

The Organizational Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, November 12, 2018.

Mayor Trobeck called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Jim Misner, Stacey Withee, Tom Gilmer, and Nick Breedveld. Absent: None. Also present City Manager, Aaron Mitchell.

The audience joined the commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting of November 5, 2018, were approved as submitted.

Clerk Cronen gave the report of the Board of Canvassers for the General Election held November 6, 2018. The total number of votes cast in the City of Otsego was 1409. Candidates received the following votes:

Stacey Withee – 718 Votes
Lauri Krueger – 658 Votes
Brent Milhiem – 543 Votes
Jayson Ennis – 504 Votes
Robert Schurman – 357 Votes

According to the provisions of the City Charter, Stacey Withee and Lauri Krueger were elected to the Otsego City Commission for four year terms ending November 2022, and Brent Milhiem was elected to the Otsego City Commission for a two year term, ending November 2020.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Breedveld – he thanked Commissioner Misner and Commission Gilmer for serving on the Commission. He commented that it was enjoyable working with both of them.

Commissioner Withee – she stated that she had the same comments regarding Commissioner Misner and Commissioner Gilmer as she had previously stated at the last Commission Meeting. She stated that she will welcome the new insights of the new Commissioners.

Commissioner Misner – he read a prepared statement. He thanked all of the citizens that supported his wife, Kathy Misner through her twenty-six consecutive years as a City Commissioners. He thanked the current Commission for letting him serve the City of Otsego, as it was an honor. He thanked Aaron, Matt, Gordon, Mike, Luke, Brandon, Angie, Dave and all of the employees and staff of the City for the exemplary job that they do. He stated that they make him proud to be a resident and made being a Commissioner a pleasure. He congratulated Stacey, Brent, and Lauri and wished them the best. He expressed to Mayor Trobeck that if there was ever a need he would be willing to serve the City of Otsego.

Commissioner Gilmer – he echoed Commissioner Misner’s comments. He congratulated the new Commission and stated that the “future is for you”. He stated that there are times that there needs to be a transition in leadership and this takes place over time. He commented that he feels the City is in a good place and feels comfortable leaving the Commission. He thanked the community for being supportive of him. He stated that this is a great town to live in. He stated that he is appreciative of the support of the community and he appreciated the opportunity to serve on the City Commission. He commented that he would be glad to continue to serve the City, as he feels him and Dianna have a debt to pay to the community. He thanked his fellow Commissioners and wished the new Commissioners good luck.

Mayor Trobeck – she commented that she has enjoyed the past two years serving as the City’s first lady Mayor and felt that everyone had her back.

Commissioner Gilmer moved to adjourn sine die, seconded by Commissioner Misner.
CARRIED. 7:35 p.m.

Clerk Cronen administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Withee, Krueger, & Milhiem.

At 7:38 p.m., Clerk Cronen resumed the organizational meeting of the Otsego City Commission with the following Commissioners present: Cyndi Trobeck, Nick Breedveld, Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, and Brent Milhiem. Absent: None. Also present City Manager, Aaron Mitchell.

Clerk Cronen opened nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Commissioner Withee nominated Commissioner Trobeck for Mayor, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld. CARRIED. A unanimous vote was cast for Commissioner Trobeck as Mayor of the City of Otsego.

Mayor Trobeck offered the name of Commissioner Withee for Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner Krueger moved to confirm Mayor Trobeck’s appointment of Commissioner Withee as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem. CARRIED.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Milhiem – he stated that this is an exciting time and he is honored to serve on this Commission. He commented that the voter turnout was great. He expressed that there are great things to come.

Commissioner Withee – she stated that she was gratified to be elected. She commented that it is going to be a great couple of years.

Commissioner Krueger – she commented that she was humbled and honored to be elected to serve on this Commission. She stated that her father had been a City Commissioner in the 1970’s. She stated that she hopes to serve the community well.

Commissioner Breedveld – he welcomed Commissioner Milhiem and Commissioner Krueger and welcomed Commissioner Withee back. He stated that he looks forward to working with the new Commission.

Mayor Trobeck – she offered her congratulations to the new Commissioners. She commented that she is excited about the new Commission.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Withee, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld. CARRIED 7:42 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, CMC
City Clerk