

**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
October 5, 2017**

The special meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 12:06 PM by Councilman Andersen in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Stan Andersen; Jerald Brown; Mark Johnson; Tom Sparks; Lew Tobin

Members Absent: Louie Green (excused); Mayor Beneville (excused)

Also Present: Tom Moran, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Julie Liew, Finance Director

In the audience: Davis Hovey, *KNOM*; Sandra Medearis, *Arctic News*; Shawn Arnold, NPS; Jennifer Bump, Wells Fargo; Adam Martinson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Andersen asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Johnson; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

1. Jennifer Bump addressed the Council as the Governmental Entity Relationship Manager for Wells Fargo. She said that she was based out of Fairbanks and had been handling all of northwest Alaska since January. She thanked the City for its business and said that she would always be available to answer any questions or field any concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-17-10-01 A Resolution Canvassing the Results of the October 3, 2017 Municipal Election.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Johnson to adopt R-17-10-01.

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen asked if each of his colleagues understood the numbers.

- Councilman Brown said that they were relatively straightforward upon his review.
- Councilman Andersen asked how many questioned ballots had been submitted and how many had ended up being counted.
- Clerk Hammond said that 11 had been submitted, but only 3 had been counted because the other 8 were unregistered, registered elsewhere, or disqualified by Alaska Statute.
- Councilman Andersen asked how that information was obtained.
- Clerk Hammond said that he submitted the names of questioned voters to the State Office of Elections for either approval or disapproval.
- Councilman Tobin asked if there were any interesting write-in trends.
- Manager Moran said that write-ins weren't counted if there was a clear plurality for a declared candidate.
- Councilman Andersen noted that each write-in was listed in the resolution at one time.
- Manager Moran concurred that it had been done that way in the past, though it probably shouldn't have been.
- Clerk Hammond said that it was technically prohibited by Nome Ordinance and Alaska Statute.
- Councilman Andersen opined that it was helpful for the declared candidate to know of any potential future opponents.

At the roll call:

Aye: Johnson; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown;

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 12:11 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 9th day of October, 2017.



STAN ANDERSEN
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



THOMAS MORAN
City Manager