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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 @ 6:00 / 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Beneville in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: John Handeland, Interim City Manager; Bryant Hammond City Clerk; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager; Joy Baker, Port Director

In the audience: Emily Hofstaedter (KNOM); Sandra Medearis (Arctic News); Lance Johnson; Austin Ahmasuk; Anna Ashenfelter; Henrik Brandt; Zoe Okleasik; Heidi Okleasik; Ivory Okleasik; Alicyn Bahnke; Darlene Trigg; Keith Morrison; Hannah Schmidt; Aaron Blankenship

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Beneville asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown 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. August 26, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. M. Johnson to approve the August 26, 2019 Minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of August 28, 2019 from Melanie Bahnke to City of Nome re: Ambulatory Services.
- Council Member Reader described the letter as a call for help and asked who's responsible for providing services.
 - Manager Handeland explained that he had discussed the situation with Ms. Bahnke and went on to further explain similar types of calls NVAD volunteers respond to. He explained that NVAD was chartered through the City of Nome and gave a brief explanation as to the department's genesis and previous staffing levels.
- B. Letter of August 29, 2019 from Kawerak, Inc. to City of Nome re: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Meeting – September 10th.
- C. Memo of August 30, 2019 from Clerk Hammond to Nome City Council re: Untimely filed Exemption Application.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to authorize 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**.

- D. Fall Clean Up Fliers.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-19-08-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Property from the State of Alaska Described as "Block 20 of the Nome Airport" **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:12 PM

The Council reconvened at 7:12 PM.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt O-19-08-02.

Discussion:

- Council Member Reader asked if the UMRESOF funds were not available, how NJUS would pay for removal of the sand storage building and if the City would be on the hook for the costs. She noted she did not want to see it become a burden on the City.
- Assistant Utility Manager Morton explained there was no time requirement and no obligation to move the structure unless the State of Alaska chooses to do so. He added the appraisal only covered the land.
- Manager Handeland explained the cost of removing the structure would be rolled into the project costs when the need arises.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-19-09-01 A Resolution Appointing Election Judges and Clerks for the 2019 Municipal Election and Setting Their Compensation.

A motion was made C. Reader and C. D. Johnson to adopt R-19-09-01.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: August 27 – September 6, 2019.

- Assistant Manager Morton presented his verbal report, highlighting IBEW lineman recruitment, migration of well operations to the Utility's SCADA system, current Pilgrim Hot Springs geothermal resource exploration efforts, a grant submission to NSEDC for the River St lift station, the expected date (9/22) of Utility's fuel shipment.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: August 27 – September 6, 2019.

- Manager Handeland presented his written report, highlighting fall cleanup, VIP visits, mandatory staff training on sexual harassment and avoiding hostile work environments, abatement process status, ROW issues and staffing at NPD.
- Council Member Topkok asked what steps would be taken to alert property owners to issues with the ROW.

- Manager Handeland explained that notices would be published through various channels and that property owners would receive notice prior to enforcement options.
 - Council Member Reader asked for more details concerning NPD staffing.
 - Manager Handeland explained that changes were coming to NPD Staffing and the path the City was moving down with regards to public safety.
- B. Port & Harbor Report/Projects Update – September 2019.
- Port Director Baker highlighted recent weather and the docking issues it caused.
 - Council Member Topkok asked if Port was experience these types of issues more often than usual.
 - Port Director Baker explained that the timing of the storms was “perfect” to provide issues at the port this year.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Austin Ahmasuk spoke about the dangers of PFAS contamination and requested the City / Utility look into testing for the substances in the municipal water supply.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Brown expressed appreciation for the work session prior to the meeting as well as interest in the opportunities the former Youth Facility presented to the community. He opined that prevention was a better method of addressing excessive inebriation than taking a reactive approach.
- 2) Council Member Doug Johnson echoed Council Member Brown’s comments, opining education was a better approach than incarceration and suggested developing programs in trades and adult education.
- 3) Council Member Mark Johnson agreed, opining the City should find was to support vocational education.
- 4) Council Member Martinson – no comment.
- 5) Council Member Reader thanked Lance Johnson for joining the work session prior to the meeting and agreed with the rest of the Council on being proactive rather than reactive, suggesting further conversations on City taxes and revenue. She thanked everyone for being a part of the conversations moving the City forward.
- 6) Council Member Topkok agreed with the rest of the Council and expressed excitement over the several young people that attended the Council meeting. She noted she was looking forward to meeting regarding ambulance services and that Kawerak was sponsoring a Tribal Justice Summit at the Mini Convention Center from 9/30 10/3 focusing on setting up Tribal courts.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: August 27 – September 6, 2019.

- Mayor Beneville briefed the Council on recent visits by dignitaries, cruise ship port calls, and creative problem solving that occurred when the Orion II couldn't pull into the Port due to weather.

Mayor Beneville appointed 9 people to the Public Safety Advisory Commission:

3-year seats: Lisa Ellanna, Justin Noffske, & Ivory Okleasik

2-year seats: Jana Hoggan, Traci McGarry, & Andy Miller, Jr

1-year seats: Irvin Barnes, Carol Piscoya, Mo Koezuna

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. D. Johnson to confirm Mayor Beneville's appointments.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 7:56 PM

APPROVED and SIGNED this 23rd day of September 2019.



JERALD BROWN
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk