

Pine Lake mayor wins by 2 votes in recount

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It was a close race.

After edging opponent Tommie Storms by a skimpy one vote margin, Michael Stuckey had to endure a recount, which revealed he had won **Pine Lake**'s mayoral seat after all - by two votes. Stuckey, 40, pledged to make communication his top priority. "The number one thing is communication between the staff, me, the police department and the citizens," he said. "I know that the citizens are tired of feeling they are left out, but I intend to make sure they are left in the process."

A former city councilman for three years, Stuckey was sworn in last week to the mayoral spot vacated in May by longtime mayor Neil Copeland. Copeland said a deep rift between him and the City Council about how to manage city administration pushed him to resign.