

The Organizational Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, November 14, 2022.

Mayor Withee called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Lauri Krueger, Brent Milhiem, Chuck Moore Jr., and Jason Smith. Absent: None. Also present City Manager, Aaron Mitchell.

The audience joined the commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Commissioner Milhiem, seconded by Commissioner Moore the minutes of the previous meeting on November 7, 2022, were approved as submitted.

Clerk Cronen gave the uncertified report of the Board of Canvassers for the General Election held November 8, 2022. The total number of votes cast in the City of Otsego was 1,972. (67%) Candidates received the following votes:

Regular Terms

Lauri Krueger – 800 Votes
Chuck Moore Jr. – 692 Votes
Stacey Withee – 679 Votes
Nick Breedveld – 616 Votes
Vince Pagano – 482 Votes

2 Year Terms

Jason Smith – 766
Wayne Rayburn – 758
Robert Schurman - 467

According to the provisions of the City Charter, Lauri Krueger and Chuck Moore Jr. were elected to the Otsego City Commission for four-year terms ending November 2026, and Stacey Withee, Jason Smith, and Wayne Rayburn were elected to the Otsego City Commission for a two-year term, ending November 2024.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Krueger – she thanked Commissioner Milhiem for his service and time. She commended him for volunteering for another City Board.

Commissioner Krueger moved to adjourn sine die, seconded by Commissioner Milhiem.
CARRIED. 7:34 p.m.

Clerk Cronen administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Krueger, Moore, Withee, Smith and Rayburn.

At 7:39 p.m., Clerk Cronen resumed the organizational meeting of the Otsego City Commission with the following Commissioners present: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Chuck Moore Jr., Jason Smith and Wayne Rayburn. Absent: None. Also present City Manager, Aaron Mitchell.

Clerk Cronen opened nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Commissioner Moore nominated Commissioner Withee for the City of Otsego Mayor, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED - Commissioner Withee abstained.

Mayor Withee offered the name of Commissioner Krueger for Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner Smith moved to confirm Mayor Withee's appointment of Commissioner Krueger as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED - Commissioner Krueger abstained.

Public Comments:

None.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Moore – he thanked the audience for attending the meeting. He thanked the voters. He expressed that he will represent the City the best way he possibly can and help the City for the next four years.

Commissioner Krueger - she thanked the audience for attending and for the nice voter turnout. She commented that she is looking forward to the next four years.

Commissioner Smith - he thanked Commissioner Milhiem for his service. He stated that he will miss him on the Commission. He commented that he is happy that he is serving on another City Board.

Commissioner Rayburn – he thanked Commissioner Milhiem for his service. He thanked all of the voters that supported him and the community. He commented that we have big things to do and will do his best to represent everyone and get good things done.

Mayor Withee – she thanked Commissioner Milhiem for his service. She commented that Commissioner Milhiem had an open mind and it was a pleasure to serve with him. She commented that she is glad to see Commissioner Rayburn at the end of the table. She thanked the voters. She stated that she is looking forward to a peaceful couple of months.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED 7:43 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, CMC
City Clerk