

Issue: Final Bill for Special Election Costs

**Date:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Submitted By:** Cindy Robbins, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk

## **Background**

On August 9, 2021, Council passed Council Bill#2021-073 Calling for Special Election on November 2, 2021, to Submit to the Qualified Voters of the City the Question of Whether to Recall Mayor Brian Steele, Authorizing the City Clerk to Do All Things Necessary or Convenient to Submit Said Questions; and Amending the 2021 Annual Budget to Provide Funding for Said Special Election. This Council Bill included a \$15,000.00 budget amendment to pay for the special election costs estimated at \$15,000.00. This amount did not include the costs associated with the April 2021 election.

## **Analysis**

The first invoice from Christian County Clerk Kay Brown's office for the Special Election on November 2, 2021, was for \$14,166.20. Section 115.077 RSMO 1994 requires the election authority to bill the cost of conducting the election for each political subdivision or special district submitting a candidate or question. Included in the cost is a 5% expense allowed pursuant to Section 115.065.4 RSMO. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, I received the final bill for the Special Election in the amount of \$2,205.06. Therefore, the total costs associated for the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, Special Election were \$16,371.26.

## Recommendation

Even though the total costs associated for the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, Special Election were \$16,371.26 and exceeded the original \$15,000.00 budget amendment, there is approximately \$2,861.83 in the Election line-item budget which is just enough money to cover the additional invoice of \$2,205.06. It is my intent to move forward with payment of this invoice and not bring back an additional budget amendment. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

## Clerk of the County Commission Christian

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COUNTY

TO:

CITY OF NIXA

FROM:

KAY BROWN

DATE:

DECEMBER 6, 2021

RE:

SPECIAL ELECTION COSTS, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Section 115.077, RSMO 1994 requires the election authority to bill the cost of conducting the election for each political subdivision or special district submitting a candidate or question. Included in the cost is the 5% expense allowed pursuant to Section 115.065.4 RSMO. Below you will find your costs for the Special Election for the City of Nixa.

Please make your check payable to the Christian County Elections and mail it to the address above.

The costs for your political subdivision, City of Nixa are as follows:

Subtotal Election Costs	\$ 15,866.46
Publication Costs	\$ 504.80
Total Election Costs	\$ 16,371.26
Estimated Costs Paid	\$ -14,166.20
Balance Due	\$ \$2,205.06

Thank you,

Kay Brown
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