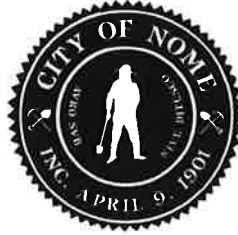


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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 @ 5:15/7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2018**

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Lew Tobin

Members Absent: Stan Andersen (excused); Doug Johnson (excused)

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

In the audience: Sandra Medearis; Ukallaysaaq Okleasik; Zoe Grueskin; Gabe Colombo; Brandy Arrington; Nancy Mendenhall

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. Brown to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; M. Johnson; Martinson; Tobin

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 22, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. January 26, 2018 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Tobin and seconded by C. Brown to approve the January 22, 2018 and the January 26, 2018 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Tobin; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of January 16, 2018 to Senator Sullivan from Jim Brader re: National Weather Service Reductions in Service.
 - Councilman Tobin called the implications scary and requested Mayor Beneville draft a letter to Senator Sullivan supporting Mr. Brader's suggestions on NWS staffing and operations in Rural Alaska.
- B. Notice of January 23, 2018 re: Milano Pizzeria Liquor License Renewal.
- C. Notice of January 24, 2018 re: Nugget Inn Liquor License Renewal.
- D. Notice of January 24, 2018 re: Bering Sea Liquor License Renewal.
- E. Email of January 24, 2018 from Nichlos Gutowski to Nome City Council re: Tuition Request.
 - Councilman Tobin asked if there was a City policy on funding individual requests such as this.
 - Manager Moran explained this was the first such instance in his employment at the City that an individual asked for tuition funding. He opined funding the request might set a precedent for other such requests.
 - Councilman Tobin explained that Rotary wasn't able to fund him and had tried to refer his request to the Lions' Club and Arctic Native Brotherhood.
 - Manager Moran had it on good authority that the Lions' Club didn't receive the request. He offered to forward the request in the morning.
- F. Letter of January 26, 2018 from Jake Sherman to Nome City Council re: Tax Refund Request.
 - Manager Moran opined issuing a refund would be bad policy, given Mr. Sherman was asking for a retroactive tax exemption for two years on the grounds that he did not know the exemption was available. Furthermore, from the information available, the Clerk was not able to confirm Mr. Sherman would qualify for disabled veteran status.
- G. Associated Press Article of February 5, 2018 entitled *"Nome, Alaska, gets fresh review as possible US Arctic port."*
 - Councilman Tobin remarked the stated distance between Kodiak and Nome must be as the crow flies.
- H. Public Notice of February 5, 2018 re: Little Creek Mining Proposal.
 - Councilman Tobin asked if Council action was needed.
 - Manager Moran explained that action was not required though the Council had in the past, provided comments. He noted that staff includes any permit applications lying within City limits to the Council as a matter of public notice.
- I. NSHC Flyer re: Free Heart Health Screening on February 22, 2018.
- J. NHSC Flyer re: Emergency Responder Night of Honor on February 23, 2018.
 - Manager Moran explained the plans for honoring emergency responder volunteers and distributed tickets to Council members.
 - Councilman Tobin asked if he could give his ticket away, as he would be out of town.
 - Manager Moran explained the ticket was his to do with as he wished.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

PLANNING AND ZONING

- A. December 5, 2017 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-18-02-01 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Nome to Enter into an Agreement for the Execution of a Ground-Penetrating Radar (GPR) Survey at the Nome Municipal Cemetery.

A motion was made by C. Tobin and seconded by C. M. Johnson to adopt R-18-02-01.

Discussion:

- Councilman Tobin noted the project had been in the works for some time.
- Manager Moran briefed the Council on the bids received and explained how the review committee was impressed with Logic Geophysics' proposal. He asked the Council for an additional \$30,000 and the ability to push the project into FY19 to be able to hire Logic Geophysics.
- Mayor Beneville confirmed the areas proposed for GPR survey had not been heretofore surveyed.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Tobin; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- B. R-18-02-02 A Resolution Proclaiming February 2018 School Board Recognition Month in Nome and Honoring the Contributions and Service of the Nome Public Schools Board of Education.

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

Discussion:

- Mayor Beneville noted School Board meetings are typically long difficult meetings and the board members don't receive a stipend as the Council and Planning and Port Commission do.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Tobin; Brown; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Utility Manager Handeland presented his written report and announced the NSEDC Energy Subsidy program would be signing up utility customers on Thursday and Friday.
- Assistant Manager Ken Morton gave a status report on two water leaks in town. He announced that Cheri Kruschek had just recently become a grandmother and that Louie and Deanna Stang had a daughter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Manager Moran presented his written report, highlighting Troy Miller as employee of the month, the upcoming Arctic Domain workshop and the upcoming appreciation dinner for NVAD. He noted 18 volunteers and the chief have been handling Nome's emergency medical response needs and that the entire department deserves a pat on the back. Manager Moran announced the planning charrette scheduled for April 24th and 25th as the beginning of the next steps in the Deep Draft Port study and requested Council attendance.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Sandra Medearis commended the Public Works Department's efforts at snow removal. She noted the increased snow fall over the winter and complemented Peter Hanson's handling of snow removal on the west side of town by her house.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Councilman Tobin noted it was strange that Anchorage had canceled school due to warm weather and reminded everyone that the Iron Dog would soon be in town. He closed by noting he would miss the next meeting and be out of town until March 3rd.
- 2) Councilman Brown congratulated the Anvil City Science Academy spelling bee participants and champions. He noted 12 kids between 5th and 8th grade did great in the contest.
- 3) Councilman M. Johnson, commenting on discussion from the Port Commission / Council joint work session earlier, opined that the City should be proactive in supporting local businesses and infrastructure development through sound policy.
- 4) Councilman Martinson disagreed with the School Board cutting music education for Nome Public Schools. He noted that he has just returned from New York City where his daughter made her singing debut at Carnegie Hall, an opportunity that would not have happened without the music program. He hoped the School Board could find a way to keep the program.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- Mayor Beneville updated the Council on his recent trip to Norway where he sat on three panels as a rural arctic mayor at the Arctic Futures Conference. He commented that the rest of the world sees Alaska and the U.S. as players in the Arctic and that the future is now, especially given the recommencement of the deep draft port study.
- Mayor Beneville commented on recent controversy surround NSHC, and suggested their corporate "bedside manner" improve to address regional complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 7:41 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 26th day of February 2018.



STAN ANDERSEN
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk