

**MINUTES
NOME COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 8, 2006**

MEETING OF THE NOME BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The 2006 Nome Board of Equalization was called to order at 12:06 P.M. by Presiding Councilman Stan Andersen in the Council Chambers of Nome City Hall, 102 Division Street.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Stan Andersen, Mary Knodel, Jerald Brown, Randy Pomeranz

Members Absent: Jon Larson, Mary Bourdon, Mayor Denise Michels

Also Present: City Manager Randy Romenesko and City Clerk Leslee Wessel

In the audience: Tandy Wullack, Katie Wiggerjost, Angela Haney, Zach Stachon, Ann Harrison, Craig Rodgers, Eden Olsen, Heather Fosbuzh, Tim Delaney, Michelle Boyd, Nathan Arentsen, Rebecca Peterson, Carolyn Dallinger, Walter Lain.

II. CITIZEN'S REQUEST AND GRIEVANCES

There were no objections to Item No. II, Citizen's Request and Grievances being added to the agenda.

Tandy Wullack, Anchorage Alaska, referenced a sister city program between Simpson College and Alaska and over to Providenia. She asked Carolyn Dallinger to explain what they are doing and issue a proclamation to the City Council.

Carolyn Dallinger, Professor at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, stated they have eleven college students here today. She introduced her husband Walter Lain who also works at the college and stated they were former residents of Alaska. They lived in Valdez for several years and also Anchorage and then moved back to Iowa where she grew up. They have always had the dream to bring college students to Alaska because they love this area. Their college does a project where every student has to learn about the global world and they're required to get college credit for global awareness. They can either do that in a course right there on campus or they can take three weeks where they can travel to other countries to learn about them. Since Alaska is part of the United States they thought they could add Russia and be able to learn about and meet young people from both Alaska and Russia and exchange cultures. They have a proclamation from the City of Indianola to be presented to Providenia in the Chukotka region and they would like to read the proclamation and leave a copy with the Mayor and Council of the City of Nome. They wrote a grant for the National Park Service to bring a student and a teacher both from Providenia and from Nome back to their college for a week to share the culture. They didn't get funded, but they still have wonderful dreams to do that in some way or another in the future. One of their students, Nathan Arentsen, was very interested in local government and is really keen to see how local governments work both here and in Russia and went to their city and their mayor and brought forth this proclamation.

C. Andersen asked if they were looking for something from the City of Nome. Ms. Dallinger and Ms. Wullack stated they just wanted to meet them and hopefully in the future do more exchanges with their college students. Ms. Dallinger also provided information to the Council about the City of Indianola.

C. Pomeranz asked if the students are headed over to Providenia. Ms. Wullack stated they are headed over to Providenia tomorrow and then they will be back in Nome on May 17th. She is hoping to speak more about what they have experienced.

Mr. Arentsen stated if the municipal staff has any sort of information packets, budget outlays, city projections into the future or anything like that they think might be of interest to their municipal staff he would be happy to take it back to them.

C. Andersen stated they will be starting their new budget process soon. Mr. Arentsen stated he thinks they would be very interested in sharing information regarding that process.

C. Andersen asked if they sent them some reindeer meat what kinds of things would they be likely to get back. Mr. Arentsen stated they have soy bean products, agriculture, gear grease, ethanol plants, insurance and financial services.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes of May 3, 2006 Board of Equalization Meeting

B. Adoption of Finding of Facts & Conclusions of Law for the 2006 Nome Board of Equalization.

City Clerk Wessel explained there would be no action on the items at this time until there could be a quorum of the original Board of Equalization members available to meet. She will contact each of them and determine a time they are available and notice the meeting. They need to certify the actions of the Board of Equalization within seven days of their action which would be before Wednesday evening.

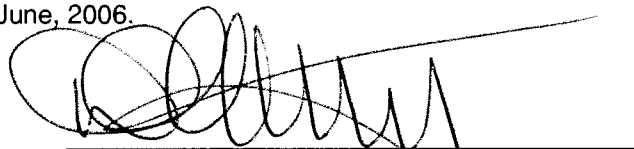
C. Andersen stated he thinks they need to publicize more that people can visit with the assessor and if they can work out their differences they will not need to come to the Board. City Clerk Wessel agreed and stated they would try to do that.

IV. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Equalization a motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Pomeranz to adjourn.

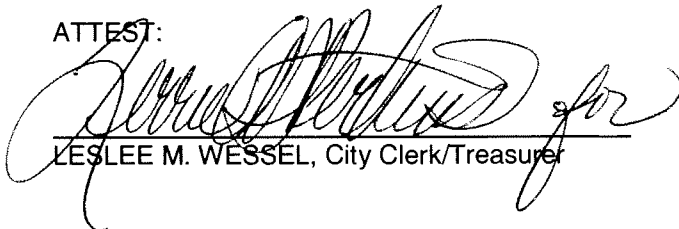
The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 12th day of June, 2006.



DENISE MICHEL, Mayor

ATTEST:



LESLIE M. WESSEL, City Clerk/Treasurer