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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017 @ 5:30/7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 26, 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; Tom Sparks; Lew Tobin; Stan Andersen; Jerald Brown

Members Absent: Mark Johnson (excused)

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

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

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. Green to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 12, 2017 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to approve the June 12, 2017 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Memorandum of June 22, 2017 from Finance Director Liew to Manager Moran re: FY18 Fee Schedule.

A motion was made by C. Green and seconded by C. Brown to accept the fee schedule.

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen asked what had changed.
- Manager Moran noted the two differences: the discontinuation of museum entrance fees in November and the addition of cemetery fees per O-17-03-02.
- Councilman Brown noted that most museums do charge an entrance fee and suggested discussion on the matter.
- Councilman Andersen noted a lot of people either couldn't or wouldn't pay the entrance fee and suggested an Alaska driver's license elicit free admission.
- Councilman Tobin suggested the first Friday free day be better advertised.
- Manager Moran noted every Friday could be free if the Council desired.
- Councilman Sparks expressed concern over having a flagship facility that is not being visited.
- Councilman Green noted that people would probably not be visiting the museum every day, and as such shouldn't bite a large hole in someone's pocket.
- Councilman Tobin stated he thought the fee was a little steep, especially for larger families. He suggested ½ price for locals.
- Councilman Brown contrasted the entrance fee with the pool and rec center, asking if poverty were the issue, why the City was charging for admission its other facilities.
- Councilman Andersen requested the entrance fee be waived on Fridays, effective immediately.
- Councilman Tobin requested free Fridays be advertised in the paper.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown; Green

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. Memorandum of June 23, 2017 from City Clerk to City Council re: Late Tax Exemption Applications.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded C. Tobin to accept Mr. Viner's application for Senior / Disabled Vet Tax exemption as timely filed.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tobin; Andersen; Brown; Green; Sparks

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) John Papasodora suggested the entrance fee for the Museum be changed to \$3 to correspond with its 45% completion. He also suggested free admission during off peak hours and lowered rates for seniors and youth as different means to encourage increased attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-17-05-04 An Ordinance Granting a Vacation of Right-of-Way Application in Block 116, **Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final Passage.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:25 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:25 PM.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Sparks to adopt O-17-05-04.

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen inquired into the progress on the container van and the extended forklift in exchange for the ROW vacations negotiations.
- Manager Moran noted NSHC and City administration were still discussing the matter. With the details not settled, he did not want to specify it the ordinance.
- Councilman Andersen requested a qualified individual inspect the equipment prior to any agreement is finalized to ensure it was in adequate shape.
- Councilman Brown stated he didn't mind donating the ROWs towards the purpose, though asked if the final phrase of section 3 precluded the exchange of equipment for the ROW vacations.
- Councilman Andersen argued that any property has value that should acknowledged and the City should set a precedent in not disposing of the citizens' property without compensation.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Tobin to amend the ordinance by striking "and, moreover, without receiving cash compensation for the disposed of property" from Section 3.

Discussion:

- Councilman Sparks clarified that this would authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with NSHC to exchange the ROW vacation for some amount of cash and in-kind donation of equipment to the City of Nome.

At the roll call:

Aye: Andersen; Brown; Green; Sparks; Tobin

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED.**

Returning to the main motion:

- Councilman Tobin asked what would happen if NSHC were to sell the property.
- Manager Moran explained the interest granted by the City would revert to the City were the property not to be used in the manner stated in the ordinance.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tobin; Andersen; Brown; Green; Sparks

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-17-07-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.30 (Animal Control) of the Nome Code of Ordinances, **First Reading/Discussion.**

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to advance O-17-07-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran summarized the background for the proposed ordinance, explaining there were instances of pet owners not being able to afford the codified fee and letting their dogs run lose.
- Councilman Tobin stated that PAWS takes animals.
- Councilman Brown noted that the City holds the primary role in the process, though works with PAWS.
- Manager Moran noted the ordinance was on the books and the City had to follow the ordinance. He explained a private citizen was welcome to surrender their animal directly to PAWS for free if PAWS were to agree.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tobin; Andersen; Brown; Green; Sparks

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- B. O-17-07-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property by the City of Nome from Arctic Gold Mining, LLC for the Fixed Price of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), **First Reading/Discussion.**

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to advance O-17-07-02.

Discussion:

- Councilman Tobin asked if the City were acquiring any liability through the purchase.
- Manager Moran explained that hazardous material liability followed the chain of title back to the owner at the time of event that created the hazardous conditions.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-17-06-02 A Resolution Requesting State FY 2018 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Funding from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-17-06-02.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran explained the process by which this resolution appeared on the agenda.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown; Green

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. R-17-06-03 A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Professional Planning Services with Bechtol Planning & Development.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-17-06-03.

Discussion:

- Councilman Sparks noted the budget line item remaining steady and asked how long the City had been contracting planning services with Ms. Bechtol.
- Manager Moran explained Ms. Bechtol had been working with the City of Nome for 16 years, noting her normal contract amount was between \$40,000 and \$60,000, though she had reduced it recently due to the City's fiscal situation. He explained the details of her contract, and that her fees had remained the same, and the Planning Commission was pleased with her work.
- Councilman Andersen asked what the City was getting for its \$25,000.
- Manager Moran explained her value to the Planning Commission and her grant writing and reporting work, including the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Councilman Andersen requested a list of the properties nominated for historic status.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown; Green

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. R-17-06-04 A Resolution Approving a Contract with Legislative Consultants of Alaska (LCIA) for State Lobbying Services for the Fiscal Year 2018.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Sparks to adopt R-17-06-04.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran praised Ms. Chamberlain's work.
- Councilman Tobin asked for regular updates.
- Councilman Andersen suggested he give her a call personally.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tobin; Andersen; Brown; Green; Sparks

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. R-17-06-05 A Resolution Awarding the Port of Nome Security Camera Project to Arctic Fire & Security.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Sparks to adopt R-17-06-05.

Discussion:

- Councilman Sparks asked about the 25 percent cost share match.
- Port Director Baker explained the cost to the Port would be about \$70,000.
- Councilman Andersen asked if reputable references were given and contacted by the review panel.
- Utility Manager Handeland noted that Nome Joint Utilities had used Arctic Fire & Security for years and was satisfied with the work received.
- Councilman Sparks requested staff to look into submitting a change order to include a camera monitoring the seawall south of town as well.
- Councilman Brown requested greater attention be given to the local preference part of the procurement policy.

At the roll call:

Aye: Andersen; Brown; Green; Sparks; Tobin

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- G. R-17-06-06 A Resolution Endorsing Community Projects for Nomination to Governor Walker for the President's National Infrastructure Investment Program.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Tobin to adopt R-17-o6-o6.

Discussion:

- Councilman Sparks clarified the resolution was a follow up from a communication at the previous meeting.
- Manager Moran noted the deadline was four days hence.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Utility Manager Handeland presented his verbal report highlighting: the Saturday power outage due to PLC control issues was addressed by using the older generators at the old plant; an upcoming scheduled outage on the Snake River line; addressing security concerns at Moonlight Springs and the Banner Wind Farm; upcoming revenue anticipation note from Northrim Bank that will need authorization by Council resolution; the audit results presentation scheduled for the July meeting; and a retirement party for Nate Perkins, Doug Johnson and Jay Wieler.
 - Councilman Andersen requested financial reports and minutes for the next Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Moran presented his written report highlighting Glen Jones being back in town; 4th of July program schedule; a potential special meeting to approve the NJUS fuel note in early July; and forthcoming ordinances concerning alcohol sales and consumption.
 - Councilman Green asked about current work being performed at the dump.
 - Manager Moran explained the City was putting in a pad to serve as a vehicle impound lot.
 - Councilman Andersen requested a written analysis of the boiler / roof conditions prior to commencing any repairs.
 - Councilman Andersen requested a plaque of recognition be placed on the ambulances for Vickie Erickson and Charlie Lean. He also requested a resolution from the legislature recognizing their contributions to emergency medicine in the Norton Sound Region.
 - Councilman Andersen requested City signs be cleaned and spruced up.
 - Councilman Green asked staff to check the walkway to Swanberg Dredge.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

N/A

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Councilman Green – no comments.
- 2) Councilman Sparks thought the work session went well, stating it would be good to get some new tools on the books. He stated his appreciation for the work NJUS does and noted the picnic was a success.
- 3) Councilman Tobin congratulated Museum Director Amy Chan on the birth of her son and stated he looked forward to Angie Gorn updating the Council on NSHC in July.
- 4) Councilman Andersen asked when the City Manager's performance evaluation was scheduled for.
 - Manager Moran stated an executive session was scheduled for July 10, though he would not be present at the meeting.Councilman Andersen requested the Manager be present for discussion and asked if he desired a raise.
 - Manager Moran stated he asked for a 3 percent raise through an email sent to the Council.Councilman Andersen noted that people had been requesting reports on NSHC activities. He explained NSHC put out newsletters and reports regularly and asked what other information people desired.
 - Councilman Tobin asked about insurance policies.Councilman Andersen explained they were switching over Federal Employees Insurance Program. Councilman Andersen requested Public Works clean up the old Pelowook lot at 103 E King Place. He also requested the Planning Commission look into what it would take to open up East Tobuk Alley.
- 5) Councilman Brown congratulated the City and Sitnasuak on a successful picnic. He requested future discussions on public inebriation be paired with an excise tax on alcohol. He requested seeing the bid sheet for the upcoming gravel bids.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- Mayor Beneville congratulated everyone on a successful picnic, noting it was good to meet the new CEO of Sitnasuak. He noted the potential for a small climate research facility being developed in town as an opportunity for Nome. Mayor Beneville asked who was in charge at the museum, stating his concern over a lack of communication and coordination in advance of cruise ships' scheduled landings in Nome. He requested further discussion with the City Manager to assure the tourists' needs were met.
- Mayor Beneville appointed John Handeland to the Museum & Library Commission Seat A.

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

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:42 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 10th day of July, 2017.


RICHARD BENEVILLE
Mayor

ATTEST:


BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk