

**MINUTES
NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Nome Common Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Denise Michels in the City Council Chambers of Nome City Hall located at 102 Division St.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: City Manager Randy Romenesko, City Clerk Leslee Wessel, Utility Manager John Handleland, Police Chief Craig Moates

In the audience: Paul Korchin, KNOM; Jesse Zink, Mitch Erickson, Ted Meyer, Nome Nugget.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Paul Korchin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August 28, 2006 Regular Meeting
- B. September 6, 2006 Special Meeting

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Andersen to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2006 and the Special Meeting of September 6, 2006.

Discussion:

C. Bourdon stated she was not present at the September 6, 2006 Special Meeting and she is listed as being there.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Andersen, Brown, Bourdon (except 9-6-06), Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

CITIZENS REQUESTS AND GRIEVANCES

Jesse Zink made the Council aware that GCI and Cellular One now offer cellular phone service in the Gold Rush City. He is sure a lot of people look on that with great wonder and great joy. He doesn't want to immediately count himself among those people because in the last few days he has seen quite a few people in town driving their vehicles and talking on their cell phones. That worries him, not only from standpoint of a concerned citizen who doesn't want to see car accidents, but also as a member of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department. In one day alone in the last week while driving the ambulance with his lights flashing he was cut off more times than he has been in the previous six months. Several of those were quite close. Correlation is not causation and he doesn't want to pin it on anyone or any cause

in particular and he doesn't want to ask them to do anything at all tonight. He just wants to make them aware that things do change in this city and he would like their awareness to be directed to that one issue and as cell phones spread throughout the city they are aware of some of the effects, both positive and negative it may have.

C. Larson asked if he got the license numbers and gave them to the Chief of Police. Mr. Zink stated that is one of the things he tries to do. In both cases, however, he was going to scenes and he felt it was more important to get to the scene and treat the patient rather than get the license plate number.

C. Larson stated it happens a lot to the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and it would be nice if they had something on the vehicle or a way to record license plate numbers.

Mitch Erickson stated he was at the high school last week. It seemed pretty shameful that they are playing ball out in a gravel pit. There were pretty big cobbles they were trying to avoid. He wanted to go on record that hopefully the city and school board will get together to put on their wish list this year with the legislature or through grants through the Rasmussen Foundation to go out and actually build a softball field and track at the high school. Kids get in trouble for playing in the streets here yet they can go play in the parking lot at the high school. It is very unsafe and he thinks it is time for this improvement. He had discussed earlier with the City Manager this could probably be put in with their paving project once all the construction is over and dust control at the same time. He will be attending the next school board meeting to present his thoughts on this to them.

Tim Towarak, President of the Bering Straits Native Corporation, a life long resident of the region, born and raised in Unakaleet, thanked the Council for the opportunity to comment on the Rock Creek Mine Project. The Bering Straits Native Corporation is a regional corporation established in 1971 through the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Through their regional structure BSNC shares land rights with 17 villages. All told 2.1 million acres of surface and subsurface are owned by BSNC and the combined village corporations. At the time of ANCSA BSNC and the village corporations selected lands that would provide the foundation for the continued subsistence lifestyle as well as provide future economic base for their children, their children's children and future generations. The Bering Straits region is not blessed with the timber reserves like southeast Alaska nor does it have proven and economical productive oil or gas reserves, but the region does have extensive and valuable mineral reserves of gold, tin and uranium to name a few. It is the mineral wealth of the region that was the foundation upon which the City of Nome was built and the exploration and development of these resources is the business that has sustained Nome throughout its history. Recently the Rock Creek project has attracted quite a bit of attention in the press and he would like to provide some of the history of the project and explain some of the positive benefits the project will have for the City of Nome and the region as a whole. It seems from what he has heard in the press and on the streets lately that the Rock Creek Mine is a recent and previously unknown project. Since 1977 BSNC has worked with various exploration and mining companies to evaluate the mineral reserves in the region. Large exploration projects have been headed by such companies as Kennecott, Comino, Newman, Tenneco and BHP of Utah. In 1986 Aspen Exploration began work on the patented claims in ANCSA land at Rock Creek. BSNC has an exploration and option to lease agreement with Nova Gold for the Rock Creek area. In 2004 negotiations with Sitnasuak, the surface estate owner and Nova Gold/Alaska Gold began in earnest for development of the Rock Creek Mine. In April of this year the mining sublease with BSNC was finalized. This project is located on privately owned land and BSNC supports continued exploration projects on their other lands within this region. Prior to and concurrent with negotiations Nova Gold was preparing the mining and reclamation plans. Upon conclusion of the negotiations Nova Gold applied for the necessary permits to build the mine and begin production. As part of the permitting procedures public notices appeared in newspaper and public meetings were held as required by law. Numerous articles appeared in the Nome Nugget and Bucketline column discussing the mine and its operation. Nova Gold has also held open meetings for the mine plan including details, maps of the mine site, tailing storage and mill plant. The President of Nova Gold was interviewed by KNOM nearly a year ago and discussed the mining and processing methods to be conducted at the site. BSNC annually reported to their shareholders progress of the project and Nova Gold staff reported at the annual BSNC shareholders meeting on more than one occasion as well as the quarterly BSNC Board of Directors meeting. As part of the agreement reached with Alaska Gold a management committee has been established which will oversee the mine and especially focus on

employment and subsistence issues. While all of this may be well known to some of them, he is stating it here to emphasize the fact that the information concerning the plan for the Rock Creek Mine has been available in the public forum—a point that seems to have been missed in some quarters. To say it in another way, the public process required for the development and permitting of the project has been met if not exceeded by Nova Gold and its partners. As in any large development project there is discomfort with the potential impact a large mine may have on the environment. BSNC supports the ongoing dialogue regarding the long term effects of the Rock Creek Mine and any project that may have economic and environmental effects whether those effects are positive or negative. Historically Alaska natives have developed a reputation as “keepers of the land”. Since much of their livelihood, lifestyle and culture are based on the condition of the lands they live on. To keep with that tradition, their BSNC Board has scrutinized their agreement with Nova Gold in terms of protection of their environment, especially from their subsistence lifestyles standpoint. Contrary to some statements made publicly regarding the safety, health and welfare of their environment even with the seemingly “unsafe methods used in Nome’s famous gold history”. They don’t have any major environmental problems facing them today as a result of those poor practices. They need only to look at this year’s record runs of salmon in Nome’s streams to see that this is the case. Rational minds would view Nome’s past history where there was very little mining regulation and oversight as a distinctly different form from today’s industry that imposes stringent planning and reclamation standards for all mines. Finally, it has been inferred that the City of Nome will not receive benefits from the Rock Creek Mine or that there are more disadvantages versus advantages. Again, historically this is not a true representation. Consider the sales tax, port and lighterage fees, food sales, housing fees and other economic benefits received in the past 20 years in mining related work. The 135 jobs created by Rock Creek Mine alone will provide an economic engine in this community that is of no equal in the cities recent history. Nome’s history is a mining history and BSNC looks forward to the positive benefits derived from the Rock Creek Mine. BSNC will continue to look to the future and will utilize all of the resources at their disposal to enhance the lives and wellbeing of their shareholders and the residents of the Bering Straits Region and maintain their historical mandate as “keepers of the land”.

He thanked Mayor Michels and the Nome Common Council. BSNC appreciates their continued support and efforts to enhance the economic health and quality of life in Nome and the Bering Straits Region.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Michels read the communications by title.

Discussion:

C. Knodel acknowledged the letter from the Nome Preschool Association. She would like to thank them for the flowers at Anvil City Square. They have done a very nice job and they do it every year.

C. Knodel asked about the report on the dump. Are the items they noted being taken care of. City Manager Romenesko stated the items regarding the closed Center Creek land fill and the Nome Inert waste landfill, public works will try to address. Keeping folks out of there poses a challenge but they do their best. The municipal landfill issues have been forwarded to the operator, Mr. Hart, and he has talked to him about trying to improve his operations. He noted it still has a compliance score of 92%. But they do talk about trying to improve operations any chance they get.

C. Larson stated it mentions a bailer. He asked C. Andersen if he has had a chance to talk to them. C. Andersen stated he has talked to him but he hasn’t been out to the site. He plans to before the snow flies.

C. Brown stated he has information from a bailer company. If that is the route they want to go they had specific recommendations based on the size of their city.

C. Brown wondered about the shooting range. He doesn’t see that as a City issue. City Manager Romenesko stated they don’t have any property there. They do have another site which was conveyed to them through the 14 (C) (3) process that they have developed for use by law enforcement; the troopers, police and the corrections folks and they will make it available for other organization use, like fish and

game, hunter safety, or the boy scouts, National Guard, etc. Chief Moates is working on a program where range monitors will be present for limited hours of use. The Risk Managers are reluctant to throw it open for general public use.

Chief Moates stated they have just recently gotten everything developed. They have set posts to keep traffic in a designated parking area. They have a building and they are now just looking at developing the rest of the range before they get into something else. If they start on the training program for the range monitors, they need to have everything established to where they can properly train them. They still have some liabilities and protocols in the training they need to work through.

C. Brown asked if it might be ready by next summer. Chief Moates stated that is what they are trying for.

C. Knodel asked if when the range monitors are in effect, then for certain periods of time it would be open to the public. City Manager Romenesko stated it would be.

C. Andersen stated he was indicating earlier that they would not open it to the public and now he is saying they will open it to the public. City Manager Romenesko stated they have not opened it to the public and they want to work towards getting there. His goal would be groups like NRA, and others, but he doesn't see them just leaving the facility open for someone on a Saturday to just show up and shoot. It will have to be coordinated through some type of program.

PLANNING AND ZONING

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. O-06-09-01 An Ordinance Amending Section 2.10.030 of the Nome Code of Ordinances to Allow for the Disposal of Rights of Reverter and Reversionary Interests in Residential Real Property Without Public Bid.

City Manager Romenesko stated he would like to offer a substitution for this Ordinance. From talking with C. Larson they might need to refine it a little. What they proposed for them to entertain for first reading is when they have a residential real property and the City wants to dispose of its rights of reverter it would be done by resolution and without public bid so he placed on their table a substitution ordinance which deletes Ordinance and inserts Resolution. C. Larson had another issue with it.

C. Larson stated there is a notice requirement in Section 2.10.040 which says they have to give thirty days notice of disposal so he proposed to further amend it to add to it Section 2.10 of the NCO shall not apply to this disposal as an additional sentence at the end of the Ordinance to alleviate the requirement to publish notice of the disposal of interest in City property.

C. Andersen stated they usually do this in second reading. City Manager Romenesko stated he is right, but he thought since they knew they had a deficiency in the ordinance as proposed they wanted to present for first reading an ordinance that better reflects what needs to happen.

C. Andersen stated if they are going to do it this way he would like to know so he can use this procedure in the future. City Manager Romenesko stated he doesn't know that there is a problem with it.

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the City Clerk for the first reading of O-06-09-01 as substituted.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Andersen to place this Ordinance into second reading, public hearing and final passage.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Brown, Bourdon, Knodel, Pomeranz, Andersen

Nays:

Abstain: Larson

The motion CARRIED.

City Manager Romenesko stated for clarification one of the things to remember on these ordinances, and he talked to the City Attorney about this, is if there is a significant change in the substance of the ordinance they would not be able to substitute at first reading. His reading on this was that the change was a minor revision therefore was applicable to change in the first reading.

B. O-06-09-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2006 General Fund Municipal Budget.
First Reading

C. O-06-09-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2006 Capital Projects Fund Budget.
First Reading

D. O-06-09-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2006 Special Revenue Fund Budget.
First Reading

E. O-06-09-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2006 Port of Nome Fund Budget.
First Reading

F. O-06-09-06 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2006 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget.
First Reading

Hearing no objection from the Council Mayor Michels asked the City Clerk for the first reading of O-06-09-02, O-06-09-03, O-06-09-04, O-06-09-05 and O-06-09-06.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Pomeranz to place these ordinances into second reading, public hearing and final passage.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Bourdon, Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen, Brown

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

G. R-06-09-03 A Resolution Approving the Termination of Lease of Reindeer Processing Facility with the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Larson to approve R-06-09-03.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen, Brown, Bourdon

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

G. R-06-09-04 A Resolution Setting the Compensation of the Election Board and Clerks for the 2006 City of Nome Municipal Election.

A motion was made by C. Pomeranz and seconded by C. Bourdon to approve R-06-09-04.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen, Brown, Bourdon, Knodel
Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

I. Request for Concurrence of Election Judge Appointments

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Larson to approve the Election Judge Appointments as presented.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Pomeranz, Andersen, Brown, Bourdon, Knodel, Larson
Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

J. Recommendation to Hire Mr. Jim Munter to Assist the City of Nome with Evaluating Risk to Moonlight Wells.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Larson to hire Jim Munter to evaluate risks to Moonlight Wells.

Discussion:

City Manager Romenesko stated he has received as well as the Council some concerns raised by citizens about the potential impact of the Rock Creek Mine upon Moonlight Springs. Obviously he does not have answers to those questions and so he took it upon himself to contact Jim Munter who has worked for the City both directly and indirectly before with the Alaska DNR Division of Geological, Geophysical Surveys and has great familiarity with Moonlight Springs and Moonlight Wells water source. In his discussions with Mr. Munter he asked him what it would take to do Phase I analysis which is basically look at the technical memorandum that was developed by Bristol, look at some of the permits that are in place for the Rock Creek Mine from DNR, look at the information in the environmental information document that was prepared for their project, come to Nome, visit the site, both the well and the mine and report to the Council his findings. His estimate to do this work is \$5,000. He felt it was prudent to get his professional input into the issue so they have a comfort level with their water source. He is recommending they hire Mr. Munter and it would come from the engineering budget and he would like the Council's concurrence to do that.

C. Brown asked if in all the studies that were done over the last few years on Moonlight Springs was that area ever in the secondary recharge area or anything remotely possibly affecting Moonlight Springs. City Manager Romenesko stated it has never been in the area of the secondary recharge area. He reminded them that the 1992 report which he wrote focused on where they get the water for the springs. The work that they commissioned Bristol to help them with was to figure out what the recharge areas were for the actual wells. Their focus has been more in toward the water source than out. This would be an opportunity to look out. C. Brown clarified the aim would be to positively exclude the mine's effect. City Manager Romenesko stated he doesn't know if they can positively exclude, but they can make sound decisions based upon reasonable engineering and hydrologic and geologic investigations. C. Brown

pointed out it is still miles away from anything that anyone has considered to be part of the recharge area in the past. City Manager Romenesko stated the theory is there is a fault line that runs west of the moonlight water source that separates and actually defines the body of it. C. Brown stated he personally thinks it is a waste of money and that it only provides some comfort level. His concern is they may be going down a path that they are going to spend money to research every little concern that pops up.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Andersen, Bourdon, Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz

Nays: Brown

The motion CARRIED.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

UTILITY MANAGER REPORT

Utility Manager Handeland stated:

- The Utility Board Meeting next Tuesday will be postponed until the following Thursday. Chairperson Willson and he will be in Washington DC meeting with rural utility service personnel and their delegation.
- Either Saturday or Sunday it will be necessary to have two brief power outages that will affect the majority of town. They need to change out a couple of breakers in the switch gear cabinets and this maintenance requires them to take the generators off line. In a perfect world it will be about two minutes on each of the two feeders, but it could be an hour if they find something else. At this point they are still trying to coordinate with some of the major customers who need some warning of the power outage. They will have announcements on the radio and TV when that time gets set.

C. Andersen asked if it causes a surge when they take it off and put it back on. Utility manger Handeland state potentially it can but they have had very few reports of that.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Romenesko stated he provided a written report for their review and he mentioned the following:

- Regarding the radon monitoring and effort the District is undertaking out at the high school there is a letter in their packet from Superintendent Lujan. He thinks it is worth noting that with the work they have done so far and with venting they are doing underneath the charter school that space is now less than 4. They have an ongoing continuous monitoring program.
- They will notice in one of the ordinances on the general fund, the general sales tax collection for FY 2006 was \$3,658,000 and their fund balance appropriation was \$264,000. That means they took \$264,000 out of the savings account to pay for general government.
- Nome Eskimo Community, the Corps and the City will be hosting another public display of artifacts that were recovered at the Port project this year. They are going to be spending Friday the 15 at the schools both the elementary and high school. There will be a public viewing at Old St. Joes from noon to 7:00 p.m. if anyone has an interest in seeing some pretty fascinating artifacts.
- He spoke with the State of Alaska folks who are providing the funding for the NACTEC dorms and they have no problem with them using force account construction on that project. He will be working with Jeff Selvey who is the director of NACTEC who will be moving forward with selecting

an A & E firm to assist with the design with the idea that the A & E will not do bid ready documents but they will take it to 35%. They will hire a project superintendent and then the superintendent and architect will finish the design and get the materials ordered. Then they will put a force account crew together to do that work next summer.

- The Port project will be finished by end of this week. Kiewit will start mobilizing equipment out with the Northland barge.
- They are starting advertising on the Junior High reorganization project September 19 and they have a prebid meeting on October 4 and bids will be due on the Oct 17.
- The elementary school underground storage tank was taken out but they have a bit of a mess there so they are dealing with the DEC contaminated sites folks. It was underground 20 years. The tank is in great shape. They think they got most of the dirty dirt out, but there is perched water that has some sheen on it so he doesn't know how much there is. They are moving forward with the construction so the new one will be up and running.
- They took advantage of the contract with Northcoast Construction to make surface course material. They put some gravel down in the high school parking lot. It took the city crew two days to do the work.
- Two upcoming meetings to note Friday September 15 Nova Gold will hold an open house and Monday September 18 there will be a community meeting on youth issues. They have invited approximately 14 agency representatives to be there who can address what their role is in dealing with the problems, whether it is criminal justice or from community programs including the recreation center, community center, etc.
- At the last meeting the Council asked about some of the repairs on the Council Road that the State is undertaking. They got about \$1,000,000 to make some improvements with the rip rap and whatnot. Most of it will be beyond the Safety Sound bridge, but it is not as much as they would like or what DOT thinks they need. Those projects are going to go to advertisement on March 1, 2007 so that construction won't happen until next summer.

C. Andersen stated the road at Front and Steadman is getting worse. They filled it up at least twice, but whatever they put in there doesn't last much longer than a day. City Manager Romenesko stated he will talk with Mr. Kelliher at DOT regarding that. C. Andersen asked if that is DOT responsibility or City responsibility. City Manager Romenesko stated it is his understanding that NJUS sold the project back to DOT and they have a contract with Quality Asphalt, but he doesn't think they plan on doing anything this year.

C. Andersen asked about the rest of the Chief of Police report. City Manager stated he took out some pages to save paper. C. Andersen asked for a copy of the full report for the community meeting on youth issues.

C. Andersen asked about the curfew now that school is in session. Chief Moates explained curfew is 10:00 p.m. on school nights for children under the age of 18.

C. Andersen stated he has heard from others that a couple of school buses are driving too fast. Chief Moates said he would check it out.

