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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY JUNE 10, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:02 PM by Acting Mayor Brown in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Mark Johnson; Doug Johnson; Meghan Topkok (telephonic)

Members Absent: Martinson (excused); Reader (excused)

Also Present: John Handeland, Interim City Manager; Bryant Hammond City Clerk; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager; Julie Liew, Finance Director

In the audience: Emily Hofstaedter (KNOM); Sandra Medearis (Arctic News); Steve Smith; Ralph Ray; Ken Hughes; Shane & Dani Smithhisler; Chris Thomas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Mayor Brown asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 30, 2019 City Council Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to approve the May 30, 2019 minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of May 30, 2019 from NSEDC to City of Nome re: \$1,000 Donation to Assist with Community Clean up.
 - Council Member Brown requested a thank you note be sent to NSEDC.
- B. Letter of June 7 from Mayor Beneville to National Science Foundation re: Support for Further Research on Local Coastal Erosion and Bathymetry.
- C. Memo of June 7, 2019 from Museum Director Phillips-Chan to Manager Handeland re: Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Featured in FORUM Magazine.
- D. Flyer re: Port of Nome Modification Feasibility Study Public Meeting, June 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM at Old St. Joe's.
- E. City of Nome FY 2020 Budget Calendar.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Ken Hughes, Chairman of the Planning Commission, noted his primary take away from the recent dust teleconference was the accessibility of air quality monitors. For \$250 - \$300 each, the City of Nome could monitor the issue in real time. He suggested deploying a few at the Elementary School where there is an Internet connection to monitor Nome's dust control efforts.
- 2) Steve Smith presented himself as available for questions should the Council have any concerning the Sunset Firing Range permit.
- 3) Ralph Ray suggested the City of Nome issue municipal bonds to finance the paving of the City's streets, noting the current attractive rates in the municipal bond market. He suggested a small excise tax on fuel might also assist with financing the project.
 - Council Member Brown opined the project would be prohibitively expensive, but suggested the Planning Commission evaluate its feasibility.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Memos of May 23, 2019 and May 29, 2019 from Finance Director Liew to Mayor Beneville and Common Council re: Proposed 2020 City of Nome Budgets.
 - Finance Director Liew explained that nothing had changed.
 - Clerk Hammond explained the ordinances had not been public noticed per the minimum time defined in Alaska Statute and should be postponed for two weeks.
 - Council Member Brown asked if such action would interfere with City operations.
 - Clerk Hammond explained that it wouldn't.
- B. O-19-06-01 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2020 City of Nome General Fund Municipal Budget and Exercising the Power to Assess and Authorize the Levy of a General Property Tax, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D Johnson to postpone O-19-06-01, O-19-06-02, O-19-06-03, O-19-06-04, O-19-06-05,

O-19-06-06, and O-19-06-07 to the June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. O-19-06-02 An Ordinance to Establish, Approve, and Adopt the FY 2020 City of Nome School Debt Service Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.
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NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-19-06-08 An Ordinance Amending Section 2.15.070 of the Nome Code of Ordinances, Changing "Councilmen" to "Council Members," **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to advance O-19-06-08.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. O-19-06-09 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Land Use Permit to Nome Sportman Association for Sunset Firing Range, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to advance O-19-06-09.

Discussion:

- Council Member Mark Johnson asked for clarification on the term of the permit and Council Member Topkok asked for clarification on the math presented for the term.
- Clerk Hammond explained the intention was for longer terms, with flexibility in the resolution to allow the manager to come to an agreement that suited each party in the most efficient manner.
- Manager Handeland asked the Council to make a motion in Council Member Comments to allow for the administration extension of the lease while the ordinance is waiting for second reading.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: May 31 – June 7, 2019.

- Assistant Utility Manager Morton presented his verbal report, noting the fluoride pump was offline waiting for the delivery of parts, the lift station at N and Front St is again operational, that Lucas Bauman was promoted to chief mechanic, that July 26th should be the closing date for the DEC loan refinance, and that the utility passed a surprise inspection by DEC last Saturday.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: May 31 – June 7, 2019.

- Manager Handeland presented his written report, thanking all those involved in the clean-up efforts, Dawn Ubelaker for her work with animal control and the cemetery, and Stan Andersen for voluntarily coordinating burials, plot reservations and other cemetery tasks. He noted that free dump Saturdays was not intended for businesses, only residential trash. Manager Handeland explained the reasoning behind the gravel spec remaining the same following the previous meeting and that work was being done on Steadman Field to keep it open while keeping it clean and safe. He noted the hiring of Sharon Sparks at NPD and Mike West for boiler work in the City's buildings and finished by alerting the Council to a work session on July 22 concerning public private partnerships and port development.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked for an update on the online sales tax discussion.
- Director Liew and Manager Handeland explained the status of the discussion at AML, the requirements for setting up a statewide entity to process online sales tax on behalf of the State's municipalities, the streamlining of definitions, and the potential software involved.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to concur with the manager's administrative extension of an existing Land Use Permit

to Nome Sportman Association for Sunset Firing Range through 6/30/2020.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

B. June 2019 Port & Harbor/Projects Update.

- Port Director Baker noted the public meeting scheduled for June 17th at Old St. Joe's for the Corps of Engineers Deep Draft Port project. She explained the purpose of the Port Commission's June 11th work session on fiscal policy, noting the Port was hoping to create a mechanism for vehicle / infrastructure replacement. She explained via the need to replace the harbor work skiff and an emerging 10 ft. split at the West Gold Dock.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Doug Johnson noted that the Chief invited Council Members to stop by the police station for a visit and opined it's a good idea to know what's going on there.
- 2) Council Member Mark Johnson expressed his appreciation for the Clerk's sunny, Homer-esque attire.
- 3) Council Member Topkok - no comments.
- 4) Council Member Brown stated he would not be in town for the July 8th Regular Meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

A. Activity Report: May 31 – June 7, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Confidential Personnel Matters Relating to the City Manager Search.

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to enter into executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters relating to the City Manager search.

The Council recessed into executive session at 8:02 PM.

The Council reconvened at 8:55 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. M. Johnson that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:56 PM

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 24th day of June 2019.



RICHARD BENEVILLE
Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk