

**MINUTES  
NOME CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 7, 2008**

The Special Meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by Presiding Councilman Andersen in the Old St. Joseph's Church on Anvil City Square

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Stan Andersen, Jerald Brown, Mary David (arrived 12:07pm); Mary Knodel, Jon Larson, Randy Pomeranz

Members Absent: Mayor Michels,

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

In the audience: Police Chief Burke, Sandra Meaderis,

**CITIZENS GRIEVANCES AND REQUESTS:**

No Citizens comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. R-08-03-01 A Resolution Setting the Date for the 2008 Board of Equalization.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to approve R-08-03-01.

**Discussion**

City Clerk Babcock explained that the dates for the BOE would be when the assessors would be back in town and usually just the first night is needed.

C. Knodel asked if Alaska Gold's property was looked at and re-assessed. City Clerk Babcock stated that a lot of their property was looked at due to plats and subdivision and these areas were re-assessed. It was determined by the Council that a lot of Alaska Gold's property should be looked at again by the assessors and there is still time for this years assessment notices.

At the roll call:  
Ayes; Brown, Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen  
Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

B. R-08-03-02 A Resolution Designating Paul Burke as Acting City Manager during City Manager Moore's absence, March 17 – April 1, 2008.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Pomeranz to approve R-08-03-02.

Discussion

C. Knodel asked Chief Burke how many officers they were short. Chief Burke stated they are currently down two. He continued that he has three applications and should be hiring one April 10<sup>th</sup> and the other one in May. C. Knodel stated her concern is that the Police Department is down two Officers and they are going into a busy time of year and she asked how thin Chief Burke can be stretched.

C. Andersen asked what type of decisions Chief Burke would be making?

City Manager Moore stated he took into consideration that Chief Burke has a full time job as Police Chief. He stated that Chief Burke has the management and talent to do what needs to be done, that he anticipates, during his absence and he stated that he will not be leaving until after the Iditarod Banquet. City Manager Moore stated he has a cell phone and will be checking his e-mails and he doesn't expect any heavy management decisions that have to come down that don't relate to the police department.

C. Andersen asked if Randy Romenesko was back in town. City Manager Moore stated he was due back during this time.

C. Larson asked Chief Burke if he foresaw any difficulties in terms of time management.

Chief Burke explained he was flattered with the confidence from the City Manager and he continued that he deals indirectly with every city department now. He stated that one of the big issues is probably with the Public Works department and it seems to be a self oiled machine and does not require a great deal of work. He hasn't been advised of any hanging issues that require some critical decisions however this will be his first Iditarod. He stated that during Iditarod they have the additional support of the State Troopers. Sergeant's Droke and Stotts have run the office when he has been out of town and he will be around and doesn't believe he will have any significant problems with the acting City Manager position.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

C. Andersen asked Chief Burke to comment on the dancing girls that will be at one of the bars during Iditarod. He stated he did not see anything prohibitive in the ordinances.

Chief Burke stated that he and the City Manager talked with the City Attorney specific to the ordinance and what the obscenities ordinance reads. He reported that past events with exotic dancers only lasted a few days but this event is going on much longer so he is looking into it and will be talking with the bar owners and he will take into consideration

any complaints he gets. C. Andersen stated that if it is successful it is a subject that will probably come up again.

City Manager Moore stated that this a situation that they are aware of but they will proceed cautiously enough as to not bring down more problem than it is. He stated that the current ordinance is fairly old and this hasn't been a problem here in the past and they will proceed cautiously and will not ignore it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

~ Personnel Matter – RE: City Manager Position

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Pomeranz to enter into executive session. The Council recessed from regular meeting at 12:17 P.M.

The council reconvened the regular meeting at 12:30 P.M

**ADJOURNMENT**


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

Hearing no objections the Nome City Council adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

**SIGNED AND DATED** the 14th day of April 2008.

  
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**DENISE MICHELS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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