

City Council Minutes
Special Meeting
October 14, 2025 ~ 5:00PM
City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska



CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / PRAYER

Deputy Mayor Mary Leith called the meeting to order at 5:07pm after a bit of difficulty in establishing connections with Council members on zoom.

Council members present: Deputy Mayor Mary LEITH, Michael PRESTEGARD, Pete HALLGREN, Michael PHELAN (arrived at 5:15pm)

Council present via zoom: Lance STRICKLIN

Council excused: Mayor Igor ZAREMBA, Travis REISNER

City staff present: City Administrator Lori Roberts, Library Director Tiki Levinson, City Clerk Pat White

Public present: Present were two members from the community plus two on zoom.

AMENDMENTS ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hallgren moved to approve the October 14, 2025 agenda; Riesner seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call with four in attendance (Stricklin, Hallgren, Riesner, Leith).

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - none

CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS

[2.30.030(A) – Certification of the Election: The Council shall meet as soon as possible ... in public session to receive the report of the Election Canvass Board, but no later than twelve (12) days after the election. If, after considering said report, the Council determines that the election was validly held, such conclusion shall be declared and entered upon the minutes of the meeting together with the total number of votes cast for each candidate ...]

White reported Election Officials (Shane Goodson, Sherry Smith, Tiki Levinson) counted ballots at the Community Center on October 7. The Canvass Board (Fran Hallgren, Sharon Geagley, Jessica Rothe) recounted ballots at City Hall on October 10. There were 12 early votes and 130 ballots cast at the polls. There were two questioned ballots that were verified by Amanda McColley, Supervisor, Region III Election Office. One was valid (counted) and one was not (spoiled). Voter turnout was 15% (958 registered City precinct voters). Of the 143 voted ballots:

- Michael Phelan received 129 votes for Seat B. There were two valid write-ins and two invalid write-ins.
- Igor Zarembo received 116 votes for Seat D. There were seven valid write-ins and seven invalid.
- Rena Case received 113 votes for Seat G, Stormie Mitchell received 27, and there was one valid write-in.

Motion: Stricklin moved to certify the 2025 election results as presented; Hallgren seconded.

Hallgren disclosed that his wife, Fran, volunteered to serve on the Canvass Board without pay. There was no conflict of interest with him as a Council member and Fran's participation in counting ballots. He was not involved in this year's election, and he showed no favoritism toward any party on the ballot. had no bearing on anyone running for a seat. Fran's participation has no bearing on the outcome of the election. difference in the outcome.

Roberts had trouble getting verbal responses from Council members who were attending telephonically.

Motion passed on a roll call with four in attendance (Stricklin, Prestegard, Hallgren, Leith).

Phelan arrived at 5:15pm.

Roberts read City Code 2.30.050(A) and 2.30.050(E) that pertained to contesting the election results.

Hallgren asked to redo the vote to include Phelan and reaffirm the motion to certify the election.

Motion: Stricklin moved to agree to recertify the election; Hallgren seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call with five in attendance (Phelan, Stricklin, Prestegard, Hallgren, Leith).

Motion: Stricklin moved to recertify the 2025 election results as presented; Hallgren seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call with five in attendance (Prestegard, Hallgren, Phelan, Stricklin, Leith).

Levinson reported she appreciated being part of the election process because it was well organized and ran smoothly.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Phelan moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:22pm; Prestegard seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call with five in attendance (Hallgren, Stricklin, Prestegard, Phelan, Leith).

Igor Zaremba, Mayor

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Pat White, City Clerk

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Approved: October --- , 2025