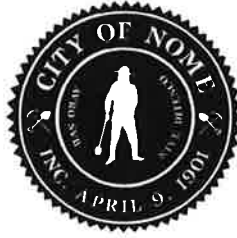


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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018 @ 6:30 PM / 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:13 PM by Mayor Richard Beneville in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson (telephonically); Jennifer Reader; Meghan Topkok (telephonically; arrived at 8:06 PM)

Members Absent: Adam Martinson (excused)

Also Present: Richard Beneville, Mayor; John Handeland, Acting City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk ; Julie Liew, Finance Director; Bob Estes, Police Chief; Mike Heintzelman, NPD

In the audience: Lisa Ellanna; Emily Hofstaedter, KNOM; Larry Persily, Nome Nugget; Sandra Medearis, Arctic News; Ken Hughes; Barb Amarok; Tehya Tucker

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. D. Johnson to approve the agenda.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 26, 2018 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown to approve the November 26, 2018 minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Memo of November 28, 2018 from State Assessor McGee to City of Nome re: Questions Concerning the Full Value Determination.
- Councilman Brown asked how the Full Value Determination (FVD) affected school funding.
 - Joe Caissie with the State Assessor's Office explained that the FVD determined the minimum local contribution to the local school system and how that in turn affected the state contribution. He explained that if the Base Student Allocation (BSA) was \$10,000 and 2.65 mills of the FVD was 2,000 (per student), the State would contribute \$8,000 while the City contributed \$2,000.
 - Councilman Brown suggested the City be diligent in contesting the full value determination, citing the machinery & equipment value being significantly higher than reported in Nome. He suggested doing property tax audits of the companies with the highest value in M&E category.
 - Marty McGee with the State Assessor's Office explained the City would have to prove the local reporting was accurate.
 - Councilman Mark Johnson restated for clarification that a higher number as assessed by the state means the City's contribution goes up in relation to the State Foundation's funding coming into Nome.
 - Manager Handeland asked for clarification on the figures at the top of page 11.
 - Mr. McGee explained the factors were derived from extensive analysis of similar sized communities in Alaska.
 - Council Member Reader asked if the FVD contained exempted property added back in.
 - Mr. McGee explained that wasn't the case with mandatory exemptions; rather, the difference in value was due to alleged undervaluation. He suggested auditing taxpayers to ensure of accurate reporting. He noted he would not add value back if he was sure the locally reported numbers were accurate.
 - Clerk Hammond explained reporting had historically been done on the honor system.
 - Mr. McGee suggested auditing 10 accounts, based on the size of the City's tax roll.
 - Council Member Brown suggested Clerk Hammond issue a PSA and a display ad in the paper.
- B. Notice of November 29, 2018 from Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office to City of Nome re: Airport Pizza Transfer of Beverage Dispensary License.
- C. Letter of November 29, 2018 from Kawerak, Inc. to Nome City Council re: Use of NSEDC Community Benefit Share Funds.
- D. Letter of November 29, 2018 from Richard Redmond to Council Member Mark Johnson et al re: Abuse of Power.
- Manager Handeland explained that the letter should not have been distributed and was pulled from the packet after the agenda was public noticed. He gave a brief background citing libelous content and offered a rebuttal letter showing the claims were unfounded if anyone was interested.
- E. Letter of December 4, 2018 from Manager Handeland to Business Owners / Landlords re: Hauling Snow.

- F. Notice of December 5, 2018 from Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office to City of Nome re: Gudlief Organization Transfer of Retail Marijuana Store License.
- G. Memo of December 6, 2018 from Manager Handeland to Mayor & City Council re: NSEDC Community Benefit Share.
 - Council member Reader noted that Outside Entity Funding was project based and didn't allow for awardee discretion; though, Community Benefit Share through the City allowed for more flexibility.
- H. Notice of December 7, 2018 from Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office to City of Nome re: Arctic Native Brotherhood Club License Renewal.
- I. Flyer re: 2019 Pet Vaccine Clinic December 10 – 14.
- J. Nome Public School Board Agenda of December 11, 2018.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Lisa Ellanna commented on a recent letter from then-Governor Walker in response to a letter signed by several Nome / Bering Strait entities concerning sexual abuse and assault. She suggested Jodie Potts and Diane Casto as potential outside facilitators willing to assist in determining the scope of a public safety committee. She suggested the City develop a policy on dealing with incapacitated individuals and asked if someone monitors the camera by the Visitor's Center.
 - Manager Handeland explained that, while the camera did not have a dedicated individual monitoring, the feed was being watched.
- 2) Barb Amarok with the Bering Strait Women's Group expressed her appreciation for the City / Nome Police Department attention to the issue of sexual assault, citing trust needing to be restored. She asked the City consider the BSWG for the public safety committee and offered to partner in training.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-18-12-01 A Resolution Requesting the Alaska Department of Transportation/Public Facilities Perform Immediate Temporary Repairs and Prioritize Permanent Upgrades to the Main Nome Airport East-West Runway.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. D. Johnson to adopt R-18-12-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Handeland explained the short term solution to keep the runway functioning through the winter and that a long term solution would be forthcoming in the summer.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-18-12-02 A Resolution Designating Charles ("Chip") Leeper as Acting City Manager for the Period December 16 – 24, 2018.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. D. Johnson to adopt R-18-12-02.

Discussion:

- Manager Handeland thanked Director Leeper and Clerk Hammond for stepping in when needed.
- Councilman Mark Johnson thanked Manager Handeland for following the ordinance.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Assistant Utility Manager Morton presented his written report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Handeland presented his written report highlighting upcoming DOT project areas in Nome. He explained a cooperative agreement from 2012 in which the City of Nome agreed to an amount of funding for a local match to the Port Road Improvements Project. He explained an additional amount was needed to close out the project.

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. Brown to authorize the additional required match of \$30,477, originally authorized by R-12-07-04 for the Port Road Improvements Project.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- Manager Handeland thanked the Council.
- Council member Brown asked if the body camera policies would come before the Council.
- Chief Estes explained that they would be handled administratively but would provide copies upon request.
- Council member Brown requested a copy when available and asked how the City Manager search was going.

- Manager Handeland explained that the next meeting would be on the 12th to determine the vetting process and the scoring matrix, as well as evaluation questions and how the public would be involved in the process.
- Council Member Brown requested that the public be able openly ask questions of the shortlisted candidates.
- Council Member Reader described the process by which the School Board publically interviewed the superintendent candidates and suggested it could be used as a model.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Brown thanked the State Assessor for taking the time to explain the full value determination over the phone.
- 2) Council Member Doug Johnson – no comments.
- 3) Council Member Mark Johnson noted the needed rehab work at the Rec Center and suggested the City approach the Rasmuson Foundation to fund the kitchen portion of the upgrades. He requested more Front St involvement and suggested diverting funds from the Emergency Services supervisor position to accomplish this. Lastly, Council Member Johnson called attention to the difficulties businesses faced on Front St due to flood plain regulations and asked that business development be encouraged rather than discouraged.
- 4) Council Member Reader – no comments.
- 5) Council Member Topkok – no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Mayor Beneville presented his verbal report stating that the Firemen's Carnival and City Christmas Extravaganza went very well this year. He noted with sadness the passing of Roy Piscoya the previous week and wished the Community of Nome a happy holiday season.
- B. Mayor Beneville reappointed Shane Smithhisler to Seat A of the Nome Port Commission.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. D. Johnson to confirm the Mayor's appointment.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

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 9:18 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 14th day of January 2019.



RICHARD BENEVILLE
Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk