

**MINUTES
CITY OF FALLON
55 West Williams Avenue
Fallon, Nevada
June 7, 2007**

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

Present:

Mayor Ken Tedford, Jr.
City Councilman, Willis Swan, Jr.
City Councilman, Robert H. Erickson
City Councilman, John Tewell
City Engineer, Larry White
Assistant City Attorney, Steve King
City Clerk, Gary Cordes

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tedford at 8:15 a.m.

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

City Clerk Cordes advised the agenda was posted in compliance with NRS 241.

Canvass of returns for the City of Fallon Election held June 5, 2007

City Clerk Cordes explained that NRS 293C.387 requires that the City Council meet within five days to canvass the returns. In making the canvass, the board shall note separately any clerical errors discovered and take account of the changes resulting from the discovery so that the result declared represents the true vote cast. He added that the abstract must be submitted to the Secretary of State within six working days after the election. He noted that 941 voted were cast with 422 votes cast during the early voting period. No comments regarding the votes were received. City Clerk Cordes recommended the Council accept the canvass of returns as presented and declare the results. *Abstract is attached.*

Mayor Tedford noted that the registered voter lists are not purged. He inquired as to when the list was last purged.

Councilman Erickson stated that he believed the last purge was in 1999 or 2001.

Mayor Tedford inquired if the Council had any questions or comments.

Councilman Tewell noted that City Clerk Cordes' election committee handled everything efficiently. He considered writing a letter in rebuttal to Tony Giove's letter to the Lahontan Valley News editor stating that a November election would have 'booted the Mayor out.' He added that he did not think the percentages would have changed.

Councilman Erickson concurred with Councilman Tewell. The City of Mesquite had a contentious election with a voter turnout of 56% due to wide difference of opinion. If people are happy with the current situation they tend to stay home more; they do not want to change things because they are satisfied.

Mayor Tedford stated that people seem to be happy with how the government is working and do not feel the need to change it.

Councilman Tewell inquired if election had always taken place in June.

Mayor Tedford replied that June elections have been in place since 1908, when Fallon became a General Law City.

Councilman Erickson returned to the purging of the list of registered voters. The number of registered voters in Ward II is listed at 1,648. He reviewed the list and purged people that he personally knew to not be at that address, multiple family members, etc. He sent out 1,136 letters to voters in Ward II. They were sent first-class mail so that any undeliverable letters would be returned. To date, he had received 74 returned letters which is a 7% return from people on the list that are no longer eligible to vote because they do not live at that address. The list builds up with unqualified voters.

Mayor Tedford concurred and advised that his return on undeliverable letters is currently at 10%.

Mayor Tedford inquired if there were any public comments or questions.

Ms. Christy Lattin of the Lahontan Valley News inquired as to why the list is not purged.

Mayor Tedford noted that major politicians could use it for a better shot at finding voters.

Councilman Erickson added that a larger list makes it difficult to stop fraud. There is a higher probability that someone could figure out a way to compromise the vote. This was a mandate from the 1999 or 2001 Legislative session.

Councilman Swan advised that during his election campaign he sent out two mailers. He saved money by not sending the second mailer to any of the addresses where the first mailer was returned.

Councilman Erickson advised that the law used to address purging in the following way: if a voter missed two November general elections they were automatically purged. That is a period of six years without voting. He believed there was a requirement to send a letter notifying the voter that they were purged.

Mayor Tedford thanked City Clerk Cordes, Deputy City Clerk Lee and Assistant City Attorney Rod McCormick for their efforts during this election.


Motion was made by Councilman Tewell to accept the canvass of returns as presented, declare the results and direct the City Clerk to make an abstract of same and submit to the Secretary of State; seconded by Councilman Swan and unanimously approved.

Public Comments

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

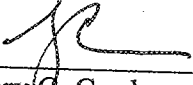
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Tedford adjourned the meeting at 8:32 a.m.



Mayor Ken Tedford, Jr.

Attest:



Gary C. Cordes
City Clerk Treasurer

City of Fallon
 2007 Election
 Abstract of Election Results
 Prepared by : Gary Cordes City Clerk Treasurer

Votes Cast Reconciliation

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Total	% thereof
Early Voting 6/1/2007	9	35	17	61	
21-May	7	29	13	49	
19-May	9	19	15	43	
22-May	8	22	11	41	
23-May	14	14	9	37	
24-May	8	12	14	34	
25-May	6	12	8	26	
26-May	5	1	4	10	
29-May	11	20	13	44	
30-May	14	16	13	43	
31-May	14	9	11	34	
Total early voting	105	189	128	422	10%
Absentee Vote Summary	27	34	48	109	3%
General Election Summary	121	190	99	410	10%
Grand total all votes	253	413	275	941	22%
Voter Turn out	18.23%	25.06%	23.65%	22.41%	
Total Registered	1388	1648	1163	4199	

Abstract of Mayor Election

	Early	Absent	Ward I	Ward II	Ward III	Total	%
Giove, Tony	89	16	39	43	36	223	23.70%
Knell, Geoff	9	5	2	5	0	21	2.23%
Smith, Robert E.	7	4	0	5	4	20	2.13%
Tedford, Ken	316	84	80	137	58	675	71.73%
Over Votes					1	1	0.11%
Under Votes	1					1	0.11%
Total	422	109	121	190	99	941	100.00%

**Abstract of Councilman
 Ward II Election**

	Early	Absent	Ward II	Total	%
Dentino, Rick	41	6	35	82	19.85%
Erickson, Bob	129	25	148	302	73.12%
Hadsail, Edward	14	2	5	21	5.08%
Under Votes	5	1	2	8	1.94%
Total	189	34	190	413	100.00%