

Joanne Bungert

From: Lindsey Belongea
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 10:05 AM
To: 'JPrinsen@appleton.gannett.com'
Cc: Joanne Bungert
Subject: RE: April election absentee ballot article

Jake Prinsen

Re: Open Records Request – April 27, 2020 / absentee ballot information

Dear Mr. Prinsen:

This email is in response to your open records request dated April 27, 2020 (see below). Pursuant to a review of our records, it has been determined that there are no such records responsive to your request. Please note that under Open Records law the City is not obligated to answer questions or provide information but provide access to and copies of records. However, as a courtesy the Clerk's Office has provided the following responses with regard to your questions:

- How many absentee ballots did the city receive? **11,928 were tabulated**
- How many did the city receive without a postmark? **10**
- Did the city count absentee ballots without a postmark? **No**
- Why did you, or didn't you count those ballots? **The 10 ballots received without postmark were not received until after the April 7 deadline.**

The determination not to release certain records is subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1) or upon application to the Attorney General or District Attorney.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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From: Prinsen, Jake [<mailto:JPrinsen@appleton.gannett.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 6:59 AM
To: ClerkInquiries <ClerkInquiries@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: April election absentee ballot article

Hello,

My name is Jake Prinsen, and I'm a reporter for the Green Bay Press Gazette. I'm reaching out because I'm writing an article about how absentee ballots were counted in the April 7 election, and I have a few questions. Would it be possible to get answers to the following questions?

- How many absentee ballots did the city receive?

- How many did the city receive without a postmark?
- Did the city count absentee ballots without a postmark?
- Why did you, or didn't you count those ballots?

Thank you for your time, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Best,

Jake Prinsen

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