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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 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: Stan Andersen; Jerald Brown; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Lew Tobin

Members Absent: Doug Johnson (excused)

Also Present: Richard Beneville, Mayor; Tom Moran, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; John Handeland, Utility Manager; Joy Baker, Port Director (telephonically)

In the audience: Sandra Medearis, *Arctic News*; Davis Hovey, KNOM; Blake Bogart

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A motion was made by C. Tobin and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Tobin; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 26, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Tobin to approve the March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Tobin; Andersen; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Memo of March 28, 2018 from Clerk Hammond to City Council re: Late Filers for Tax Exemption.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to authorize the Clerk to accept the application as timely filed.

A motion was made by C. Tobin and seconded by C. Brown to amend the original motion by setting the start date of the exemption as April 15, 2018.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Tobin; Andersen; Brown; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning main motion:

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Tobin; Andersen; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

- B. Email of March 28, 2018 from Arctic Domain Awareness Center (ADAC) to Conference Participants re: Thanks for Hospitality.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Chief John Papasodora expressed concern that NEST was closing on April 13th, earlier than its usual closing date. He asked the City to brainstorm a contingency plan for a temporary shelter if needed. Chief Papasodora briefed the Council on the 2017 Staff Report and the status of staffing at Nome Police Department.
- Councilman Andersen asked for and received an explanation on medical clearance of inebriated individuals upon arrest; he asked staff to follow up with NEST on options to address the Chief's concerns.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- A. February 6, 2018 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.
- Councilman Andersen requested staff continue to address the issue of vehicles blocking ROWs in town over the summer rather than waiting snow to fall next winter. He also asked for a status updated on the City Streets numbering project.
 - Manager Moran explained that the last meeting had to be canceled but that staff planned to address the issue shortly.
 - Councilman Andersen asked who determined if Polaris Hotel could build within the same footprint.
 - Manager Moran explained there was a question of whether or not they were grandfathered in on the footprint they had, but that he didn't think the owners wanted the same footprint. He noted that City Planner Benson had encouraged them to meet the setback requirements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-18-03-02 An Ordinance Approving the 2018 Operations and Maintenance Budget for Nome Joint Utility System, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

The Council recessed into public hearing at 7:19 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:19 PM.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to adopt O-18-03-02.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tobin; Andersen; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

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

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Tobin to advance O-18-04-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran explained the circumstances and the proposed use of the lot enumerated in the land disposal ordinance.

At the roll call:

Aye: Andersen; Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Tobin

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Utility Manager Handeland thanked the Council for taking action on the NJUS Budget Ordinance, before updating the Council on a power outage caused by a recent fire. He updated the Council on water/sewer operator training to keep the operators certified. Manager Handeland noted that the Utility was able to fix the leak at Steadman and King Place.
 - Councilman M. Johnson asked who was responsible for steam thawing the drains around town.
 - Manager Handeland explained that public works, the State of Alaska and NJUS all address the issue.
 - Councilman Tobin asked for an update on the leak at Bering St and 2nd Ave.

- Manager Handeland explained that the leak was still bubbling; however, water was now moving down into the drain rather than into the street. The issue would be addressed at a later date, ideally in conjunction with the State's Bering Street Rehabilitation project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Moran presented his written report, wishing the City of Nome a happy 117th birthday. He gave an update on the snow removal expenses for F18 and the amount snow that was hauled by the roads crew over the winter, as compared to F17. Manager Moran thanked those involved in the Arctic Domain Awareness Conference, recognized Peter Hanson for being the March Employee of the Month, and reiterated the budget calendar in preparation for F19.
 - Councilman Tobin expressed his appreciation for the legislative activity report and asked how many names Greg Kruschek Ave had.
 - Manager Moran explained Greg Kruschek Ave was the only official name.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Blake Bogart, chairperson of the Nome Chapter of the Alaskan Mining Association, requested the City Council support the passage of SB203, which would authorize the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to explore options to finance infrastructure development at Graphite Creek on the north side of the Kigluaik Mountains. He explained the background of the bill and the project and emphasized the need to educate the public on the financing of the project and on mining in general.
 - Councilman Andersen noted the bill was dead in the water.
 - Mr. Bogart explained that Senator Olsen was waiting on local support, hence his current request.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Councilman Brown – no comments.
- 2) Councilman M. Johnson requested draft a letter of support for SB 203 and asked how to get such a request moving forward.
 - Councilman Andersen explained that Teller and Brevig Mission were blindsided by the bill, which was a major reason SB 203 was stalled. He explained he would support the project, but was not inclined to support the financing bill.
 - Councilman Tobin noted that the bill wouldn't carry over to the next session if it didn't pass.
 - Councilman Andersen explained that Senator Olsen was looking for support to move the bill, even if he had to introduce a new bill next session.
 - Manager Moran suggested that staff write a blanket letter of support for the project.
 - Mayor Beneville recognized Blake Bogart.
 - Mr. Bogart explained the bill authorized AIDEA to perform an economic analysis on offering a low interest loan to Graphite One for the use of developing transportation infrastructure that would support the mine. It would not provide grant money or loan funds for the mine itself.
 - Councilman Brown suggested staff draw up a resolution in support of the project for the April 23rd meeting, as it would lend more formal weight to the request.
- 3) Councilman Martinson – no comments.

- 4) Councilman Tobin asked if the City could somehow enact an ordinance prohibiting inside appliances being left outside in people's yards and providing for their removal. He suggested incorporating the process into the City's clean up events.
 - Manager Moran expressed due process concerns of removing residents' belongings from private property, even though they may be an eyesore.
- 5) Councilman Andersen noted several bills that might affect Nome currently in the legislature, such as HB 176 which would help NVAD revenue, HJR 33 supporting a port in the Arctic and a Senate bill that would allow 3rd class boroughs to tax resource development. He noted the Coast Guard was rumored to be looking at Port Clarence. Councilman Andersen a package be prepared to attract potential port users such as the Coast Guard, including land, financial instruments, office locations, utility discounts, hangar space and potential housing. Councilman Andersen also requested that City Staff get together with Nome Eskimo and Kawerak to ensure that every single citizen is counted in the 2020 census.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- Mayor Beneville briefed the Council on the meeting with the Alaska Gasline Development Authority, explaining he was miffed over the process and years of broken promises.
 - Utility Manager Handeland noted the two presenters were waiting outside the door to Council Chambers.
 - Mayor Beneville recognized the two women.
 - Rosetta Alcantra and Christina Hendrickson briefed the Council on the status of the Alaska Gasline project, including the management and the direct and ancillary jobs that will be created by the project.
 - Councilman M. Johnson asked that preference for jobs be given to Alaskans first.
 - Ms. Alcantra suggested he contact his legislators with such a request; her main priority is keeping the pipeline project moving forward.
- Mayor Beneville re-appointed Katherine (Kitty) Scott to the Museum / Library Commission.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to confirm Ms. Scott's appointment.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Tobin; Andersen; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:


The motion **CARRIED**.

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 8:10 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 23rd day of April 2018.


RICHARD BENEVILLE
Mayor

ATTEST:


BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk