13, 2021 SPECIAL CITY ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, a Special City Election was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 to vote on the office of one City Council Member to fill a vacancy in a term expiring January 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, said returns were duly examined, approved, and placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Big Lake City Council that it is hereby found, determined, and declared that the Special City Election held in and for the City of Big Lake on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, was in all respects duly held, the returns thereof have been duly canvassed, and the votes cast at said election are listed on attached Exhibit A.



## EXHIBIT A

### Abstract of Votes Cast [2 pages] in the City of Big Lake, State of Minnesota as compiled from the official returns

#### CITY OF BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA

#### DETAILS OF ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE APRIL 13, 2021 SPECIAL CITY ELECTION

PRECINCTS REPORTING IN MUNICIPALITY: 100% 3 OF 3

#### TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING

VOTERS REGISTERED AT 7AM:	6,841
NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED ON ELECTION DAY:	6
NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY, AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND MAIL BALLOTS:	9
TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING:	516

#### SPECIAL ELECTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER (Big Lake)

Results by Reporting District

Key to Party Abbreviation: NP - Nonpartisan

COUNTY	PRECINCT	NP Ketti Green	NP Donna Pouliot	NP Kim Noding	WI Write-In
Sherburne	BIG LAKE CITY P-01	69	12	71	0
Sherburne	BIG LAKE CITY P-02	30	16	58	0
Sherburne	BIG LAKE CITY P-03	110	9	132	0
Sherburne	ABSENTEE BIG LAKE CITY P-01	4	0	1	0
Sherburne	ABSENTEE BIG LAKE CITY P-02	0	0	0	0
Sherburne	ABSENTEE BIG LAKE CITY P-03	2	0	2	0
<b>CANDIDATE TOTALS:</b>		<b>215</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>0</b>

#### PERSONS REGISTERED/NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING

	Persons Registered as of 7am	Persons Registered on Election Day	Total Number of Persons Voting
BIG LAKE CITY P-01	1,763	0	157
BIG LAKE CITY P-02	1,803	3	104
BIG LAKE CITY P-03	3,275	3	251

*We, the legally constituted City canvassing board, certify that we have herein specified the names of the persons receiving votes and the number of votes received by each office voted on, at the Special City Election held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.*

*As appears on the returns of the election precincts in this election, duly returned to, filed, opened, and canvassed, and now remaining on file in the office of the Big Lake City Clerk. Witness our official signatures at 1:30 p.m. in the City of Big Lake, Sherburne County, MN this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.*

**ABSENT**

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*Member of canvassing board – **Mayor Paul Knier***

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*Member of canvassing board – **Council Member Ken Halverson***

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*Member of canvassing board – **Council Member Sam Hanson***

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*Member of canvassing board – **Council Member Paul Seefeld***

*State of Minnesota  
City of Big Lake*

*I, Gina Wolbeck, Clerk of the City of Big Lake do hereby certify the within and foregoing page to be a full and correct copy of the original abstract and return of the votes cast in the City of Big Lake Special Election held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.*

*Witness my hand and official seal of office this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.*

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*Gina Wolbeck, City Clerk*