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Early voting for the May 14 Burleson City Council election drew 589 voters. Early voting ended at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Election day voting is 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday at Burleson City Hall, 141 W. Renfro St.

Four of the seven city council seats are on the ballot. All three incumbents filed for re-election. Chip Stephens, the Place 6 incumbent, resigned in February but is serving until his successor is sworn in.

The votes from Saturday's election will be canvassed at a special-called city council meeting on Wednesday, May 18. The candidate in each of the four races who receives more than 50 percent of the vote will be sworn in to office at the June 6 Burleson City Council meeting.

If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote for a council seat, then a runoff election is required between the top two vote getters for each contested seat. Place 3 has three candidates and Place 6 fielded four candidates.

If a runoff election is required, early voting will be Monday, May 30 - Saturday, June 4, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Monday, June 6 - Tuesday, June 7, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Election Day will be Saturday, June 11, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The votes from a runoff election will be canvassed by council the week of June 13, then the winners will be sworn in at the June 20 city council meeting.

The unofficial results from the May 14 election will be posted on the City's website, www.burlesontx.com, as well as on the City Facebook page and the City Twitter page. The Facebook page and Twitter page can be accessed through the City website.

The candidates are:

Councilmember Place 1

Stuart Gillaspie (incumbent)

Councilmember Place 3

Matt Powell (incumbent)

Brian S. Cameron

Jerry W. Allen

Councilmember Place 5

Dan McClendon (incumbent)
Leslee Clark Ahrend

Councilmember Place 6

Janine Austin-Quinn
Joshua Pickrell
Larry Pool
Jim Bailey

Gillaspie, 48, is a transportation manager. He is a lifetime resident of the state and Burleson.

Powell, 46, is a land surveyor. He has lived in Texas for more than 9-1/2 years, all of which have been in Burleson.

Cameron, 61, is a software engineer. He has been a Texas resident for 32 years and a Burleson resident for just over one year.

Allen, 62, is a real estate investor. He is a 41-year resident of the state and a 22-year resident of Burleson.

McClendon, 58, is employed as a contractor. He is a lifetime resident of Texas and a 33-year resident of Burleson.

Ahrend, 41, is employed as a teacher. She is a lifetime resident of Texas and a 19-year resident of Burleson.

Austin-Quinn, 38, is employed as a teacher. She is a lifetime Texas resident and a seven-year resident of Burleson.

Pickrell, 31, is a six-year resident of Texas. He has lived in Burleson for just over one year. Pickrell is employed in software development.

Pool, 49, is employed in the insurance industry. He is a 15-year resident of the state and a two-year resident of the city.

Bailey, 77, is a business owner. He has lived in Texas for 53 years and in Burleson for 51 years.

The winner of the Place 6 race will serve the unexpired term of one year. All others who win the May 14 election will serve for two years.