AGENDA
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL CANVASS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 – 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER

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A. **Call to Order**

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

C. **Roll Call**

D. **Public Comment**

E. **Adopt Agenda**

F. **Business Items**
1. Resolution to Canvass Returns for the Municipal General Election

G. **Adjournment**

AGENDA ITEM NO. F.1

MEMO

To: **Mayor Luke Merrill and Members of City Council**
From: Jaden Strand, City Clerk/ Deputy HR Director
Date: November 10, 2026
Subject: Resolution to Canvass Returns for the Municipal General Election

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Background:
Minnesota election law requires the City Council to act as the municipal canvassing board following a municipal election. The purpose of the canvass is to review and certify the election results.

Election Results
Based on the election returns:

Mayor (Four-Year Term)
Christopher Brooks: 1,591 votes
Luke Merrill: 1,477 votes
Write-In: 11 votes

Council Member at Large (Two Four-Year Terms)
Erika Zdon: 1,578 votes
Nick Pedersen: 1,400 votes
Theodore Knudson: 1,081 votes
Write-In: 36 votes

Accordingly, Christopher Brooks is elected Mayor, and Erika Zdon and Nick Pedersen are elected to four-year City Council terms.

Request:
Staff is requesting action on this item.

Attachment(s):
- Resolution to Canvass Returns for the Municipal General Election
- Abstracts-General City of Isanti

RESOLUTION 2026-XXX

CANVASSING RETURNS FOR THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA, that it is hereby found and determined and declared that the municipal election held in and for said City on November 3, 2026, was in all respects duly and legally held and the returns thereof have been duly canvassed, and the votes cast at said election were as follows:

For Mayor, four-year term:

City of Isanti Municipal Election 11/3/2026			
Unofficial Totals			
	P-1	**P-2**	**Total**
Christopher Brooks	787	804	**1591**
Luke Merrill	677	800	**1477**
Write-In	6	5	**11**
Total Votes Cast	**1,470**	**1,609**	**3,079**

For Council-at-large, (two) four-year terms:

City of Isanti Municipal Election 11/3/2026			
Unofficial Totals			
	P-1	**P-2**	**Total**
Erika Zdon	782	796	**1578**
Theodore Knudson	504	577	**1081**
Nick Pedersen	658	742	**1400**
Write-In	19	17	**36**
Total Votes Cast	**1,963**	**2,132**	**4,095**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA that the Abstract of Votes Cast attached as Exhibit 'A' is hereby approved; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA, that Christopher Brooks is duly elected Mayor, for a four-year term, and Erika Zdon and Nick Pedersen are duly elected to the City Council, each for a four-year term.

This resolution is duly adopted by the Isanti City Council this 10th day of November 2026.

Attest: Mayor Luke Merrill

Jaden Strand
City Clerk/ Deputy HR Director

Abstract of Votes Cast
In the Precincts of the City of Isanti
State of Minnesota
at the State General Election
Held Tuesday, November 3, 2026

as compiled from the official returns.

Summary of Totals
City of Isanti
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

Number of persons registered as of 7 a.m.	5055
Number of persons registered on Election Day	183
Number of accepted regular, military, and overseas absentee ballots and mail ballots	621
Number of federal office only absentee ballots	0
Number of presidential absentee ballots	0
Total number of persons voting	3153

Summary of Totals
City of Isanti
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

NP - Nonpartisan

Mayor (Isanti)

NP	NP	WI
Christopher Brooks	Luke Merrill	WRITE-IN
1591	1477	11

Council Member (Isanti) (Elect 2)

NP	NP	NP	WI
Nick Pedersen	Theodore Knudson	Erika Zdon	WRITE-IN
1400	1081	1578	36

Detail of Election Results
City of Isanti
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

Precinct	Persons Registered as of 7 A.M.	Persons Registered on Election Day	Total Number of Persons Voting
30 0035 : ISANTI P-1	2504	86	1506
30 0037 : ISANTI P-2	2551	97	1647
City of Isanti Total:	5055	183	3153

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Office Title: Mayor (Isanti)

Precinct	NP Christopher Brooks	NP Luke Merrill	WI WRITE-IN
30 0035 : ISANTI P-1	787	677	6
30 0037 : ISANTI P-2	804	800	5
Total:	**1591**	**1477**	**11**

Office Title: Council Member (Isanti) (Elect 2)

Precinct	NP Nick Pedersen	NP Theodore Knudson	NP Erika Zdon	WI WRITE-IN
30 0035 : ISANTI P-1	658	504	782	19
30 0037 : ISANTI P-2	742	577	796	17
Total:	**1400**	**1081**	**1578**	**36**

We, the legally constituted canvassing board, certify that we have herein specified the names of the persons receiving votes and the number of votes received by each office voted on, and have specified the number of votes for and against each question voted on, at the State General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026

As appears by the returns of the election precincts voting in this election, duly returned to, filed, opened, and canvassed, and now remaining on file in the office of the City of Isanti Clerk. Witness our official signature at _____ in _____ County this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Member of canvassing board

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State of Minnesota
City of Isanti

I, _____, Clerk of the City of Isanti do hereby certify the within and foregoing _____ pages to be a full and correct copy of the original abstract and return of the votes cast in the City of Isanti State General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Witness my hand and official seal of office this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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