

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Ave
Fallon, Nevada
June 20, 2024**

The Honorable City Council met in a special meeting on the above date in the Council Chambers, 55 West Williams Avenue, Fallon, Nevada.

Present:

Mayor Ken Tedford
Councilwoman Kelly Frost
Councilwoman Karla Kent
Councilman Paul Harmon
Chief of Staff Bob Erickson
City Attorney Mike Mackedon
Deputy City Attorney Trent deBraga
Deputy City Attorney Sean Rowe
Chief Ron Wenger
Captain Daniel Babiarz
City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson
Deputy City Clerk Michael O'Neill
Public Works Director Brian Byrd
Deputy Public Works Adrian Noriega
Deputy Public Works Glen Radtke
Deputy Public Works Marco Guerrero
Engineer Derek Zimney
Director of Tourism Jane Moon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Tedford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the agenda had been posted in compliance with NRS requirements.

City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson advised that the agenda was posted in compliance with the NRS requirements.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments. He noted that comments are to be general in nature, not relative to any agenda items. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

No comments were noted.

Canvas of returns for the City of Fallon Primary Election held June 11, 2024.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any questions or comments regarding the numbers that were provided by the Churchill County Clerk Treasurer's office. They handle the elections and have a long history of handling the elections very fairly. I want to congratulate Linda, Erin, and their crew for all their hard work that they have done over there, in the past years, and we look forward to how they do the upcoming November elections.

City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson stated that at the time of posting the canvas report was not available. So, today, I provided the canvas report to the Council. It is also available, on the table, for the public. It has been provided for the record. The abstract of returns demonstrates the following numbers. There were 1,440 total votes cast. Luai Ababneh received 78 total votes, Jacob Robertson received 247 total votes, and Ken Tedford received a total of 1,079 votes. In total 25.99% of eligible voters voted in this election. There is a little difference if you add up the total votes compared to the votes that were cast. The difference is 3,600 votes.

Councilman Harmon inquired on this difference. This is new to me, is an under vote when someone doesn't vote at all?

City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson stated that was correct. Yes, they voted in other elections, but just didn't vote in this one.

Mayor Tedford stated he would give an example. I had two ladies call me on Saturday. The way the ballot was set up, they couldn't find me. It was a democratic ballot, and there were very few people on it, but the Mayor's Office was the last one on the ballot. I think what happened was one previously lived in the County and one lived in the City. So, I think that when they looked at the ballot for the one that had lived in the County, they didn't see the Mayor's Office. It was also the last one in the ballot, so it may be easy to miss. Some people didn't think that they could vote if they were registered as nonpartisan, and they didn't make it to the bottom of the ballot because they didn't think they could vote for the Mayor's Office.

Chief of Staff Bob Erickson stated the way voting is set up now, the mail-in ballots have to be accepted five days after the election. So, these numbers weren't available to us until late Tuesday night. Therefore, that is why they weren't included in the packet, they just weren't available to the County or the City until the last ballot was eligible to be received. I would like to correct the record. The early estimate before the last mail in ballots were received was voter turnout, in the City of 30%, that correct figure is voter turnout, in the City, of 25.99%. Thank you.

City Clerk Treasurer Sean Richardson stated that at this point, if there are no clerical errors noted during the canvas, I would ask the City Council to declare the results whereby Ken Tedford received the majority of the votes and is deemed elected. I would ask the City Council to make a motion allowing the City Clerk to enter an order to certify the abstract of results, make a copy of the certified abstract, post the certified abstract on the City's website, and make a copy of the certified abstract and send to the Secretary of the State.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any further comments or questions from the Council or public.

No further comments were noted.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to approve the canvas of returns for the City of Fallon Primary Election held June 11, 2024, and declare Ken Tedford the winner of that election as he received a majority plus one of the votes; seconded by Councilman Harmon and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Councilwoman Frost motioned to allow the City Clerk to enter an order and certify the abstract of results, to make a copy of the certified abstract of results, to post the certified abstract

on the City's website, and transmit a copy of the certified abstract to the Secretary of State; seconded by Councilman Harmon and approved with a 3-0 vote by the Council.

Public Comments

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments.
No comments were noted.

Council and Staff Reports

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any Council or staff reports.
No reports were noted.

Executive Session

Mayor Tedford tabled the executive session, as it was not needed at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.



Mayor Tedford

Attest: 

Michael O'Neill, City Clerk-Treasurer