

**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
August 14, 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, Jon Larson, Randy Pomeranz

Members Absent:

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

In the audience: Paul Korchin, KNOM: Laurie McNicholas, Dr. Leedy

CITIZENS GRIEVANCES AND REQUESTS:

Dr. Derrick Leedy stated he would like some time with the Council to discuss the area in Dry Creek that is fenced off, the area below the current hospital. He stated that last November a fence was put up by Alaska Gold Company because that area has been identified as being highly contaminated by heavy metals. He stated that the DEC has been after Alaska Gold to do something about this area for about ten years. The fence is a temporary fix but the DEC would like them to do more. He stated he would like to ask the Council and the City to look into this matter and see where they are at.

Mayor Michels asked if he had tried to contact or work with Nova Gold and discuss this with them first. Mr. Leedy stated he had not. She stated this would be the preferred avenue to approach them first and get a response.

C. Knodel stated that in one of the letters or e-mails that were forwarded to the Council it stated that DEC is working with Alaska Gold on this and it was their plan to come up and look at this soil and then discuss further remediation with Alaska Gold. She stated it is private property and it sounds like DEC is working with Alaska Gold on this issue and they are planning to do more tests and then negotiate with Alaska Gold about what to do next.

C. Leedy responded that if things were left as they are he feels it will take a number of years still to do that and he would like to have it cleaned up sooner than later. He stated that if the City could get involved a little bit since it is in the City limits and it is for the health and safety of us all, maybe the City could ask some questions of the DEC.

C. Brown asked if it would be appropriate if the City contacted DEC directly and asked them for an update on that property and if whether DEC's opinion threatens a wider area than what is currently fenced off. He stated that it is within the City limits and they might say they don't know yet, but it appears that to a common person anyway that things flow downhill. C. Brown stated that he was looking at a correspondence from the City basically stating that the City has an interest and would liked to be updated.

Mayor Michels stated that the City Manager could write it.

C. Larson added that they should find out what their timeline is.

City Manager Hallgren stated that he could certainly do this.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-08-08-03 A Resolution of Appreciation to Sergeant Bill Droke for his Fourteen Years of Dedicated Service to the Nome Police Department and to the Community of Nome

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

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

- B. R-08-08-04 A Resolution of the City of Nome, Alaska, Disposing of its Right of Reverter and Reversionary Interest in Lot 8A, Block 74A.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Pomeranz to approve R-08-08-04.

At the roll call:

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

Nays:

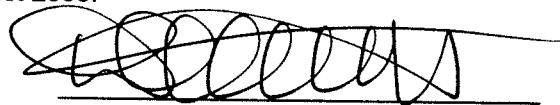
The motion CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections the Nome City Council adjourned at 12:07 P.M.

SIGNED AND DATED the 25th day of August 2008.



DENISE MICHELS, Mayor

ATTEST:


SANDY STURGIS-BABCOCK, City Clerk/Treasurer