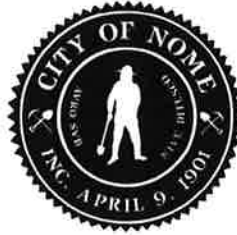


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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017 @ 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**MINUTES  
NOME CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Beneville in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Louie Green; Mark Johnson (telephonic); Tom Sparks; Lew Tobin; Stan Andersen; Jerald Brown

Members Absent:

Also Present: Richard Beneville, Mayor; Tom Moran, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; John Handeland, Utility Manager

In the audience: Davis Hovey, KNOM; Sandra Medearis, *Arctic News*; Lucas Sawyer; Angie Gorn; Lance Johnson; Paul Bioff; Bridie Trainor

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Johnson; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. June 26, 2017 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Tobin to approve the June 26, 2017 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown

Nay:

Abstain: Johnson

The motion **CARRIED**.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Letter of June 27, 2017 from Superintendent Arnold to City of Nome re: Thank for Supporting Nome Public Schools' budget.
- Councilman Andersen requested a written report from Shawn Arnold detailing how the extra contribution to Nome Public Schools from the City of Nome for FY18 will be spent, specifically how the extra funds were used to maintain existing positions. He requested a plan for funding the preschool to prepare for a future waning of state funding. Councilman Andersen also requested that the building inspector perform a walkthrough of the school and the school apartments and provide a written status report that includes the condition of the roof and maintenance status of the school.
  - Councilman Sparks asked about the generator replacement project at the School.
  - Manager Moran didn't think that was included in the NPS FY18 budget.
  - Councilman Brown requested a revised budget from NPS with a comparison showing the changes from their prior funding to their current funding. He noted some of the letter's wording and asked what specifically was being enhanced in the FY19 budget.
  - Councilman Andersen predicted NPS would use \$2.5 million as their baseline request for FY19.
  - Councilman Green noted the extra \$400,000 was to make up for a state funding shortfall; yet the state came through with the funding.
- B. Letter June 30, 2017 from Manager Moran to John Hozey re: Priority Infrastructure Projects of Nome, Alaska.
- Councilman Sparks asked after a timeline of when the City of Nome could expect a response.
  - Manager Moran said the Council would be the first to know.

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

- 1) Angie Gorn updated the Council on programs and operations at Norton Sound Regional Hospital including employment statistics and changing employee benefits, public relations issues, a new tobacco prevention program, the reopening of the Safety Shop, the extension of primary care hours, the opening of new facilities on St. Lawrence Island in August, the breaking ground of a new treatment and training facility.
  - Councilman Andersen requested their website and customer feedback mechanisms be better advertised.
  - Councilman Tobin requested that a schedule for board and committee meetings be provided to the Council in advance.
- 2) Lance Johnson discussed plans for the treatment and training facility. He clarified the letter included in the June 26<sup>th</sup> packet was the product of a task force, though his was the only signature. Mr. Johnson spoke on the benefits of an Alano club for those recovering from addiction and requested a work session to discuss partnerships in addressing inebriation and addiction in Nome.
  - Councilman Andersen asked why responsible people should pay additional taxes to support services for those who cannot drink responsibly. He noted he agreed a deeper conversation was needed, though felt the discussion needed to be in public and focused on long term financial sustainability.

- Councilman Green noted if an Alano Club were started at the old Museum / Library, a crowd would accumulate outside to smoke. This would simply move the crowd from the visitor center one block east.
  - Councilman Tobin asked if the treatment facility would have a sleep off center.
  - Mr. Johnson explained it would be a component of the facility, though focused on those with a BRAC high enough to warrant medical supervision.
  - Mayor Beneville noted the Alano Club in Nome discontinued because the building sold and there was nowhere else to house it.
  - Councilman Tobin requested the Council be provided with a schedule of committee and board meetings.
- 3) Bridie Trainor spoke in support of establishing an Alano Club, noting how people socialize over alcohol and how providing a venue for sober socialization could be an effective means of stemming public inebriation. She noted that NEST was operating beyond capacity and suggested the organization was considering occupancy limits to the shelter, which would mean potentially turning people away if full for the night.
- 4) Sandra Medearis asked for the square footage of the detox component in the treatment facility.
- Lance Johnson explained ½ of the building would be for substance abuse treatment, while the sleep off component would have eight beds.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. O-17-07-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.30 (Animal Control) of the Nome Code of Ordinances, **Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final Passage.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:46 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:46 PM.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Tobin to adopt O-17-07-01.

#### **Discussion:**

- Responding to questions brought up at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Manager Moran explained that PAWS can accept surrendered pets free of charge, though does not have an in-town adoption platform. He also noted that the City had the law on the books, as well as the capacity to accept surrendered pets and adopt them out per ordinance.
- Councilman Sparks asked that staff track animal surrender and adoption over time.
- Councilman Tobin commended Dawn Ubelaker on doing a great job.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tobin; Andersen; Brown; Green; Johnson; Sparks

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. R-17-07-03 A Resolution Approving Phase 1 of the Nome Port and Harbor Development Analysis 2017 by Cordova Consulting.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-17-07-03.

### Discussion:

- Councilman Sparks appreciated the conservative projections used by Ms. Cordova.
- Port Director Baker explained she was an economist by trade and had a background working with the Army Corps of Engineers Deep Draft Port Study.
- Mayor Beneville commended the quality of the report.
- Manager Moran noted the Port had a similar report commissioned in 2013 from a different consultant that was not as good and agreed the analysis before them was an improvement.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown; Green; Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-17-07-04 A Resolution Awarding the Contract for the Furnishing of Crushed Aggregate for Road Surface Course to Board of Trade, Inc.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Tobin to adopt R-17-07-04.

### Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen stated gravel prices seemed to be getting more expensive and asked where the gravel procured went.
- Manager Moran explained it was needed to address permafrost subsidence.
- Councilman Green argued that the gravel's origin mattered and that gravel from Cape Nome would last the longest.
- Councilman Tobin asked if the City could keep the stockpile in town to reduce travel expenditures.
- Councilman Green requested a sample before approving the resolution.
- Councilman Johnson declared a conflict of interest.
- Mayor Beneville asked Councilman Johnson to vote.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tobin; Andersen; Brown; Green; Johnson; Sparks

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-17-07-05 A Resolution Awarding the Contract for the Furnishing of Fill Material for the City Cemetery and Parks to Board of Trade, Inc.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Sparks to adopt R-17-07-05.

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen suggested failing the resolution because the base bid came in over budget. He requested further research in the specifications and amount of fill material needed.
- Manager Moran noted \$10,000 in the budget line item and conjectured he could work within the approved budget.

At the roll call:

Aye:

Nay: Andersen; Brown; Green; Johnson; Sparks; Tobin

Abstain:

The motion **FAILED**.

**UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Utility Manager Handeland handed out a packet including NJUS minutes, financials, a water quality test, flyers and a Quintillion project update. He updated the Council on passing a recent US Coast Guard inspection and the 2017 fuel purchase. Manager Handeland noted work was progressing at Oliktok Point and that Quintillion hopes to have the network up by the end of the year. Finally, he invited the Council to Jay Wieler's, Nate Perkins' and Doug Johnson's retirement party at the VFW.
  - Councilman Andersen noted the significant decrease in fuel expenses from several years before. He asked if the CAT generator at the old plant was meeting air quality tests.
  - Manager Handeland explained the Utility's obligation to take Method 9 readings and that as far as he could tell, NJUS was meeting air quality standards.
  - Councilman Brown requested data showing the return on investment for the LED Streetlight replacement project.
  - Councilman Tobin asked about the speed monitoring signs on Bering.
  - Manager Handeland explained they were initially powered with an extension cord and would be hardwired as soon as the line crew had the time to do so.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Manager Moran presented his written report highlighting Caitlin LeClair's receipt of June Employee of the Month, the successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, upcoming travel plans, AMLJIA's upcoming visit, and the schedule of the 2016 sales tax audit.
  - Councilman Andersen reiterated John Papasodora's June 26<sup>th</sup> comment that the museum fee be set at \$3 to correspond with the 45 percent completion of the exhibits. He requested that Museum and Library Commission Chair Jake Kenick be present at the next regular meeting to explain Commission input on exhibit design and museum policies. He suggested the exhibit does not seem to "fit" Nome.

- Councilman Andersen requested staff look into borrowing the Alaska DOT&PF water truck to reduce the amount of time spent refilling.
- Councilman Andersen requested the Bering Strait Leadership Team look into coordinated purchases and projects to increase the purchasing power.
- Councilman Andersen requested a report from the Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee.
- Manager Moran updated the Council on the CIMS cemetery software purchase.
- Councilman Tobin asked if the Port was collecting absorbent materials use to control oil spills.
- Port Director Baker explained the absorbent materials were collected and used in a waste oil burner at the monofill.

### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

N/A

### **COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS**

- 1) Councilman Brown – no comments.
- 2) Councilman Green reminded the Council about the executive session.
- 3) Councilman Johnson – no comments.
- 4) Councilman Sparks expressed some concern over situating an Alano Club on Front, though felt the building should be put to productive use and Mr. Johnson's proposal would address a need. He looks forward to following up with Norton Sound on the issue.
- 5) Councilman Tobin expressed his appreciation for Angie Gorn's attendance earlier at the meeting.
- 6) Councilman Andersen reminded the Council and staff of the upcoming ordinances addressing inebriation and wondered how it would work with the NSHC proposal. He stated he was reluctant to commit significant taxpayer resources to something before trying less expensive solutions.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

- Mayor Beneville thanked Councilman Andersen for serving on the NSHC Board of Directors. He noted the NPS budget would probably be bleak next year, and suggested working on a plan sooner rather than later. He commended the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, as well as Joe Horton and Public Works' deft handling of dust control during a visit of tourists from the Cruise Ship Silver Discoverer.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Tobin to recess into executive session to discuss a possible contract extension with the City Manager.

The Council recessed at 8:45 PM.




The Council reconvened at 9:48 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Green that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 9:48 PM.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

  
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**RICHARD BENEVILLE**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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**BRYANT HAMMOND**  
Clerk