

## CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

## RESOLUTION NO. 2020-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE CANVASSING COMMITTEE RESULTS AND CERTIFYING THE OCTOBER 6, 2020 REGULAR CITY ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Election Judges tallied the votes cast at the polls on October 6, 2020, and then serving as the Canvassing Committee, met on October 8, 2020, and tallied the votes of Absentee and Questioned ballots cast by voters; and

WHEREAS, the tallies recorded by the Canvassing Committee are as follows:

<b>City Council Seat C; a three year term ending October 2023.</b>			
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<b>Aksel Buholm</b>	154	27	181
Kaleb Westfall	139	27	166
Write-ins	4		4

<b>City Council Seat D; a three year term ending October 2023.</b>			
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<b>Curt Armstrong</b>	274	53	327
Write-ins	8		8

<b>School Board Seat B; a three year term ending October 2023.</b>			
Name	Poll Votes	Questioned/Absentee	Total
Kaleb Westfall	70	20	90
<b>Karl R. Clark</b>	231	36	267
Write-ins	1		1

<b>School Board Seat C; a three year term ending October 2023.</b>			
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<b>Jenny Bennis</b>	270	51	321
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\*A write-in vote is counted only if the write-in named has met the qualifications to run and has filed a letter of intent with the City Clerk's office prior to the election. There were no letters of intent received for write-ins.

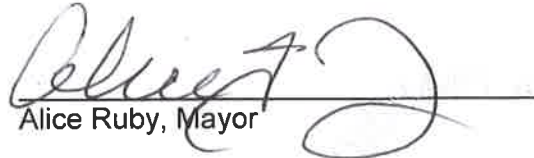
<b>Ballots Cast</b> on Election Day	302	<b>Ballots Counted</b> on Election Day	302
Absentee in Person Ballots Received	37	Absentee in Person Ballots Counted	37
Absentee by Mail Ballots Received	18	Absentee by Mail Ballots Counted	15
Absentee by Personal Rep Ballots Received	2	Absentee by Personal Rep Ballots Counted	2
Questioned Ballots Received	4	Questioned Ballots Counted	2
Number of Spoiled or Mismarked	3	Mismarked Ballot Counted	0
<b>Total Ballots Issued</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>Total Ballots Counted</b>	<b>358</b>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dillingham City Council that the October 6, 2020, Regular City Election was held valid to the best of our knowledge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results are certified as follows:


1. That Aksel Buholm was elected to Council Seat C, a three year term ending October 2023, having received the greatest number of votes cast for this seat.
2. That Curt Armstrong was re-elected to Council Seat D, a three year term ending October 2023 having received the greatest number of votes cast for this seat.
3. That Karl R. Clark was elected to School Board Seat B, a three year term ending October 2023, having received the greatest number of votes cast for this seat.
4. That Jenny Bennis was elected to School Board Seat B, a three year term ending October 2023, having received the greatest number of votes cast for this seat.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on October 15, 2020.

  
Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

SEAL:

  
Lori Goodell, City Clerk

A meeting of the Canvassing Committee was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020, in the City Council Chambers.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Precinct Chair Pat Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Canvass Committee Members present:

Pat Walsh                      Sherry Christensen                      Ted Krieg

Staff Present:                      Lori Goodell

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:              Sherry moved, and Ted seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

VOTE:                      The motion passed unanimously by consent.

**4. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

DMC 3.70.030, Record of canvass, states the minutes shall indicate the disposition of all questioned, absentee, write-in and voided ballots.

*(Clerk Note: All valid/accepted ballot types are set to the side and opened at the same time. The ballots are shuffled before they are counted.)*

- a.              Review Mismarked Ballot

There were no mismarked ballots.

- b.              Review Questioned Ballots

Pat Walsh referred to the Question Verification Voter form with comments provided by the State of Alaska, Division of Elections, and Region IV office. A review was made on each of the four questioned ballots received. After the review, 2 ballots were determined to be eligible because they met the Dillingham Municipal Code voter qualifications.

MOTION:              Sherry moved, and Ted seconded the motion to accept ballots 1 and 4, and reject ballot 2 and 3 on the questioned ballot register.

VOTE:                      The motion passed unanimously by consent.

