City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:
This Special meeting was held on Friday, October 9th, 2015 at Edna Bay School.
Mayor Richter called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2 — Roll Call:
Heather Richter   - Mayor / Presiding Officer   (Present)
Karen Williams   - Vice Mayor / City Council   (Present)
Tyler Poelstra   - Clerk / City Council   (Present)
Myla Poelstra   - Treasurer / City Council   (Present)
Carleigh Fairchild   - City Council   (Absent)
Paul Haag   - City Council   (Present)
Doris Greif   - City Council   (Present)

2.1 — Public Participants:
Lee Greif   Spencer Lamkin   Sharon Wargi   Sandy Henson
Mike Williams

3 — Consent Agenda:
A: Approval of Meeting Agenda:
The current agenda was read by Mr. Poelstra.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor, and no objections were noted.

Motion:
Mayor Richter moved to accept the consent agenda as read.

- Seconded by Councilor Greif
 - **Approved** by unanimous vote of the council

3.1 — Business:

Special Business:
- a: *Election Review Committee Meeting and Certification of Election.*

4 —   Special Business

Item A – Election Review Committee Meeting and Certification of Election:
Municipal Clerk Tyler Poelstra read back the election day preliminary results tally to the Council and public in attendance.   He then read back specifics of the Election Review Committee process and how the results will be certified from the Title 5 - Elections ordinances.

The ballot box was shown to be empty to all in attendance, then locked. He then unlocked the security box and removed the stack of 13 letters containing absentee oath and affidavit envelopes and ballots. He stated that from this point and through to the conclusion of the election he would not touch any ballot personally. He then opened each envelope revealing the Oath and Affidavit envelope containing each the ballot and read back the name, address and witness indicated on the envelopes, one at a time. Mayor Richter then received the ballot(s), noted and then removed the ballot number and then cast the ballot in the ballot box one at a time.

One Oath and Affidavit was not witnessed by a notary or postmaster. Review of the election ordinances took place, followed by discussion on whether to reject the ballot for lack of compliance with local ordinances and the clear requirements indicated on the Oath and Affidavit envelope. The absentee vote was not in compliance with the requirements of section 5.40.030 for having no official witness and will be rejected. One letter contained two oath and affidavit envelopes, each from a different voter.

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra felt that the public should not be involved in polling on what to do with another voter's ballot and should be excused from this part of the process and also asked that he be excused from the Council vote due to being the election supervisor. Mayor Richter concurred and upheld the excusals.

Motion:
Mayor Richter moved to reject the absentee ballot submitted by Dee A. Brown for lack of official witness of Oath and Affidavit as per section 5.40.030 of City of Edna Bay municipal code.

- Seconded by Councilor Greif
- Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Greif	- Yea	
Councilor Williams	- Yea	
Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra	- Excused	
Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra	- Yea	
Councilor Haag	- Yea	
Mayor Richter	- Yea	

- **Approved** by majority vote of the council

The remaining absentee ballots were processed. Three council members other than Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra and Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra were asked to volunteer to tally the votes. Councilor Williams, Councilor Greif and Mayor Richter volunteered to tally the absentee votes. 41 ballots were cast in total; 14 absentee and 27 at the polling place on election day.

All absentee votes were tallied and all 3 tallies resulted in the following vote counts:
Myla R. Poelstra: 12 Votes
Tyler M. Poelstra: 12 votes
Susan Crew: 1 vote
John Dodson: 0 votes (the write-in vote was not counted due to the X not being filled on the ballot)

The preliminary and absentee votes were then tallied together resulting in the final conclusive vote counts:
Myla R. Poelstra: 31 Votes
Tyler M. Poelstra: 33 votes
Susan Crew: 9 vote
Sandy Henson: 4 votes
Scott Palmer: 1 vote
John Dodson: 0 votes

Mayor Richter noted that two (2) absentee ballots did not arrive in time to be counted. The Council agreed that the two ballots would not substantially effect the outcome of the election.

Mayor Richter signed the certification documents and handed them to the clerk. Tyler M. Poelstra will receive seat A with the highest vote count, followed by Myla R. Poelstra who will receive seat B with the second highest vote count.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of accepting the results of the regular election and no objections were noted.

Motion:
Councilor Haag moved to accept and certify the results of the election held on October 6th, 2015 with Tyler M. Poelstra winning seat A and Myla R. Poelstra winning seat B.

- Seconded by Councilor Greif
- **Approved** by unanimous vote of the council

Both candidates were then read back their oaths to office and were sworn in to their new terms.

Absentee ballots, the rejected ballot and all election materials were sealed into their own envelopes for storage in the City safe for the required retention period.

5 – Persons to be Heard:
The Council and members of the the public thanked the election judges and the clerk for all of their work.

Adjournment
Mayor Richter moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion seconded by Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra
Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.