

**MINUTES  
NOME CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 10, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Nome City 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, Mary Bourdon, Mary Knodel, Jon Larson, Randy Pomeranz, Jerald Brown

Members Absent:

Also Present: City Manager Randy Romenesko, City Clerk Sandy Babcock

In the audience: Paul Korchin, KNOM; John Handeland, NJUS; Arne Handeland, GCI; Diana Handeland, GCI; Rick Abbott, Sandra Medearis, Marguerite LaRivera

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Paul Korchin.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 13, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Pomeranz to approve the minutes as corrected.

Discussion

C. Larson reported there were two corrections to the minutes from the August 13, 2007 meeting. The first one was on page 2 and should read Native American "Graves" Protection Act and the other one on page 4 it should say "lieu" not lien of taxes. The Clerk will make the corrections.

At the roll call:

Ayes: David, Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen

Nays:

Abstain: Brown

The motion CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Michels reported the various communications are available in their Council packets or in the Clerks office and also on the City of Nome website. She pointed out from the communications the Alaska State Senate VPSO Task Force public meeting next week and the Kobuk-Seward Peninsula Resource Management Plan update is available. Mayor Michels asked if anyone else wanted to discuss the communications.

**CITIZENS REQUESTS AND GRIEVANCES**

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. O-07-09-01 An Ordinance Amending Section 10.30.150(a)(6) and 10.30.150(a) of the Nome Code of Ordinances to Prohibit Trapping of Animals in Certain Locations within City Limits Except by Special Permit and to Require Trappers to Register with the City of Nome

~First Reading

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read O-07-09-01.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Larson to pass O-07-09-01 on to second reading, public hearing and final passage.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

- B. O-07-09-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease to Northland Services, Inc.

~First Reading

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read O-07-09-02.

A motion was made by C. Larson and seconded by C. Brown to pass O-07-09-02 on to second reading, public hearing and final passage.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

- C. R-07-09-01 A Resolution of Appreciation to Chief Wesley Perkins for his Years of Dedicated Service to the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and to the Community of Nome

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read R-07-09-01.

A motion was made by C. Pomeranz and seconded by C. Andersen to approve R-07-09-01.

Discussion.

Mayor Michels read the resolution to Chief Perkins and the Council. Chief Perkins thanked everyone and shared some history and stories about his years with the Fire Department.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

- D. R-07-09-02 A Resolution Awarding the Bids from the August 16, 2007 Sale of Surplus Real Property

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read R-07-09-02.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Larson to approve R-07-09-02.

Discussion.

City Manager Romenesko explained that the City went through a bid process to dispose of these properties and they received several bids that exceeded the established bid price offered.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

- E. R-07-09-03 A Resolution Awarding the Bid for Construction of the Nome Landfill Improvements Cell 2 Construction Project to Lakloey, Inc.

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read R-07-09-03.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Andersen to approve R-07-09-03.

Discussion.

C. Andersen asked who was Lakloey, Inc. City Manager Romenesko explained that Lakloey, Inc. was a company out of Fairbanks and the documents were signed by Al Vezey. He explained they are partnered with local folks, I believe BOT, Inc.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

- F. R-07-09-04 A Resolution Accepting the Request to Extend the Term of the Nome Municipal Landfill Operation Agreement with Nome Checker Garage

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read R-07-09-04.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. David to approve R-07-09-04.

Discussion.

City Manager Romenesko explained that this action was the result of a work session they had a few weeks ago to extend the contract with Nome Checker Garage for two years at the landfill. Changes were made to the agreement based upon the discussions.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

- G. R-07-09-05 A Resolution Setting the Compensation of the Election Board and Clerks for the 2007 City of Nome Municipal Election

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read R-07-09-05.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Pomeranz to approve R-07-09-05.

Discussion.

City Clerk Babcock explained that this resolution is the same amount approved the previous two years and they have the same election clerks also.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

- H. R-07-09-06 A Resolution of the City of Nome, Alaska Providing for the Issuance of a Utility Revenue Anticipation Note of the City in the Aggregate Principal Amount of not to exceed \$6,300,000 to Finance Purchases of Diesel Fuel for the Nome Joint Utility System, and Authorizing the Sale of the Note by Negotiation (Handed out )

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read R- 07-09-06.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Brown to approve R-07-09-06.

Discussion

Utility Manager John Handeland asked that the Council table the action on this resolution until the next regular or special meeting. He stated they need more information from Wells Fargo to complete the resolution. Mayor Michels asked if Utility Manager Handeland was expecting a big jump in the percentage. He responded no they were not but were going back and forth with the actual percentage rate.

