

**MINUTES  
NOME CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 1, 2008**

The Special Meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 12:00 P.M. NOON 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 David, Mary Knodel, Randy Pomeranz

Members Absent: Jon Larson

Also Present: City Manager, Pete Hallgren; City Clerk, Sandy Babcock;

In the audience: Paul Korchin, KNOM: Laurie McNicholas, Jenny Martens, Jon Wehde, Utility Manager, John Handeland

**CITIZENS GRIEVANCES AND REQUESTS:**

**John Handeland**, Utility Manager, stated that they recently became aware of some Homeland Security funding of \$100 million dollars nationally that is available on a competitive bid. He stated he found out about it yesterday and the deadline for submitting notice of intent is today. He reported that it would take care of various utility infrastructure as pre-disaster mitigation and one of the items is the removal of the overhead lines across the Snake River and the placement of those under the river. He stated that he will send a letter of intent for a grant application due in November for that project and possibly include a couple other applications also. He asked if he had the Councils blessing with this.

C. Andersen asked if it supplements money from the legislature. Mr. Handeland responded that a request was made for funding for an estimated cost of \$3 million however the legislature did not put any money towards this. He stated they are also going to be looking at a possibility of getting the water and sewer lines under as a separate application and that both of these things require a 25% match but they will worry about that at a later time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. O-08-08-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Nome, Alaska to Issue General Obligation School Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$644,195 to Provide Funds for School and Related Capital Improvements in the City and to Submit the Question of the Issuance of Such Bonds to the Qualified Voters of the City at the October 7, 2008 Regular City Election  
~First Reading

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read O-08-08-01.

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

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

The motion CARRIED

- B. O-08-08-02 An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to NJUS Electric Tariff E-2, Amending Section 6.13 Relating to Interconnection of Consumer Owned Renewable and Fossil Fuel Standby Generation Equipment (Under 100 KW Installed Capacity) and Establishing Schedule E Relating to Purchase and Sale Rates, Terms and Conditions for Qualified Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities  
~First Reading

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read O-08-8-02.

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

#### Discussion

Mayor Michels stated that for the record Councilman Brown has filed a conflict of interest with this ordinance stating that he has direct impact on the project installed and/or underway by his employer.

John Handeland stated that this item may or may not conflict with Councilman Brown since it is for under 100 KW installed capacity in total. He stated that they do have an activity on going with Bering Strait Native Corporation and Sitnasuak Corporation for the development of the Banner wind farm but that will not be covered by this ordinance. He stated that he will be out of town when this ordinance comes up for second reading so if there are any questions that can't be answered in his absence he requests that the ordinance be postponed to the following meeting for final adoption.

C. Brown stated that his employer has the solar panels as well as other projects like this around town though he's not saying whether it will be a positive or negative impact.

At the roll call:  
Ayes: David, Knodel, Pomeranz, Andersen,  
Nays:  
Abstain: Brown

The motion CARRIED

- C. R-08-08-01 A Resolution Designating Water & Sewer Infrastructure Improvements as the Community's #1 Local State Funding Priority

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Pomeranz to approve R-08-08-01.

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

The motion CARRIED.

D. Re-appropriation of NSEDC 2007 Community Benefit Share from the Public Safety Building to the Nome Recreation Center in the amount of \$100,000

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Andersen that the 2007 Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation Community Benefit Share for \$100,000 be re-appropriated from the Public Safety Building Project to the Nome Recreation Center Repair & Renovation Project to be used for a facility Master Plan and Design Services.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Pomeranz, Andersen, Brown, David, Knodel

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

E. Seward Chamber & CVB Agreement

Mayor Michels stated that this was in the packet for their information.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

~Confidential Personnel Matters

~ Negotiation/Discussion Regarding the Alaska Public Employees Association/AFT (AFL-CIO) Contract Renewal Which May Have an Adverse Affect on City Finances.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Andersen to enter into executive session. The Council recessed from regular meeting at 12:08 P.M.

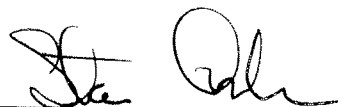
The Council reconvened the regular meeting at 12:43 P.M.

**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 12:43 P.M.

**SIGNED AND DATED** the 11th day of August 2008.



**STAN ANDERSEN, Presiding Councilman**

ATTEST:



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