C. Pomeranz asked how they are doing on the change orders on the port project. City Manager Romenesko stated there is the \$5,000,000+ still at issue. The Corps responded back to the contractor. There was no monetary value to it because until the reworking of the breakwater got finished they couldn't address some of the monetary values of the rock issues. Once the project gets done and all the as built drawings are done, the contractor is going to pick that up and elevate it to the next level in the Corps contracting world.

C. Pomeranz stated there seems to be renewed interest in the bowling alley getting operational. Have they done any studies of that? City Manager Romensko stated Chip Leeper is tasked with coming up with a plan of what it would take to get it on board or not because it affects their request to the legislature this next session.

C. Larson asked about the locking mechanism on the bridge. City Manager Romenesko stated they did their testing and now the contractors and Corps engineers are working through what level of safety factor is acceptable and if the test can't meet the safety level the Corps determines they have to come up with an alternative fix. The Corps will note it as deficient when they go through final inspection until they ultimately resolve that particular issue. It is safe enough for loads, but does it meet the specifications that are required in the Corps project is what they are trying to determine. The City has no exposure there—it is a federally owned bridge.

COUNCILMEN COMMENTS

C. Brown had no comments.

C. Bourdon stated good luck to all the candidates.

C. Knodel thanked Mr. Towarak for being here and she requested a copy of his comments. She stated NSHC is holding their annual meeting this week. They met today from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. down at the Pioneer Hall. Tomorrow they will meet from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at Pioneer Hall and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Mini Convention Center for Board training with the Kawerak Board. Wednesday will be the joint meeting with the Kawerak Board from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and then Thursday and Friday at Pioneer Hall they will finish NSHC business from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Today they had election of officers for the Executive Committee. Emily Hughes was reelected as the Board Chair, June Walunga is First Vice President, Kathy Johnson is Second Vice President, Berda Willson is the Secretary, John Handeland will be the Treasurer, Brian James will be the Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Alfred Sahlin is Executive Committee No. 1, Robert Keith is No. 2 and Jennifer Carlisle Little is No. 3.

C. Andersen thanked C. Knodel and Utility Manager Handeland for representing them so well.

C. Larson no comments.

C. Pomeranz stated he took a drive by the landfill and it looked very nice. He commended Mr. Hart on the work he has done out there. For all of the people concerned with the Rock Creek Mine, keep in mind that Friday there is another open house for them to go listen and learn.

C. Anderson no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Michels reported:

- She has been working with Josie Stiles and John Handeland for the Resource Development Councils tour to Nome which is September 29 and 30. They expect 25 to 30 visitors.
- They are still working with CHARR on their convention in October. She will be speaking at that.
- She has been invited to the Strengthen our Communities, the Mayor's Response to Global Climate Change conference this week in Anchorage. It is paid by the sponsors.
- She participated with the Consulate of Norway for the events last week and he presented a gift of a framed picture of Amundsen to the City of Nome on behalf of the 100 year celebration.

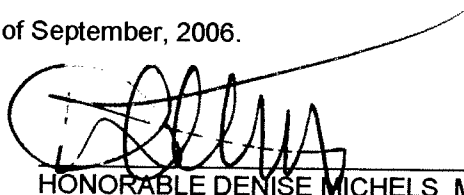
- She met with Chris Rose to review an energy bill regarding the State energy policy. John and she are working with Brent Sheath at the Department of Energy and Bob Chase for a study on energy. They reviewed the first draft.
- She is coordinating visits for the Gubernatorial Candidates, Representative Berkowitz will be here tomorrow and Sarah Palin will be here on September 19 and 20.
- She is still working with the College on the Science Center.
- Bill Allen called and said he is now working for the State as the Director of Economic Development.
- She participated in art viewing for the school district last Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Pomeranz that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

SIGNED AND DATED THE 25th day of September, 2006.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Michels", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

HONORABLE DENISE MICHELS, Mayor

ATTEST:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie M. Wessel", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive.

Leslee M. Wessel, City Clerk/Treasurer