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Prosper voters faced with additional choices on Nov. 3

PROSPER (August 13, 2020) A full slate of local, school, county, state, and national political races will be decided on Nov. 3 while voters in Prosper will have a few additional decisions to make at the ballot box.

Receiving Town Council approval during the Aug. 11 meeting, Prosper voters will go to the polls on Election Day and elect Council representatives for Places 3 and 5; decide whether or not to approve three propositions for bond-financed projects; and whether or not to allow the retail sale of liquor at package stores and in restaurants.

The election for Town Council members was originally scheduled for May 2 but because of the coronavirus pandemic was postponed, eventually being added to the Nov. 3 ballot. Running unopposed in Place 3 is Amy Bartley, while Place 5 incumbent Jeff Hodges is opposed by Steve Thomas.

Also specific to Prosper voters is a choice on whether or not to approve the expenditure of \$210 million in Capital Improvement Project bonds divided into three individual propositions.

Proposition A authorizes the issuance of \$30,000,000 for public safety facilities, consisting of fire stations, an emergency operations center, a public safety training facility, and administrative facilities. Proposition B provides for the issuance of \$30,000,000 for equipping parks, trails, and recreational facilities, as well as the acquisition of land and interests in the land for these purposes.

Proposition C, meanwhile, authorizes the issuance of \$150,000,000 for constructing, improving, extending, expanding, upgrading, and developing streets, roads, bridges, and intersections within Prosper along with related drainage improvements, utility relocations, landscaping, curbs, sidewalks, and other improvements.

A Citizens Bond Advisory Committee, chaired by David Bristol, met eight times during the spring and summer and presented their unanimous recommendations to the Town Council last month, recommending that Council members place the three propositions on the November ballot.

Eligible voters can vote for or against each of the three propositions separately but cannot vote for or designate individual projects included in each proposition.

Finally, Prosper voters will vote in a special local option election that would legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only, as well as legalizing the sale of mixed drinks in restaurants by those that hold a food and beverage certificate.

The special local option election was added to the November ballot as a result of two petitions that included the signatures of at least 35 percent of the number of Prosper residents who voted in the last gubernatorial election. The Town Secretary verified the validity of both petitions. State law requires the Town Council to call an election when a petition contains the required number of signatures.

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election is Monday, Oct. 5. Early Voting begins on Tuesday, Oct. 13 and ends on Friday, Oct. 30. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. More information is available on the Elections page at www.prospertx.gov.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 28,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."