



Media Release

Monday morning the City Manager's office received a phone call from Mr. Troy Barton. Mr. Barton was a candidate in the May City Council election. He has verbally advised the City that he intends to file an objection against the election process used in the May City Council election. According to Mr. Barton's verbal objection, persons residing outside the City of Dayton were allowed to vote in the City Council election. The City staff has investigated Mr. Barton's objection and has confirmed with Stephanie Warner, the Liberty County Election's Coordinator that errors in the voter registration roll did occur and that these errors allowed some non-residents to vote in the City election.

The City of Dayton regrets this error but wishes to point out that the City does not conduct its own elections. The City has, for the last 3 years contracted with the Liberty County Clerk's Office to conduct our elections and the voter registration roll used in these elections is generated by the Liberty County Tax Assessor's office. Accordingly, these 2 Liberty County offices will be consulted and involved in the appropriate response to this problem.

The Texas Secretary of State's Office has the final say on elections, procedures, errors and objections of this type. This office has been contacted by the City staff and we are currently awaiting further information on exactly how this matter can best be addressed.

Felix Skarpa, Mayor

Dated: May 12, 2014