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Myser Elected Prior Lake Mayor; Keeney to Join Incumbent Erickson on Council

The 2009 General Election was Tuesday, Nov. 3, and resident Mike Myser was elected the new Mayor of the City of Prior Lake. He won the three-year term with 45% of the vote. Richard Keeney and Warren Erickson were each elected to fill two, three-year City Council terms, each garnering more than 19% of the vote. Keeney will be new to the council; Erickson was first elected in 2005.

The Mayoral and two Council seats expire at the end of 2012 and will be four-year terms that correspond with the presidential elections, thereafter. The Council's other two seats are up for election in 2010 and will be four-year terms that expire in 2014. The Prior Lake City Council adopted even-year elections in 2006 to save money, allow City elections to correspond with state and national elections, and allow more people to participate in the process.

In 2009, there were 2,940 ballots cast out of 13,907 registered voters (including new voters) in Prior Lake, for a turnout of 21.14%. Precinct 1 – which includes the area around City Hall and to the northeast along Hwy. 13 – had the highest turnout at 29.76%; Precinct 3 – in the southeastern part of the city – had the lowest turnout with 13.25% voting.

There were 697 under votes in the city council race. Up to two candidates could have been chosen, but 697 ballots had votes for only one or none of the council candidates.