

The Saraland City Council convened in special session on August 6, 2020 at the Saraland Municipal Annex meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Council President Joseph McDonald. Roll call was as follows:

Present: Council President Joe McDonald
Councilmember Wayne Biggs
Councilmember Newton Cromer
Councilmember Veronica Hudson
Councilmember Paul Stanley

City Attorney, Andy Rutens, was present.

Councilmember Hudson opened the meeting with prayer.

Council President McDonald advised the purpose of this meeting is to ratify resolutions certifying unopposed candidate. Other municipal business may be considered at this time.

Councilmember McDonald recused himself from discussion on the resolution certifying him as an unopposed candidate.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to adopt a resolution certifying Joseph Joe (K.) McDonald as an unopposed candidate and authorized the Certificate of Election be issued. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2154

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Saraland has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Council, Place One, prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Joseph (Joe) K. McDonald.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland that Joseph (Joe) K. McDonald be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Council, Place One in the City of Saraland for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Saraland be and hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Joseph (Joe) McDonald for the office of Council, Place One for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6th day of August, 2020.

Councilmember Cromer recused himself from discussion on the resolution certifying him as an unopposed candidate.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to adopt a resolution certifying J. Newton Cromer as an unopposed candidate and authorized the Certificate of Election be issued. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2155

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall,

for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Saraland has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Council, Place Two, prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was J. Newton Cromer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland that Newton Cromer be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Council, Place Two in the City of Saraland for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Saraland be and hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to J. Newton Cromer for the office of Council, Place Two for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6th day of August 2020.

Councilmember Biggs recused himself from discussion on the resolution certifying him as an unopposed candidate and left the Council Chambers.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hudson, seconded by Councilmember Stanley, to adopt a resolution certifying Wayne E. Biggs as an unopposed candidate and authorized the Certificate of Election be issued. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2156

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits

write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Saraland has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Council, Place Three, prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Wayne E. Biggs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland that Wayne E. Biggs be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Council, Place Three in the City of Saraland for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Saraland be and hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Wayne E. Biggs for the office of Council, Place Three for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6th day of August 2020.

Councilmember Hudson recused herself from discussion on the resolution certifying her as an unopposed candidate and left the Council Chambers.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Biggs, to adopt a resolution certifying Veronica Smith Hudson as an unopposed candidate and authorized the Certificate of Election be issued. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2157

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Saraland has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Council, Place Five, prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Veronica Smith Hudson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland that Veronica Smith Hudson be and she is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Council, Place Five in the City of Saraland for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Saraland be and hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Veronica Smith Hudson for the office of Council, Place Five for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6th day of August 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer, seconded by Councilmember Hudson, to adopt a resolution certifying Howard Rubenstein as an unopposed candidate and authorized the Certificate of Election be issued. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2158

WHEREAS, Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provide for and regulate general and special elections in cities and towns of this state, except those cities and towns which have a commission form of government, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-43 of the Alabama Code of 1975 prohibits write-in candidates in elections held under Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-26 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, provides that if only one person has filed a statement of candidacy or has been nominated for an office for an election to be held pursuant to Sections 11-46-20 through 11-46-73 of the Alabama Code of 1975, as amended, at the time the deadline for qualification has passed, then such person shall, for all purposes, be deemed elected to such office, and the mayor or other chief executive officer shall not cause the name of such person or the office for which his candidacy was declared to be printed on the ballot, but he shall immediately file a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy or was nominated for the office preceding the deadline set for an election of municipal officers of the municipality and setting forth the name of such person, and

WHEREAS, said Section 11-46-26, as amended, provides that the governing body of the municipality, after receiving such statement, shall adopt a resolution declaring the person named in the statement duly elected to the office described in the statement, and shall issue a Certificate of Election to such person, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Saraland has filed a written statement with the governing body of the municipality, attested by the Clerk, certifying the fact that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Mayor prior to the deadline and that the name of that person who filed such statement was Howard Rubenstein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Saraland that Howard Rubenstein be and he is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Mayor in the City of Saraland for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Saraland be and hereby is directed to issue a certificate of election to Howard Rubenstein for the office of Mayor for such term pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-46-25, as amended.

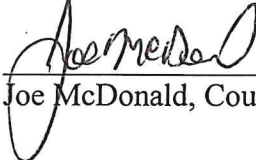
ADOPTED THIS THE 6th day of August 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cromer to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of August, 2020.


Judi Smith, City Clerk


Joe McDonald, Council President