



City Council Agenda December 18, 2025

Ordinance

Action Item

Agenda Description:

Discuss, consider, and possible action on an Ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the December 13, 2025, Special Election. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

Background Information:

On December 13, 2025, the City of Joshua conducted a Special Election to fill the vacant City Council Place 1 seat. The election was ordered by the City Council in accordance with the Texas Election Code following the vacancy.

Early voting was conducted from December 1 through December 9, 2025, at Joshua City Hall. Election Day voting took place on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Joshua City Hall. The election was administered by the City Secretary's Office, with trained election judges and clerks serving throughout the early voting period and on Election Day.

Pursuant to the Texas Election Code, the City Council is required to canvass the election returns at an open meeting. The canvass is the official review and acceptance of the election results as reported by the presiding election judge and early voting clerk.

Based on the returns from the December 13, 2025, Special Election, candidate **Dustin Dees received 57%**, thereby receiving a majority of votes.

Upon completion of the canvass, the City Council may adopt an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the official results of the election. As a candidate who received a majority of the votes cast, the ordinance will declare Dustin Dees elected to City Council Place 1, and he may be sworn into office at this meeting.

The election results presented are unofficial until canvassed and declared by the City Council.

Financial Information:

The approved election budget for Fiscal Year 2025–2026 is \$5,600.00. As of the morning of December 15, 2025, a total of \$2,382.45 has been expended. This amount does not yet include all election worker compensation or Election Day–related expenses. The estimate for the special election is approximately

\$4500.00. The City Secretary's office has requested a budget increase to be included in the next budget amendment.

City Contact and Recommendations:

Alice Holloway, City Secretary

Attachments:

1. Ordinance
2. Return Sheet