- c.              Review Absentee Ballots

- 1)              Absentee Voting in Person Ballots

Thirty-seven absentee in person ballots were submitted. Pat Walsh read the names of the Absentee In-Person Register for the absentee ballots cast in person. The City Clerk reviewed

the Absentee In-Person Register List, verified all were registered voters with residence listed in Dillingham. The committee members were asked to comment on whether or not they questioned the residency of any one individual, no comments were received.

MOTION: Ted moved, and Sherry seconded the motion to accept thirty-seven of the thirty-seven absentee voting in-person ballots.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by consent.

2) Absentee Voting by Personal Representative Ballots / Special Needs

Two Special Needs ballots were submitted. Pat Walsh read the names of the Special Needs Voting Register. The City Clerk reviewed the Special Needs Register List, verified both were registered voters with residence listed in Dillingham. The committee members were asked to comment on whether or not they questioned voter qualification of any one individual, no comments were received.

MOTION: Sherry moved, and Ted seconded the motion to accept two of the two Voting by Personal Representative / Special Needs Ballots.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by consent.

3) Absentee Voting by Mail Ballots

Nineteen Absentee by-Mail Ballots were sent by certified mail. Eighteen Absentee by-Mail Ballots were received on or before the October 6, 2020 election. The City Clerk reviewed the Absentee by-Mail List, verified all were registered voters with residence listed in Dillingham. Further requirement per Dillingham Municipal Code 3.70.020 B:

B. Questioned and absentee ballots shall be counted as follows: No ballot shall be counted if the voter has failed to properly execute the certificate or if the witness, officer or other person authorized by law to administer the oath fails to affix his/her signature.

After a review, 15 ballots were determined to be eligible as they met all Dillingham Municipal Code election qualifications.

MOTION: Sherry moved, and Ted seconded the motion to accept the 15 absentee by-mail ballots that met all qualifications and reject 3 ballots that did not obtain the required signatures.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by consent.

d. Review Write-in and Voided Ballots

Write In ballots:

There were no letters of intent received prior to the election for write-in candidates.

Voided (spoiled) ballots:

There were three voided (spoiled) ballots.

e. Tally Accepted Ballots

The Canvass Committee identified a total of 56 accepted absentee / special needs / questioned ballots. Pat Walsh oversaw the opening of the accepted ballot envelopes that were set aside, the privacy sleeves removed, and the ballots placed on the table. The ballots were shuffled, and a recount was made to verify there were a total of 56 ballots.

The Committee determined to make a hand count of the absentee, personal representative, and questioned ballots, with one member reading the ballot, one watching while the ballot was read, one member tallying the votes, and one watching the tallies being made.

The ballot results were read aloud by Pat Walsh, confirmed by the Canvass Committee, and entered on the Certification of the Canvassing Committee Report/Official Tally Report.

f. Approve the Official Tally Report

*(Clerk Note: The Official Tally Report and the minutes of the Oct. 8 Canvassing Committee meeting will be presented at a Special Council Meeting, October 15, 2020 to certify the election.)*

**MOTION:** Ted moved and Sherry seconded the motion to approve the Official Tally Report.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously by consent.

<b>TALLY VOTES</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Absentee/Questioned</b>
<b>COUNCIL SEAT C</b>	Aksel Buholm	27
	Kaleb Westfall	27
	Write-ins	
<b>COUNCIL SEAT D</b>	Curt Armstrong	53
	Write-ins	
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT B</b>	Kaleb Westfall	20
	Karl R. Clark	36
	Write-ins	
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT C</b>	Jenny Bennis	51
	Write-ins	

g. Rejected Ballot Voter Statements

The names of the 5 rejected ballots were read aloud by Pat Walsh to confirm who will receive Statement of Questioned Ballot. A statement will be distributed to all voters whose vote was disallowed, informing them their vote was rejected and the reason for the decision.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

The committee was thanked for the work during the election and as the Canvass Committee.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Pat Walsh adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.



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Pat Walsh, Precinct Chair

ATTEST:



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Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Attachment: Certification of Canvassing Committee Results/Official Tally Report

**CERTIFICATE OF CANVASSING COMMITTEE RESULTS**

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OFFICIAL TALLY REPORT  
October 8, 2020**

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Patricia Ward Election Judge 10/8/20 Date

Theodore M. Kuey Election Judge 10/9/20 Date

Sherry Christensen Election Judge 10/8/20 Date

Attest:

Lori Goodell  
Lori Goodell, City Clerk