



**City of Saxman  
Certifying the Election  
October 09, 2023  
5:30 PM**

## **AGENDA**

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**Call to Order**

**Prayer**

**Roll Call/Quorum**

**Public Comments**

**New Business**

- [1.](#) Resolution Declaring and Certifying the results of the October 3, 2023, Election

Background: The Clerk presents the City Council with the ballot report from the Canvass Board Meeting.

*Staff Recommended Action: "I move to approve Resolution resolving that the Election was held according to Saxman Municipal Code and the results deeming that "" elected to the Saxman City Council for three years are valid and that the Clerk should issue a certificate of election as appropriate."*

- [2.](#) Approval of Canvass Board Minutes

Background: The minutes from the Canvass Board Meeting on October 6, 2023, for review and approval.

*Possible Motions: "I make a motion to approve the minutes of the Canvass Board from October 6th, 2023."*

**Council/Mayor Comments**

**Adjournment**

**City of Saxman**

Resolution #10.2023.09

**A RESOLUTION of the City Council of Saxman, Alaska certifying and declaring the results of the Regular Election held October 3, 2023 and establishing an effective date.**

**WHEREAS**, The Election Canvass Board has completed the canvass of the Regular Election held October 3, 2023, and has presented the Certificate of Returns and reports to the Council and,

**WHEREAS**, the election Canvass Board has ascertained the vote to be as follows:

2 seats for a 3-year term:

Seat 2: Woodrow Watson; 44

Seat 4: Gabriella Blair; 37

With 12 uncertified write-ins.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

Section 1: The Saxman City Council determines the election of October 3, 2023 was validly held.

Section 2: The following persons received the greatest number of votes cast in the regular election and are declared elected to the office as shown below:

Seat 2: Woodrow Watson

Seat 4: Gabriella Blair

Section 3: The City Clerk is directed to prepare and issue a Certificate of Election, sealed with the seal of the City of Saxman to the persons declared elected.

Section 4: Effective Date. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

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ATTEST: Brianna Berg, City Clerk



**City of Saxman  
Canvass Board  
October 06, 2023  
5:30 PM**

Item 2.

## **MINUTES**

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:53 PM by Mayor Seludo.

### **Prayer**

Innvocation by Councilor Watson.

### **Roll Call/Quorum**

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Frank Seludo  
Council Member Denny Blair  
Council Member Norman Natkong Sr.  
Council Member Woody Watson  
Council Member Gabriella Blair - Telephonically

#### **ABSENT**

Council Member Rick Makua  
Council Member Billy Joe Thomas

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Canvass of Ballots**

Background: The Clerk will present the Canvass of Ballots report and the absentee, special needs and questioned ballots.

The Council will not accept the two challenged as they are not marked. That was the two ballots that were brought over from the regular ballot cast and were not accepted as they were not marked. All present council received and agreed.

The two questioned ballots were presented by the Clerk. The Council reviewed the two questioned ballots and accepted their ballot count votes. The first ballot had Seat#4 Gabriella Blair marked and was added to her final count. And the second ballot had Seat#2 Woodrow Watson and Seat#4 Gabe Blair marked and was added to the final count.

The final count concludes as;

Woodrow Watson: 44

Gabriella Blair: 37

Write-ins remain the same as listed.

**Council Comments:**

Councilor G. Blair: She wanted to get the message out that all votes count.

*A motion was made to accept the ballot counts from the presented.*

Motion made by Council Member Watson, Seconded by Council Member Blair.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Blair, Council Member Natkong Sr.,  
Council Member Watson, Council Member Blair

*Motion Passes.*

2. Election Officials Report

Background: Attached is the Election Official's Report for the Canvass Board's Review.

*A motion was made to accept the Election Officials Report.*

Motion made by Council Member Watson, Seconded by Council Member Blair.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Blair, Council Member Natkong Sr.,  
Council Member Watson, Council Member Blair

*Motion Passes.*

**Council/Mayor Comments**

Councilor G. Blair: Where do the final numbers get sent to? The Clerk answered that they get sent to the Ketchikan Daily News and Radio Station.

Councilor Natkong: Good meeting. I am glad we all got this sorted out. Congratulations to Gabe and Woody.

Councilor Watson: Good meeting. Congratulations to Gabe. Thank you staff and thank you election judges.

Councilor D. Blair: Good meeting. I want to second the comment Councilor G. Blair made stating that all votes matter. Thank you staff. Congratulations to Gabe and Woody.

Mayor Seludo: Thank you all coming. Good meeting. Congratulations Woody and Gabe. Thank you staff. I am going to start workshop for our project priority list soon. Look out for a text message list. That's all I have.

**Adjournment**

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.*

Motion made by Council Member Watson, Seconded by Council Member Blair.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Blair, Council Member Natkong Sr., Council  
Member Watson, Council Member Blair

*Motion Passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.*

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Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

CITY OF SAXMAN  
Preliminary Election Results

Election Judges' Report of Election Results

The tally below is a true and accurate record of all votes cast in the 2023 Regular City Election held in the City of Saxman on October 3, 2023.

Canvas of Ballots:

Votes per candidate:

Total regular ballots cast	58	55	Numbering Error from City Clerk. See Correction in second column.
Total of Special Needs ballots casts			
Total questioned/challenged ballots cast	2	2/2	
Total spoiled ballots			
Total Absentee ballots			
Total unused ballots	40	41	
<b>Grand Total of ballots</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	These two numbers should be the same
Total of all ballots received from Clerk	100	100	


NOT want  
NOT  
marked  
no  
further  
vote

Candidate	Votes Received
1. Woodrow Watson	43 <i>44</i>
2. Gabriella Blair	35 <i>37</i>
3. Tanya Swenson	2
4. Tayna Swenson	1
5. Joe Williams	1
6. Suzie Williams	1
7. Martin Perez	1
8. Winona Wallace	2
9. Linda Williams	1
10. Edward John	1
11. Charles Peele	1
12. Charles Peele	1
13. Christian Dalton	1
14. Christian Dalton	1
15. John McAlister	1

The tally of voters was completed between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:25 p.m. October 3, 2023.

Submitted by election judges:

DM \_\_\_\_\_ Election Judge  
FM \_\_\_\_\_ Election Judge  
DT \_\_\_\_\_ Election Judge

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_, Brianna Berg, Saxman City Clerk; Election Official