



City Council Minutes
October 10, 2017 ~ 5:00PM

Special Meeting
City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska

The special meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at City Hall. Mayor Pete Hallgren called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

City Council members present: Mayor Pete Hallgren, Deputy Mayor JW Musgrove

Lou Heinbockel, Audrey Brown, Freda Degnan, Jennifer Brant

City employees present: City Administrator Mary Leith, Administrative Assistant Flower Cole, City Clerk Pat White

Three members from the community were present, including newly-elected Councilman Alan Levinson, and the meeting was broadcast over KDHS 95.5 FM radio.

NEW BUSINESS

Certify Election Results

White reported 58 ballots were cast in the 2017 election; 56 at the polls, one absentee, and one questioned, representing 7% voter turnout in the City precinct (608).

- Incumbent Audrey Brown received 39 votes for Seat C. Four others received one write-in vote each plus one vote was cast for a Deltana resident (Big Delta precinct 600) that did not count.

- Incumbent Jennifer Brant received 50 votes for Seat E. Two others received one write-in vote each.

- Pete Hallgren received the most write-in votes for Seat F (6), followed by Jacob White (4), Mike Murphy (2), Ryan Gilbertson (2), and Susan Sandy (2). Fifteen others received one write-in vote each, including one for a Deltana resident. White reported Hallgren would switch from Seat G to Seat F, a three-year term ending in 2020.

- Alan Levinson received the most write-in votes for Seat G (14), followed by Matthew Andreassen (9), Ray Dinger (2), and Joel Wiggins (2). Five others received one write-in vote each. Two more write-in votes were for Deltana residents and one did not qualify as a registered voter from either precinct, City (608) or Big Delta (600).

Heinbockel moved to approve the Certificate of Election as the official 2017 municipal election results; Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote with six voting (Brant, Brown, Heinbockel, Musgrove, Degnan, Hallgren).

Musgrove as New Mayor

Hallgren passed the gavel to JW Musgrove (who will serve as Mayor through certification of the 2019 election results per City Code §1.25.040, "In the event the office of Mayor becomes vacant, the Deputy Mayor shall automatically become Mayor ...")

Oath of Office

White swore in returning Council members (Brown, Brant, and Hallgren) and newly-elected Councilman Alan Levinson.

Gift Presented to Hallgren

Musgrove presented Hallgren with a City-logo-embroidered jacket for 18 years of service to the community, as Director of the Local Redevelopment Authority under BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) and Municipal Administrator (1999/2007), and Council member (2007/2017) with 2008/2012 as Mayor Pro tem and 2012/2017 as Mayor. Musgrove also presented Hallgren with a welcome-back balloon because of returning to the Council after being written in for Seat F. Hallgren presented the City with the three anniversary posters (75th of the Alaska Highway, 75th of the Allen Army Airfield, and 150th of the State of Alaska) that he had framed.

Elect Deputy Mayor

Musgrove reported the need to elect a Deputy Mayor (per City Code §1.10.050).

Heinbockel moved to nominate Freda Degnan as Deputy Mayor with unanimous consent; Musgrove seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with six voting in favor (Hallgren, Brown, Levinson, Brant, Heinbockel, Musgrove) and one abstaining (Degnan).

Reorganize Council Interests / Reporting

Alan Levinson introduced himself and said he's lived in Delta Junction for 14 years. He is employed in building maintenance at Fort Greely, his wife is a teacher at the Delta-Greely school district, his children are grown, and he's been involved with Boy Scouts for many years.

Musgrove reported he asked Levinson to take on *airport* reporting because he is a member of the pilot community. Discussion followed regarding Musgrove's new roles and reporting on *mayor* and *personnel*, varied Council members reporting on *school* news, and adding *Fort Greely Liaison* for Hallgren to report on. Additionally, Council members were encouraged to attend the Newly-Elected Officials (NEO) training during the Alaska Municipal League (AML) conference in Anchorage in mid-November.

ADJOURNMENT

Degnan moved to adjourn at 5:31pm; Hallgren seconded.

Pat White, City Clerk

Approved: October 17, 2017