



Re: Declaring the Results of the April 7, 2026 General Municipal Election

Background:

According to Section 9.3 of the Charter, the City Council is required to declare the results of all municipal elections. Council is required to declare those results at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting after the election authority has certified the election results.

The Christian County Clerk, the election authority for Christian County and the City, has provided the certification of the election to the City.

Analysis:

Now that the City is in receipt of the certified election results, the Council is required by Charter to declare those results. The individuals who received the most votes are required to be sworn into office.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution due to the Charter requirement that Council declare the results of the election.

MEMO SUBMITTED BY:

Rebekka Coffey | City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE APRIL 7, 2026, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS a Municipal Election was held within the City of Nixa on April 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS the official returns of said election have been certified by the Christian County Clerk and provided to the City, and said certification is attached hereto as "Resolution Exhibit A;" and

WHEREAS Section 9.3 of the City Charter requires the City Council to declare the results of any municipal election following certification of said election at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting; and

WHEREAS to comply with the requirements of the City Charter and State Law, the City Council desires to declare the results of said election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The election herein referred to has been found to have been held in all respects as required by the laws of the State of Missouri and the City of Nixa, at designated voting places, that all qualified electors of the City and no others were permitted to vote, and that the results of the elections are found and declared as follows:

Mayor – Three Year Term

Jarad W. Giddens – Number of Votes – 1,961

Council Member District I – Three Year Term

Jay Ortiz – Number of Votes – 323

Nathaniel Daily - Number of Votes – 210

Robert Jones - Number of Votes - 159

Council Member District III – Three Year Term

Linda Daugherty – Number of Votes – 384

Darlene Graham - Number of Votes – 212

Proposition 1 – Amending Section 3.6 of Nixa City Charter

Yes - Number of Votes – 1,287

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No - Number of Votes – 1,150

SECTION 2: Attached and incorporated hereto as “Resolution Exhibit A” is the full, true, and correct copy of the election certification for the April 7, 2026, election as provided by the Christian County Clerk. Said certification is the final certification of said election results and constitutes the official returns pursuant to Section 115.507, RSMo.

SECTION 3: It is accordingly found and declared that the candidates receiving the most votes are hereby elected to their respective offices and shall be inducted into their respective offices.

SECTION 4: It is accordingly found and declared that Proposition 1 to amend Section 3.6 of the Nixa City Charter has passed and the Nixa City Charter shall be amended as set forth in Ordinance No. 2411.

SECTION 5: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the provisions of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL THIS 28th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

ATTEST:

PRESIDING OFFICER

CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2026.

ATTEST:

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS
BY CHRISTIAN COUNTY CLERK**

To: Bekka Coffey, City Clerk of the City of Nixa, Christian County, Missouri.

The following is the Official Certificate of Election Results of the General Municipal Election held on April 7, 2026, in Christian County, Missouri, and certified on April 10, 2026.

I, Paula Brumfield, Christian County Clerk, do hereby certify the election returns for the City of Nixa, Christian County, Missouri.

**MAYOR
THREE YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR ONE**

JARAD W. GIDDENS 1,961 VOTES

**FOR COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT I
FOR THREE YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR ONE**

JAY ORTIZ 323 VOTES
NATHANIEL DAILY 210 VOTES
ROBERT JONES 159 VOTES

**FOR COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT III
FOR THREE YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR ONE**

LINDA DAUGHERTY 384 VOTES
DARLENE GRAHAM 212 VOTES

PROPOSITION 1


Shall Section 3.6 of the Nixa City Charter be amended as set forth in Ordinance No. 2411 to provide that Council vacancies shall be filled by Council appointment until the next available regular municipal election regardless of the length of the vacancy?

Summary: this proposal would change the way a vacant City Council seat is filled by removing the requirement to hold a special election if more than one year remains in the term. Under the new process, any vacancy would be filled by a Council appointee who serves until the next regular city election. At the election, voters would then choose a person to serve the rest of the unexpired term.

YES 1,287 VOTES NO 1,150 VOTES

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

I, Paula Brumfield, County Clerk/Election Authority of Christian County, Missouri, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and accurate return of all votes cast at the above-named polling place for all CANDIDATES and FOR and AGAINST all propositions at said election as certified to me by the duly qualified and acting judges of said election.



County Clerk/Election Authority
Christian County Missouri