C. Knodel and C. Brown withdrew their motion and second.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Brown to postpone R-07-09-06 to the next regular or special meeting of the Nome City Council

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion to postpone CARRIED

- I. Facility Reservation Fee/Waiver – NRC  
~Pioneers of Alaska Igloo No. 1, September 11-17

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Brown to approve the Facility Reservation Fee Waiver for the Pioneers of Alaska Igloo No. 1.

At the roll call:

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

The motion CARRIED.

- J. Facility Reservation Fee/Waiver – NRC  
~Norton Sound Health Corporation, October 30, 2007

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Andersen to approve the Facility Reservation Fee Waiver for the Norton Sound Health Corporation.

At the roll call:

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

The motion CARRIED.

- K. Facility Reservation Fee/Waiver – Old St. Joe's Hall  
~Kawerak, August 29, 2007

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Andersen to approve the Facility Reservation Fee Waiver for the Kawerak.

At the roll call:

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

The motion CARRIED.

- L. Facility Reservation Fee/Waiver – Old St. Joe's Hall  
~American Legion/VFW, September 11, 2007

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Andersen to approve the Facility Reservation Fee Waiver for the American Legion/VFW.

At the roll call:

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

The motion CARRIED.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

## **UTILITY MANAGER REPORT**

Utility Manager John Handeland reported on the following:

- The Utilities received its 2.2 million gallons of fuel at the end of last month and the price was one cent higher than last year. They paid \$2.59 a gallon last year and \$2.60 this year. It wasn't what they were hoping for but not as bad as it had been projected at one time.
- Power outage this morning was a generator relay that popped. It was in the old plant and it was quickly repaired. The outage for most meters was about a minute.
- Engineers from Wartsila are in town to replace some parts on some recall items.
- There was a visit from the Department of Energy on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. Ms. Peggy Brookshire was in town. She represents an agency that provided about \$2,000,000 for the power plant project. She was impressed with the facility and the fact that it will accommodate growth. She was also impressed with the pride that the town shows and said that Nome was a nice place.
- Denali Commission is taking letters of interest about alternative energy projects in the State. A letter was submitted to get on their list for the potential for wind energy. C. Knodel asked if this was for study purposes. Utility Manager Handeland responded that the initial studies by Alaska Energy Authority look promising and that the letter of interest included where Nome was with their wind studies and that they had already constructed a plant and facilities that had the switch gear and other controls that would accommodate the addition of wind energy.
- USDA High Energy has another round of funding again and they will be putting in applications.
- He has met with Alaska Gold Company to start work on a power sales agreement. The line up the new Glacier Creek Road is complete. They have started staging poles along the Snake River Road and the Center Creek Road.
- The Coast Guard will be in town on September 20<sup>th</sup> to talk about moving the LORAN Station from Port Clarence to Nome. The meeting will be in the City Council Chambers.

C. Brown asked if wind would be one of the applications with the USDA High Energy funding or would it be more towards the tank farm. Utility Manager Handeland responded that they would be including wind, tank farm and a continuation of funding for the power plant as well. The award is a \$5 million cap and historically about \$2.5 million is about the top of what is awarded and the range is around \$500,000 - \$750,000.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Romenesko handed out a written report and made the following comments:

- Assistant Secretary of the Army and the Alaska District Colonel were in Nome on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. Results of the visit include beginning the permitting process for disposing of harbor dredged materials to be placed on shore and the Corps is taking action for a one time overdepth maintenance dredging of the small boat harbor which will make the depth of the turning basin -10.5' MLLW. The City needs to go to Congress to get authorization for permanent dredging. On the same day they visited with the Senate Staff that was in town and discussed our needs for congressional language so hopefully we will get some help on this.
- The City received a grant from BLM for \$25,000 to continue our boundary control of municipal limits. The estimate to identify the boundary survey for the City of Nome is in excess of \$300,000 so we will work with BLM for the best use of the money. The money is available for integrated data management systems to get as much property information on the internet. We will continue with that goal with first starting with our taxroll going on the web.

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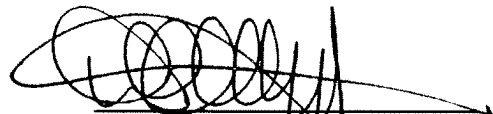
wasn't much worth discussing and it was advertised that all applications would be open to the public and he didn't feel it needed to be discussed in Executive Session. There was some discussion about whether to adjourn and have a committee meeting or work session. It was determined that public notice was made as to the discussion topic so an open meeting would be allowed verses Executive Session as long as the comments were germane to the City Manager position. The Council decided to adjourn this meeting and continue right after with a work session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Hearing no objections the Nome City Council adjourned at 8:17 PM.

**SIGNED AND DATED** the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.



**DENISE MICHELS**, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



**SANDY STURGIS-BABCOCK**, City Clerk/Treasurer