

**City Council Minutes  
Special Meeting  
October 29, 2024 ~ 5:00PM  
City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska**



**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / PRAYER**

Mayor Igor Zarembo called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

**Council members present:** Mayor Igor ZAREMBA, Deputy Mayor Mary LEITH, Travis RIESNER, Lance STRICKLIN, Michael PRESTEGARD, Stormie MITCHELL

**Council present via Zoom:** Pete HALLGREN

**City staff present:** City Administrator Lori Roberts, Finance Officer Kaylee Reiersen, City Clerk Pat White

**Public present:** One member from the community was present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Works Truck**

Roberts explained that the City's 2016 Ford 350 plow truck has been out of service since October 10. She presented options to replace or repair it:

- Purchase a 2024 Ford F350 Crew Cab with 8' 2" plow from Seekins for \$77,277.34.
- Purchase a 2024 Ford F350 Regular Cab with 8' 2" plow from Seekins for \$65,958.04.
- Purchase a 2016 Ram 5500 4x4 Tradesmen with 63,086 miles from Gene's Chrysler for \$50,000.00.

Installation of a plow mount for a 10' 3" plow would be an additional \$4,191.00.

- Yevgeniy Chenkov quoted \$7,280.00 to install a used engine in the City pickup. The engine has 69,836 miles on it. Chenkov's quote includes a one-year warranty.
- Delta Auto Care quoted \$5,860.00 to install a used engine in the City pickup. The engine has 38,000 miles. The quote includes a one-year warranty.

- The City received a grant for heavy equipment with a 25% match through the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Alaska Unified Certification Program (AUCP).

- Doyon Utilities has a 2008 Dodge Ram 3500 Crew Cab that will be decommissioned. They will donate it, but it needs a new battery and brake replacement.

Discussion followed regarding using the City emergency response truck (2019 Chevy Silverado 2500 4WD) as a backup plow and the City plow truck being out of service for at least another week.

Zarembo asked to save the grant for larger equipment, i.e., landfill loader or trash compactor.

Motion: Stricklin moved to get a plow mount for the City fire truck (2019 Chevy Silverado); Mitchell seconded.

Discussion followed regarding restrictions in using the Chevy fire truck (must have clean driving record for three years and must be EMT certified) and Rural Deltana owning a vehicle with plow.

Stricklin withdrew the motion. Mitchell agreed.

Mitchell asked to inquire about purchasing a leased (rent-to-own) vehicle.

Discussion followed regarding compensating David Dawe, Public Works employee, for fuel and mileage to use his own personal truck and unnecessary expense to transport truck to Fairbanks to get more quotes from mechanics.

Motion: Riesner moved to pay Delta Auto Care to install a used engine in the City's plow truck for \$5,860.00 and 12-month unlimited mile warranty; Mitchell seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote (Prestegard, Hallgren, Riesner, Stricklin, Mitchell, Leith, Zarembo).

Motion: Stricklin moved to accept Doyon Utilities' 2008 Dodge Ram 3500 Crew Cab if it is donated, and to bring back discussion if fees are involved in the transfer of ownership; Leith seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote (Riesner, Stricklin, Leith, Prestegard, Hallgren, Mitchell, Zarembo).

Roberts reported she is researching seasonal street maintenance agreements, which will require a bid process. Sam Porter and Yevgeniy "Yougene" Chenkov offered services as backup grader operators.

**ADJOURNMENT – 5:41pm**

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Igor Zarembo, Mayor

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Pat White, City Clerk

Approved: November 5, 2024