

Monmouth will have three new councilors

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — The city of Monmouth has a new mayor, Steve Milligan, who ran unopposed and earned 2,697 votes (94 percent).

Monmouth's City Council has one incumbent re-elected, Darin Silbernagel with 1,318 votes (14 percent). Silbernagel said he was honored to be re-elected.

"I don't know what the next issue will be," Silbernagel said. "I want to put our best foot forward. I have no real agenda except to make it the best place it can be for

the city of Monmouth and WOU (Western Oregon University)."

Among newcomers to the council, Laurel Sharmer (1,328, 14 percent), Byron Shinkle (1,168, 12 percent) and Thomas Steinke (1,055, 11 percent) have been elected, according to unofficial election results.

With three new councilors, Silbernagel said he hopes the new group will meld together well.

"We've had a really stable council," he said. "Time will tell. Hopefully things will go consistently well going forward."

Steve Deptula (1,046, 11 percent), Mark Lane (1,002, 10 percent), Rich Graham (798, 8 percent) and George Jeffery (773, 8 percent) were the other candidates in the race.



Silbernagel

Dallas votes in three new councilors

Two incumbents among those who grab the five open seats in the race

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — After the Nov. 8 election, the Dallas City Council will welcome three new councilors and say goodbye to one who has served more than three decades.

Incumbents Ken Woods Jr. and Kelly Gabliks won re-election with 3,660 and 3,301 votes, respectively, in unofficial final election results.

A third incumbent, LaVonne Wilson, just missed taking the fifth and last open seat by 37 votes.

At the end of her term, she will have served 32 years on the council.

"It's been an honor and privilege to have served as long as I did," Wilson said.

She said she had the good fortune of working with excellent city personnel and city managers over the decades.

"I'm very pleased with what we've accomplished over the years," she said.

Wilson said, if the oppor-



Trahan

unity arises — say, an opening on the city's budget committee — she will stay involved in city government, but believes her colleagues on the council and the new councilors coming in will do well for the city.

"They want to step up to the plate and help," she said. "That's important."

Paul Trahan, one of the trio of new councilors, also expressed disappointment that Wilson's tenure is ending. He earned the third highest vote tally at 3,382.

"She's done a wonderful job in the past, and I'm sure she will stay involved," he said.

Trahan said he's grateful

for the opportunity to serve and wants to help the city with economic development in filling retail spaces on Main Street and bring in another "big box" retail chain to town.

He also would like to see some activity on the former Weyerhaeuser mill site in Dallas.

"I look forward to working with the council and city staff," Trahan said.

Terry Crawford took second in the voting with 3,423.

He believes balancing the city's budget will be a big task for the council in the coming year. He said police, streets and critical infrastructure — water and sewer — should be the first priorities, but he thinks there are ways to include recreation in the budget, too.

"I think there are ways way can increase revenue, increase some attendance at the Dallas Aquatic Center," Crawford said. "I don't think there's anybody that

thinks it needs to be closed. It's quite an attraction."

Crawford said he will review the city's budget and attend a workshop at the Mark Hatfield School of Government to get ready for taking his seat on the council.

Like Trahan, Jennie Rummell, another councilor, said economic development would be her priority.

"I love hearing ideas on what people would like to see in town, and there are a lot of ideas," Rummell said. "I really feel, as a community, we need to find a niche."

She said highlighting the town's history could be one such niche. Rummell, who received 3,292 votes, said she wants to help make "the community connected and engaged so there is even more hometown pride."

"I am really excited for the opportunity to serve in Dallas, and hope that people feel comfortable coming to me with concerns," Rummell said.



Rummell



Crawford

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Indy council to see three new faces

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Rich King, Ken Day and Kathy Martin-Willis will join the Independence City Council in January, along with Mayor John McArdle, who was re-elected and ran unopposed.

The three councilors will replace Forrest Peck (Position 3), Jerry Hoffman (Position 5) and Nancy Lodge (Position 6). No incumbents



Day

ran for council. Day, Position 5, ran against challengers Michael Hicks and George Neujahr.

He won the vote with 53 percent, or 1,207 votes, to Hicks 760 votes and Neujahr's 256. He said he is looking forward to learning how the council works and being able to help move the city forward as a "destination location."



Martin-Willis

"I'm really interested in how we spend our money, and want to learn more about the budgeting process and where the funds come from and where they go," Day said.

A member of the Monmouth Independence Networks finance committee, Day said he hopes to be appointed to the Minet board of directors.

"I'd like to continue to



King

work for Minet," he said. "I think they're a great company. The service they provide is really good, and it's going to be more and more needed in the coming years. I think it made a difference — how big a difference, I don't know — in the development at Independence Landing."

Day said he is excited to get to work.

"I think it's going to be interesting with a combination of new people and people who have already been there," Day said. "I'm looking forward to it. It's gonna be a challenge, and we'll make good decisions — not to say people before made bad decisions."

Martin-Willis (Position 6) will take Lodge's seat. Lodge decided not to run again after serving 16 years on the council.

"We have wonderful opportunities before us, primarily, the Independence Landing project," Martin-Willis said. "Recently, we've taken next steps with the developer, and we're looking forward to the infrastructure laid moving ahead."

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