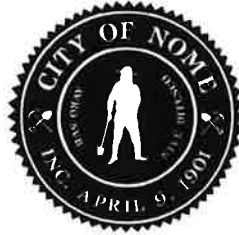


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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018 @ 5:30/7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

Work Session, 5:30:

5:30 – Planning Discussion re: FY19 City of Nome General Fund Budget, School Debt Service Fund Budget, Special Revenue Fund Budget, Capital Projects Fund Budget, and Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget,

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:01 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; Adam Martinson

Members Absent: Stan Andersen (excused); Lew Tobin (excused)

Also Present: Richard Beneville, Mayor; Tom Moran, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager; Joy Baker, Port Director; John Papasodora, Police Chief

In the audience: Sandra Medearis, *Arctic News*; Davis Hovey, KNOM; Barb Amarok; Bertha Koweluk; Eva Menadelook; Chuck Fagerstrom; Darlene Trigg; Paris Hebel; Lisa Ellanna; Anna Ashenfelter; Owen Hebel; Keith Morrison; Panganga Pungowiyi

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Brown to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 23, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. D. Johnson to approve the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of April 24, 2018 from National Park Service to State Office of History and Archaeology re: City of Nome's CLG Application.
- B. Memorandum of May 2, 2018 from Clerk Hammond to City Council re: Untimely Filed Tax Exemption Applications.
- Councilman M. Johnson asked if the 7th Day Adventist Church filed in previous years.
 - Clerk Hammond explained the Church's history of filing late or not at all.
 - Councilman Brown asked if the Church had paid the taxes in years where did not file for exemption.
 - Clerk Hammond explained that they have not and owe about \$26,000 in delinquent taxes.
 - Manager Moran explained the outreach efforts for exemption filers and that the 7th Day Adventist Church had a poor filing history. He recommended the Council not authorize the Clerk to accept the application.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Martinson to authorize the Clerk to accept the application as if timely filed upon receipt of past due taxes.

Discussion:

- Clerk Hammond explained the Church owned four properties in Icy View, two of which were potentially tax exempt and two of which were not.
- Councilman Brown asked when the City's next foreclosure action would happen.
- Clerk Hammond explained the City could initiate a foreclosure this year.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. Letter of May 4, 2018 from NEST to Mayor Beneville and City Council re: Funding Request.
- D. Thank You Note from Nome Nordic to City Council.
- E. Press Release of May 8, 2018 re: Legislature Votes to Protect Permanent Fund.
- F. Press Release of May 8, 2018 re: Senate Approves Lean Capital Budget.
- G. Flyer re: Spring Clean-Up from May 27 – June 2.
- H. Flyer re: Kawerak E-Waste Event from June 1 –2.
- I. Flyer re: Nome River Raft Race on June 24, 2018.
- J. Flyer re: Pet Sanitation Rules.
- Councilman Brown asked if the flyers were distributed more widely than just in the packet.

- Manager Moran explained they were public noticed through fax, Nome-Announce, bulletin boards, Facebook, and radio.
- Mayor Beneville asked as to the status of the waste stations.
- Manager Moran explained they wouldn't be put up where pets were prohibited, but that staff would be setting them up elsewhere soon.

K. Flyer re: New Recycle Center Policies and Procedures.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Lisa Ellanna asked the Council not adopt R-18-05-01, though it was a step in the right direction. However, she criticized the language calling one recital "victim blaming." She asked the Council table the resolution until after language could be addressed.
- 2) Joy Baker updated the Council on activities at the Port of Nome. The first barge is likely to arrive on May 23rd and the Port's staff is shifting back to the Port for the season. Additionally, Caitlin LeClair and Clayton Rodriguez have been hired to fill seasonal positions. Director Baker explained the closeout of the 2004 Corps of Engineers Navigation Improvements grant and the completion of dredging work performed by Q Trucking in the inner harbor. She finished explaining the Alaska State Legislature included \$1.6 million for predevelopment, engineering and design for the Arctic Deep Draft Port at Nome.
- 3) Barb Amarok spoke in support of R-18-05-01 though she now recognized some potentially insensitive language, and thanked the City of Nome for distributing the flyer about pet waste. She noted it's been an issue for some time and hoped the flyer puts an end to the issue.
- 4) Panganga Pungowiyi echoed Lisa Ellanna's request for a longer conversation about the language in the resolution and about ethical language about victims.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-18-04-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease to Jessica and Howard L. Farley, Jr., **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE,**

The Council recessed into public hearing at 7:22 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:22 PM.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. D. Johnson to adopt O-18-04-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran explained how the City came to own 103 East King Place and that Jessica and Howard Farley would like to use the empty lot as laydown space while they rehab 100 East King Place. He explained the calculation for lease costs and that the term would only be over the summer.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-18-05-01 A Resolution Supporting Alaska Native Victims of Sexual Assault and Other Violent Crimes.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. M. Johnson to postpone R-18-05-01 until the June 25, 2018 Regularly Scheduled Meeting.

