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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY APRIL 27 2020 @ 6:00 / 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL
COMMENTS TAKEN AT 443-6663**

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 27, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:11 PM by Presiding Council Member Mark Johnson in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown (telephonic); Doug Johnson (telephonic); Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson (telephonic); Meghan Topkok (telephonic); Jennifer Reader

Members Absent:

Also Present: Molly Kenick, Youth Representative (telephonic); Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Christine Piscoya, Deputy City Clerk; Joy Baker, Port Director (telephonic); Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk (telephonic)

In the audience: Emily Hofstaedter (KNOM); Diana Haecker (Nome Nugget)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Mark Johnson asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown;

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 12, 2020 City Council Emergency Special Meeting Minutes.

B. March 30, 2020 City Council Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the March 12, 2020 and March 30, 2020 Minutes.

Discussion:

- Council Member Reader noted a name was omitted from page 7.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of April 16, 2020 from AK DOT& PF to City of Nome re: Agency Scoping Request for Early Coordination.
 - Assistant Manager Morton noted the Utility had reached out, though there was no action required at present.
- B. Memo of April 22, 2020 from Clerk Hammond to Nome Common Council re: Untimely Filed Exemption Application.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. D. Johnson to authorize to the Clerk to accept the application as if timely filed.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. Letter of April 22, 2020 from AK DOT&PF to Mayor Beneville re: 2020 Construction Season.
- D. City of Nome FY2020 Budget Calendar.
 - Council Member Mark Johnson noted there would be a work session on Thursday April 30th at 5:30 PM.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Nancy Fiskeaux (telephonic) called looking to listen in to the meeting.
- 2) Francine Johnson (telephonic), citing comments on Facebook about miners, suggested not opening the City up to everybody and focusing on those who live in the community rather than allowing outsiders into town.
 - Manager Steckman explained that Governor Dunleavy decreed mining an essential industry to the State of Alaska. He explained the City's approach to protecting the community, working with the hospital to promote testing and quarantining to mitigate virus spread.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-20-04-01 A Resolution Awarding the Port Nome Emergency Fuel line Repairs to Seakers, Inc.
- Manager Steckman and Port Director Baker explained the status of the fuel line, noting that the fuel line might hold for two years or might suffer catastrophic failure sooner. Due to the risks, administration recommended action.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-04-01.

Discussion:

- Council Members Martinson and Mark Johnson asked clarifying questions regarding the timeline and costs.
- Port Director Baker explained the work would take about a month, require hydrostatic testing and might incur costs relating to COVID-19 quarantine.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson;
Reader

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-20-04-02 A Resolution Approving a Contract with Altman Rogers & Co. for Audit Services for the Fiscal Year 2020.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-04-02.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman noted the City was still planning on putting the contract out to bid, but that the timing didn't line up for FY2020.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader;
Topkok

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-20-04-03 A Resolution Designating FY2020 NSEDC Community Benefit Share Special Distribution Funds to Support Local Measures Related to COVID-19 Response.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-04-03.

Discussion:

- Council Member Reader asked why staff were proposing to use the funds for staffing rather than giving it to businesses not able to be open during the pandemic.
- Manager Steckman explained the staffing that had been reallocated from closed facilities to COVID-19 related tasks. He explained the funds allowed the City to be more responsive to the COVID pandemic.

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok;
Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: April 14 - 24, 2020.

- Assistant Utility Manager Morton presented his verbal report noting that power and water usage were down about 5 percent recently. He explained the Utility's approach to quarantining essential workers required to overhaul two generators. Assistant Manager Morton gave an update on upcoming DOT projects over the coming years.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: April 14 - 24, 2020.

- Manager Steckman noted that the Port was expected to open on May 31st and explained the City was working with the hospital on a plan to address Covid-19 positive tests on fishing boats. He laid out the plan to slowly open the Rec Center, as well as the likely cancellation of summer league activities. Manager Steckman explained that the Hospital was working to significantly increase rapid testing and that tests would no longer be confined to symptomatic patients. He updated the Council on the Public Safety Commission recommending the City offer the position of Police Chief to Mike Heintzelman, whose contract will appear on the next agenda.
- Chief Mike Heintzelman summarized the over 500 calls for service the department has received since April 20, noting there were 36 sexual assault cases, 10 of which the Department was awaited results from DNA tests.

B. Port of Nome Operations and Projects Report.

- Port Director Baker explained the status of some Port users' plans for summer operations vis-à-vis Covid-19, noting that Port staff was satisfied so far. She gave an update on the Port Causeway bridge and Army Corps of Engineers dredging activities Director Baker explained the status of Launch Ramp Repair project, noting that due to absence of bids submitted, the project would be rebid in the fall.

C. Nome Port Commission February 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

N/A

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Martinson thanked Acting Finance Director Crowe for her work in putting together the draft budget and presentation. He agreed with other Council Members that the City shouldn't be looking to balance the budget by cutting the Police Department. He noted the need to discuss the status of the landfill and drainage issues sooner rather than later and requested City address previous issues at the Rec Center while the facility was closed.
 - Manager Steckman explained that work had already begun on the saunas.
- 2) Council Member Reader thanked Acting Director Crowe for putting together the budget presentation. She inquired as to the status of the Police Department Audit that had been ordered in October and was still not completed.
- 3) Council Member Topkok echoed previous appreciative comments to Acting Director Crowe. She expressed concern over the high call volumes at NPD, especially relating to domestic violence, and noted that services were available at the Bering Sea Womens' Group to those listening.
- 4) Council Member Brown – no comments.
- 5) Council Member Doug Johnson – no comments.
- 6) Youth Representative Kenick – no comments.
- 7) Council Member Mark Johnson thanked Acting Director Crowe for her work on the budget documents and Chief Heintzelman for piloting NPD through a difficult time. He noted it was good to have Clerk Hammond on the line and wished Mayor Beneville a speedy recovery.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: April 14 - 24, 2020.
 - Manager Steckman gave the Council an update on Mayor Beneville, noting that he expected him back in town later in the week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

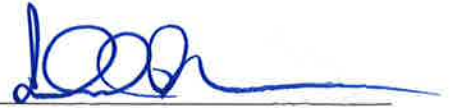
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ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:18 PM

APPROVED and SIGNED this 11th day of May, 2020.



JERALD BROWN
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk