

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

November 17, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Mayor Sellers called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 12:00 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor John A. Sellers
Mayor Pro Tem Freddie Taylor
Councilman Doug Moore
Councilman Harold Nash Sr.
Councilman Oscar Aguilar

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Jim McLeroy, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sellers called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Sellers led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. Councilman Nash led the invocation.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CANVASS OF NOVEMBER 3rd CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The tally sheet prepared by Hopkins County was presented to the Mayor and City Council.

The results were as follows:

City Council Place 1

	Early Votes	Election Day	Total
Jay W. Julian	1766	179	<u>1945</u>
Mark Bradley	933	162	<u>1095</u>
Vanessa Diosdado	821	191	1012
Justin M. Brown	319	80	399

City Council Place 2

	Early Votes	Election Day	Total
Harold Nash Sr.	3653	590	4243

City Council Place 3

	Early Votes	Election Day	Total
Oscar Aguilar	3840	599	4439

City Council Place 5

	Early Votes	Election Day	Total
Ricardo Chavarria	1070	224	1294
Gary Spraggins	2815	393	3208

Councilman Moore moved to approve the canvass of returns and declared Harold Nash Sr. the winner of Place 2 with a majority vote of 100%, Oscar Aguilar the winner of Place 3 with a majority vote of 100%, Gary Spraggins the winner of Place 5 with 71.26%

and no winner of Place 1. Councilman Aguilar seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1215 CALLING FOR A RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR PLACE 1, NAMING ELECTION JUDGES AND SETTING DATES FOR EARLY VOTING

City Secretary Roberts presented the staff report. The Charter for the City Sulphur Springs requires that “*the candidate receiving a majority vote for each place shall be declared elected. If in one or more places one candidate does not receive a majority vote, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes.*” There is no clear winner for Place 1 requiring a run-off election. This resolution names the election judges, dates for early voting by mail, dates of early voting, and date of Election Day. There was a brief discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Councilman Nash moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Moore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

ADJOURN

With all business complete the meeting 12:12 p.m.