

## GENERAL ELECTION REPORT

### NORMAN ELECTION COMMISSION

MAY 5, 2014

The Norman Election Commission (NEC) met January 6, 2014, to prepare for the 2014 Norman Municipal Election. During this meeting, Ty Hardiman was re-elected Chair and Dr. Richard Hilbert was re-elected Vice-Chair. The commission reviewed and updated the packets for City Council candidates and selected January 22, 2014, for a public meeting to present election information to candidates.

On January 22, 2014, the NEC held a public meeting for candidates and interested parties. The meeting was conducted by Chair Hardiman, City Clerk Hall, and Code Compliance Officer Kelvin Winters.

The NEC met March 24, 2014, to review candidate reports submitted for the March 21st report deadline. Ward 8 Councilmember Williams did not draw an opponent; as a result he collected no contributions and had no expenditures other than the filing fee and therefore did not file a financial report. After discussion with the City Clerk, Councilmember Williams provided a report to the commission on March 25th showing the filing fee expense. The remaining candidate reports were accepted by the Commission with minor errors and corrections noted. A complaint dated March 24, 2014, was filed by Ward 4 candidate William Hickman regarding the “Jungman for Ward 4” campaign. The commission forwarded the complaint to the City Attorney’s office for review (Attachment #1).

The NEC met March 31, 2014, to review candidate reports submitted for the March 28th report deadline. The candidate reports were accepted by the Commission with minor errors and corrections noted. City Attorney Jeff Bryant addressed the commission regarding the March 24th complaint filed by candidate Hickman. Mr. Bryant indicated that the issues raised in the complaint were likely not under the scope of the NEC. Candidate Hickman and *The Norman Transcript* reporter J. Hampton also addressed the commission on the topic of the complaint.

As none of the Ward 2 candidates received a vote percentage to win outright, a runoff election will be held on June 24, 2014, to determine the winner. These candidates will file reports on June 13 and June 20 which will be reviewed by the NEC.

The NEC will meet on May 19 to review final reports from all other candidates.

A comprehensive final election report will be submitted to Council following the run-off election, which will include a copy of each candidate report.

Ty Hardiman, Chairman

Robin Allen, Richard Hilbert, and Elizabeth Windes

Attachment 1 – Complaint filed by Williams Hickman