Discussion:

- Councilman M. Johnson commended City staff for jumping on the issue immediately and suggested staff work with the group of concerned residents on amending the language of the resolution.
- Councilman Brown explained his understanding that not every word of the resolution presented in the May 7th work session was desirable from the City's perspective; but the goal is to merge the two resolutions into something that works for both parties. He also noted that parties don't need to wait on the words in the resolution to begin to resolve the issues.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-18-05-02 A Resolution Proclaiming June 9, 2018 as Lemonade Day Nome.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-18-05-02.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Assistant Utility Manager Morton presented his verbal report, explaining the audit went well and the PLC upgrade to generator 16 was complete and an upgrade to generator 15 was scheduled for the end of the month. He explained the utility was about to commence on a wind turbine maintenance project to reduce icing on the EWT 900s. Discussion over Airport Block 20 was progressing though still not resolved.
 - Councilman Brown asked if the PLC upgrades were for the Caterpillars.
 - Councilman D. Johnson explained the upgrades were needed on the Wäertsilläs as the existing controls were obsolete and no longer stocked.
 - Councilman Brown noted there was an ordinance concerning fluoride on the books, but asked if it was actually being followed.

- Assistant Manager Morton explained the system was taken offline in the summer of 2017 when the Beltz project started. Since then SCADA issues had prevented restart of the system, though he expected the Utility to wrap that up over the next month.
- Councilman Brown asked about the system design and for an explanation as to the delay.
- Assistant Manager Morton explained the system was automated and would vary the amount of fluoride added by the volume of water brought into the system. He explained the delay was due to factors beyond staff's control and that there was no reticence on the part of staff in adding fluoride to the water supply.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Moran presented his written report, highlighting the hiring of former NPD Sergeant Dickerson as an Investigator to review cold cases and focus on addressing sexual assault and domestic abuse. Manager Moran reiterated Spring Cleanup would soon be here and added that the dump trucks would be stationed around town on May 25th. He noted the likelihood of a budget work session at noon on May 24th as well as the distribution of a mid-year Community Benefit Share from NSEDC.
 - Councilman M. Johnson requested that new hires at NPD be introduced to the community through Council meetings.
 - Manager Moran explained that in the past NPD Officers have taken oaths of office during Council meetings. He noted three new hires that could take their oaths at the end of May.
 - Councilman Brown asked for more information on the cold case investigator.
 - Manager Moran explained the investigator would begin by reviewing cases waiting on the state crime lab and birddog the processing of rape kits. The position will primarily focus on domestic abuse and sexual violence.
 - Councilman Brown asked if the City could use different labs and suggested going out-of-state for better response times.
 - Chief Papasodora explained how doing so was problematic due to evidentiary requirements. He explained the City would need to work with the DA's office.
 - Councilman Brown requested staff to follow up on the matter.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Barb Amarok asked how pet owners were fined for violating the pet ordinances and how property owners could voice their concerns to the City. Speaking to the backlog of rape kits statewide, Ms. Amarok noted that the Federal Government recently committed funds to address the backlog and that Randi Braeger at Department of Public Safety was a good contact.
 - Manager Moran said that the City had an Animal Control Officer who could be reached through Dispatch at 443-5262.
- 2) Bertha Koweluk argued that the City shouldn't blame lack of funding for difficulty in providing services. She asked the City to partner with the women who presented their resolution on May 7th to get the language right.
- 3) Darlene Trigg expressed gratitude for quick action, noting that she'd already been contacted by staff attempting to address concerns. She felt the resolution on the agenda didn't go far enough in that it didn't acknowledge injustices done to the Alaska Native Community. Ms. Trigg added that she hoped for a meaningful conversation in a less formal setting.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Councilman Doug Johnson – no comments.
- 2) Councilman Mark Johnson asked the public to be aware of children playing in streets and to slow down for their safety.
- 3) Councilman Martinson – no comments.
- 4) Councilman Brown – no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- Mayor Beneville echoed Councilman Mark Johnson's request for the public of Nome to slow down in City streets. He briefed the Council on the Port Charrette, as well as recent meetings with HUD and the Coast Guard. He was thankful staff and the group of concerned women were working on the resolution and that the conversation was out in the open.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 7:58 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 29th day of May 2018.



RICHARD BENEVILLE
Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk