

Kadow, Krieser top Manitowoc District 5 City Council primary

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MANITOWOC — Matt Kadow and August Krieser advanced in primary voting Tuesday to the April 6 runoff for the District 5 seat on the City Council.

Kadow, 27, was the top vote-getter with 151. Krieser, 63, finished second with 108 votes.

Tyler Martell, 18, received 85 votes and was eliminated.

Olivia Brey, who told the Herald Times Reporter last week she was dropping out of the race, received 52 votes.

Her name automatically was on the ballot because she filed candidacy papers.

The primary election drew 420 of 2,172 eligible voters.

Incumbent Alderman Eric Sitkewitz filed noncandidacy papers and said he is not running for a third term because he plans to move to a different part of the city.

Kadow and Krieser said they are pleased to proceed.

"Voters were the real winners tonight," Kadow said. "There were a lot of choices on the ballot tonight, and when that happens, democracy works the way it is supposed to."

Kadow said he and Krieser share some similar philosophies, especially about job creation.

"We're going to have a good, clean debate," Kadow said. "We believe there should be a partnership between the private and public sector when it comes to job creation and when there's a 10 percent **unemployment rate**, that needs to be the focus of the (City Council)."

Krieser said his longevity in the community is an

advantage, but said the city would fare well with either candidate.

"It looks like I have my work cut out for me," Krieser said, "But we are faithful friends and there's no animosity between us."

Krieser said he was happy to see the city's younger generation get involved in local politics.

"I give (Martell) a lot of **credit**."

Martell said he felt "pretty cruddy" after he heard that he lost.

"I'm surprised Olivia got 52 votes and she isn't even running," he said. "I guess if that's what people want, that's what people get."

Martell said his age may have been a factor, but he thought his "young and fresh" perspective would have allowed him to pull through.

"I thought that if Justin Nickels could do it, then I could too," Martell said of the man who won election to mayor last spring at age 22.

"You don't always need experience to know the difference between what's right and what's wrong and to be **trustworthy**," Martell said.

The candidates who emerged from the primary said they will engage in old-fashioned campaigning until the April 6 election.

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"It's all about knowing who is voting and speaking to them in a way that resonates with them and speaking to their concerns," Kadow said.

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