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One councilmember lost his bid for re-election in the June 11 Burleson City Council runoff election.

**The unofficial results are:**

Councilmember Place 3  
Matt Powell (incumbent) - 395  
Jerry W. Allen – 407

Councilmember Place 6  
Larry Pool - 448  
Jim Bailey - 357

Powell has served on council since 2004. Allen served on council, 1998-2007. Bailey served on council 1988-2006. Chip Stephens, the Place 6 incumbent, resigned in February but is serving until his successor is sworn in. Stephens has served on council since 2004.

The votes from the runoff election will be canvassed by council the week of June 13, then the Place 3 and Place 6 winners will be sworn in at the June 20 city council meeting.

In the May 14 election, Allen led the Place 3 balloting with 406 votes to Powell's 350 and Brian S. Cameron's 150. Pool led the Place 6 tally with 405 votes to Bailey's 294, Janie Austin-Quinn's 150 and Joshua Pickrell's 54 votes. Since no candidate received more than 50 percent of the vote in Place 3 or Place 6 in May, a runoff election was required between the top two vote getters for each contested seat.

Two incumbents did win re-election May 14 and were sworn in at the June 6 city council meeting. Stuart Gillaspie was uncontested in his bid for re-election to his Place 1 seat. Gillaspie, the current mayor pro tem, garnered 744 votes. In Place 5, Dan McClendon beat challenger Leslee Clark Ahrend with 539 votes to Ahrend's 354 votes.

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.

For more information, go to the City website, [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com) and click on Elections in the center column of the homepage. You can also call the city secretary's office at 817-426-9660 or e-mail City Secretary Amanda McCrory at [amccrory@burlesontx.com](mailto:amccrory@burlesontx.com).