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**City Council Minutes**  
**October 11, 2016 ~ 5:00PM**

**Special Meeting**  
**City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska**  
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The special meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at City Hall. Mayor Pete Hallgren called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

City Council members present: Mayor Pete Hallgren, Mayor Pro tem JW Musgrove, Lou Heinbockel
Audrey Brown, William Brennan (arrived after roll call)

City Council member excused: Freda Degnan

City employee present: City Clerk Pat White

Two members from the community were present and the meeting was broadcast over KDHS 95.5 FM radio.

NEW BUSINESS

Certify Election Results

White reported 58 ballots were cast in the 2016 election, 54 ballots at the polls and four by absentee, representing less than 8% voter turnout. Three incumbents ran unopposed for their respective three-year terms.

- JW Musgrove received 51 votes for Seat B. Ed Larson, Jon Dufendach, Butch Mitchell, and a resident outside the City limits each received one write-in vote.
- Freda Degnan received 50 votes for Seat D. George Pursey, Mike Murphy, Wayne Crowson, and a resident outside the City limits each received one write-in vote.
- Pete Hallgren received 49 votes for Seat G. Doris Fales, Mike Murphy, Jon Dufendach, Jennifer Burr, a resident outside the City limits, and one that the Division of Elections office in Fairbanks could not identify as an Alaskan resident each received one write-in vote.

There was some controversy in identifying one write-in. Three election judges on October 4 and one on October 5 agreed that "Butch Mitchel" was "Archie V. Mitchell Jr." Two election officials on the Canvass Board did not know Butch's legal name. City Code of Ordinances 2.30.010 (a)(10) states, "No ballot shall be rejected if the Election Board can determine the person for whom the voter intended to vote ... " Four of the six election officials were in agreement.

Heinbockel moved to approve the Certification of Election results as presented; Brown seconded.

Discussion followed regarding legitimacy of voters declaring residency other than the physical location of their home.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote with five in attendance (Musgrove, Brown, Heinbockel, Brennan, Hallgren).

Oath of Office

White administered the Oath of Office and Hallgren and Musgrove took their seats at the Council table.

Hallgren stated Freda Degnan would be sworn in at the October 18 meeting.

Election of Mayor / Election of Mayor Pro tem

Hallgren reported "The Mayor is elected by and from the Council ..." (per City Code of Ordinances §1.25.020).

Heinbockel moved for unanimous consent in nominating Pete Hallgren as Mayor and JW Musgrove as Mayor Pro tem; Brennan seconded.

Discussion followed regarding voting for both offices in one motion instead of separating them into two.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote with five in attendance (Brennan, Brown, Musgrove, Heinbockel, Hallgren).

Hallgren said he intended to introduce an ordinance at the October 18 meeting to establish a "pecking order" should both the Mayor and Mayor Pro tem be unavailable.

Heinbockel asked that it include duties related to signing checks.

Reorganize Council Interests / Reporting

Hallgren referenced an October 11 memo issued from City Administrator Mary Leith regarding recommendations in reorganizing and assigning Council reports.

Brown said she supported Leith's recommendation to remove *Public Health & Safety*, but she did not agree with getting rid of *Public Health*. She asked to combine *Public Safety* with Degnan's *Emergency Services* reporting and she said she is interested in *Public Health* and *Emergency Preparedness / LEPC*.

Heinbockel said he suggested removing *Lands* at the October 4 meeting because he felt it should be addressed by the Mayor and the City administration. He asked to postpone reorganization to October 18 when possibly a full Council is present and there is more information about filling Saarloos' vacancy. (Sebastian Saarloos resigned on October 3. His replacement and Freda Degnan were not in attendance.)

Brennan said he would keep *School District* and he would like *Park / Recreation* unless someone else is interested. (*Park / Recreation* was removed as a single report when it was combined with *Public Works* at the October 13, 2015 meeting.)

Heinbockel agreed to keep *Public Works*, which also includes landfill, cemetery, and roads reporting. He reported he has lived in Delta Junction and/or served on the City Council when the indoor hockey rink was built (1993), when the park was leased from the State of Alaska (1969 supposedly through 2024), when the park was built (1970's), and when the park was purchased from Mental Health Trust (2003/2005).

ADJOURNMENT

Musgrove moved to adjourn at 5:30pm; Brennan and Heinbockel seconded.

Pat White, City Clerk

Approved: October 18, 2016