

**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 11, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Presiding Councilman Andersen in the City Council Chambers of Nome City Hall located at 102 Division St.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Stan Andersen, Mary David, Mary Knodel, Jon Larson (telephonically), Randy Pomeranz

Members Absent: Mayor Michels, Jerald Brown,

Also Present: Interim City Manager, Don Moore; City Clerk, Sandy Babcock;

In the audience: Paul Korchin, KNOM; Josie Stiles, Diana Handeland, GCI; Carol Gales, Dennis Falldorf, Tesoro Iron Dog Director; Mitch Erickson, Chamber of Commerce;

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Paul Korchin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 28, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

At the roll call:

Ayes: Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen

Nays:

Abstain: David

The motion CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presiding Councilman Andersen asked if there were any comments to the communications in their packet.

CITIZENS REQUESTS AND GRIEVANCES

Mitch Erickson, President of the Chamber of Commerce, stated he was here to give an update on the DVD project. He reported that due to many unfortunate circumstances with the person producing the video they were several months behind. He stated they are looking at the first week of March and would like to use the Gold Coast movie theatre and show it on the big screen. He mentioned the video was broken into parts which included Nome in general, the Gateway to the Bering Sea, sections of the road system, White Mountain and outlining areas and a nice section on Gambell.

Carol Gales from UAF Northwest Campus informed the Council on some exciting opportunities they are bringing to town in the next couple weeks. She stated that Terrence Cole, author of "Nome, City of Golden Beaches," and a history professor at the University of Fairbanks is coming to Nome to teach a class on the history of Nome. The classes will be Feb. 27 – March 2. Mr. Cole will also be one of the

speakers in the International Polar Years Speaker Series. He will be speaking Friday night, February 29th about the Arctic Expedition of A.W. Greely 1881 - 84 called, "Mutiny, Murder and Cannibalism" and it is open to the public as a free event. She noted that on Saturday night March 1st, Gay Salisbury will be giving a presentation at Old St. Joe's titled, "The Inspiration of the Iditarod: Nome, Leonhard Seppala and the 1925 Serum run" as well as some slides and vintage video footage. Ms. Gales encouraged everyone to spread the word and let others know about the free lectures and they would welcome anyone who wanted to register for the class.

Dennis Falldorf, Iron Dog race Director, thanked the Council and the City of Nome for opening their doors and supporting the Iron Dog Race each year. He especially appreciates the use of the Public Works building and he thanked the City for opening their doors to the racers.

PLANNING AND ZONING

SPECIAL ORDERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-08-02-01 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2008 General Fund Municipal Budget.
~First Reading
- B. O-08-02-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2008 Capital Projects Fund Budget
~First Reading
- C. O-08-02-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2008 Special Revenue Fund Budget
~First Reading
- D. O-08-02-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2008 Port of Nome Fund Budget
~First Reading
- E. O-08-02-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2008 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget
~First Reading

Hearing no objection Presiding Councilman Andersen asked the Clerk to read O-08-02-01, O-08-02-02, O-08-02-03, O-08-02-04 and O-08-02-05.

A motion was made by C. Pomeranz and seconded by C. Knodel to pass O-08-02-01, O-08-02-02, O-08-02-03, O-08-02-04 and O-08-02-05 on to second reading, public hearing and final passage.

Discussion

City Manager Moore asked the Council if they wanted to schedule a work session on the budget amendments. There was some discussion and the Councilman agreed they did not need a work session.

At the roll call:

Ayes: David, Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

- F. R-08-02-01 A Resolution authorizing Package Store License Holders to Remain Open Until 12:00 Midnight during the Week of Tuesday, March 11, 2008 through Saturday, March 15, 2008.

Presiding Councilman Andersen withdrew this item from the agenda as the Presenter of the Resolution.

- G. R-08-02-02 A Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Alaska Energy Authority for an Alternative Energy Grant Proposal

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. David to approve R-08-02-02.

At the roll call:

Ayes: David, Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

UTILITY MANAGER REPORT

Utility Manager Handeland was out of town. The following minutes were provided in the packet; July 17, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes and September 18, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Moore provided a written report in the packet and made the following additional comments;

- Need to schedule a work session with the Council and the Architect for a presentation on the Public Works Building. He suggested February 19th at Noon. There was agreement from the Council.
- A flyer was distributed in their mailboxes regarding a reception with the Nova Gold General Manager, Jim Mallory. The date is February 15th at Old St. Joe's, 7:00pm – 9:00pm.
- Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting flyer was also distributed announcing a meeting in Nome on February 21 -22.

- They are invited to a Change of Command Ceremony of the Alaska National Guard on February 13th at 3:00pm.
- Remember Valentine's Day this week.

C. Knodel asked if they would be going ahead with the Easter brunch for the Legislature and if they had heard back from Wendy. City Manager Moore stated he had not talked with Wendy about that but they did call and make arrangement for a fundraiser for Representative Foster. C. Knodel stated that they were going to change it from the Mother's Day brunch to an Easter brunch. City Manager Moore stated the Mayor is working on it and he thinks she stated she would be talking with Wendy on it.

C. Andersen mentioned that there is a road in Ivy View, he thinks called Round the Clock, where there is a lot of speeding going on and some residents are requesting a dip in the road to slow them down. He stated that if it was done there then obviously they should do it in other places in town and he suggested that instead of putting a bump in the road they could put a dip in. City Manager Moore asked if C. Andersen could talk with him after the meeting to get a specific name of someone he could talk with that could show him the problem. Mitch Erickson was in the audience and stated that he used to make a speed bump in front of his place in Ivy View to slow riders down and he stated this is probably the same road. C. Andersen stated they need to do something to slow the snow machines and four-wheelers down and he joked that he might be talking about his own grandchildren. C. Andersen stated he would get together with City Manager Moore and he also suggested that maybe the idea of the dip could be used on other city streets.

C. Larson stated that the Manager report indicates that the Emergency Service Administrator, Terrie Perkins has resigned effective February 22nd. He stated that the report states the job description needs re-alignment and revision and he asked what the plan is in terms of filling this position so that the one person remaining is not going to be overwhelmed with work. City Manager Moore responded that they want to rehire for the position and they are recruiting for that. He stated that in the mean time the job description does need to be revised because part of the reason for the departure is the overwhelming work load and this position has two supervisors which almost never works. He continued that he is meeting with the Fire Chief, the Ambulance Chief and Terrie and they are going to review the job description and get something more workable that could keep someone in that position.

COUNCILMEN COMMENTS

C. Knodel had no comments.

C. Larson had no comments.

C. Pomeranz had no comments.

C. Andersen stated he attended a youth summit and it sounds like a lot of agencies are trying to get together and pool resources and start doing things for the youth. One of the reasons for going to the meeting was to get the City more involved in it other than just doing the recreation center. Probably by the end of the month somebody will be coming up and giving a report to the Council. C. Andersen commented that regarding the All Alaska Sweepstakes money, if it was their intent to donate it after the first musher finishes, then that is what they should do, if it has not already been given.

C. David had no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

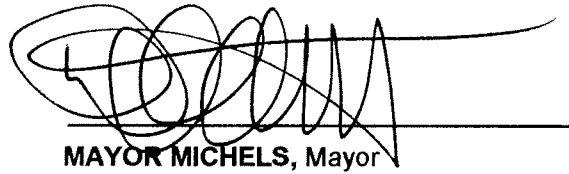
Mayor Michels was out of town but provided a written report in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections the Nome City Council adjourned at 7:50 PM.

SIGNED AND DATED the 25th day of February 2008.



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MAYOR MICHELS, Mayor

ATTEST:



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SANDY STURGIS-BABCOCK, City Clerk/Treasurer