



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Our Vision. To have an infrastructure and city workforce that supports a sustainable, diversified and growing economy. We will partner with others to achieve economic development and other common goals that assure a high quality of living, and excellence in education.

MEETING INFORMATION

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS / 5:30 p.m.

141 Main Street, Dillingham, AK 99576 (907) 842-5212

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CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Alice Ruby called the meeting to order at **5:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Jean Barrett
- Steven Carriere
- Curt Armstrong
- Kaleb Westfall
- Alice Ruby, Mayor

Arrived After Roll Call:

- Triston Chaney (arrived at 5:33 p.m.)
- Kevin McCambly (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

Staff Present:

- Jack Savo Jr., Acting City Manager
- Abigail Flynn, City Clerk
- Anita Foran, Finance Director
- Tracy O'Malley, Police Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve the agenda.

- Moved by: Steven Carriere
- Seconded by: Jean Barrett

Vote: Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

- Dan Boyd asked whether council members who are out of town receive their meeting packets electronically.
- The Mayor responded that packets may be sent electronically; however, technical issues had prevented them from being opened.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. City Manager Selection

EXECUTIVE SESSION (for the purpose of discussing applicants to the position of City Manager)

DMC 2.09.050 Executive sessions.

A. The following subjects may be discussed in an executive session, from which the public is excluded:

2. Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion;

A. Executive Session – City Manager Applicants

Motion: Enter Executive Session pursuant to DMC 2.09.050(A)(2) for the purpose of discussing applicants for the position of City Manager.

- Moved (to go into and to come out of) by: Steven Carriere
- Seconded (to go into and to come out of) by: Jean Barrett

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Executive Session:

- Began at 5:45 p.m.
- Ended at 6:52 p.m.

B. Removal of Tabled Motion

Following return from Executive Session, **Jack Savo Jr., Acting City Manager**, advised the Council that the motion under consideration was identical to a previously tabled motion and must first be removed from the table before action could be taken.

Motion: Remove the previously tabled motion from the table.

- Moved by: Steven Carriere
- Seconded by: Jean Barrett

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. City Manager Appointment

Motion as restated by the Mayor: Direct the Mayor to offer the position of City Manager to **Jack Savo Jr.** and authorize the Mayor to negotiate a contract to bring back to the Council for approval.

(Clerk's note: this restatement does not match the original motion that stated "Motion to direct the Mayor to enter into negotiations with Jack Savo Jr. for the position of City Manager.")

Conflict Disclosure:

- Councilmember Curt Armstrong disclosed that Jack Savo Jr. is his nephew.
- The Mayor determined that no financial conflict of interest existed.

Roll Call Vote:

- Triston Chaney – Yes
- Jean Barrett – Yes
- Steven Carriere – Yes
- Curt Armstrong – Yes
- Kaleb Westfall – Abstained
- Kevin McCambly – No

Result: Motion carried, 4 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention.

Motion Carried

(Clerk's Note Regarding Abstention: During the **roll call vote on the motion to appoint the City Manager**, a Councilmember stated, "I'm abstaining," without declaring a conflict of interest or requesting to be excused prior to the vote. Under AS 29.20.160 and DMC 2.09.160(B), a member present when the question is put is required to vote unless disqualified or formally excused. An abstention without meeting one of those exceptions is not authorized.)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Appreciation was expressed to City staff and the Public Works crew for their response to a recent water issue and for their overall performance.
- Concern was raised regarding packet distribution, with a request for greater attention to detail in the future.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Ruby offered condolences to Councilmember Westfall on the loss of a family member.

- At the request of a council member, a moment of silence was observed in recognition of those lost and in support of Councilmember Westfall and his family.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at approximately **7:00 p.m.**

ATTEST:

Abigail Flynn, City Clerk

Date of Approval

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