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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 @ 6:00/7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 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; Tom Sparks; Lew Tobin; Jerald Brown

Members Absent: Andersen (excused)

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

In the audience: Davis Hovey, KNOM; Sandra Medearis, *Arctic News*; Jamie Burgess; Shawn Arnold; Jacob Phillips; Nancy Mendenhall; Jon Berkeley; Elizzbeth Dillman; Jennifer Reader; Kent Runion; Barb Amarok

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. Brown to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Johnson; Sparks; Tobin; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 10, 2017 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Tobin to approve the April 10, 2017 minutes.

Discussion:

- Councilman Tobin noted one mistake that needed correcting.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Johnson; Sparks; Tobin; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

B. April 24, 2017 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Johnson to approve the April 24, 2017 minutes.

Discussion:

- Councilman Tobin noted one mistake that needed correcting.

At the roll call:

Aye: Johnson; Sparks; Tobin; Brown; Green

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

C. May 3, 2017 Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Tobin to approve the May 3, 2017 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Tobin; Brown; Green

Nay:

Abstain: Abstain

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Email of April 24, 2017 from Josie Bourdon to Councilman Sparks re: Curfew Change Request.

- Manager Moran noted a curfew could be set by ordinance.
- Councilman Sparks asked City Staff to keep an eye on the situation.

B. Letter of April 25, 2017 from Janis Ivanoff to Mayor Beneville re: 2016 Community Benefit Share Disbursement.

C. Memo of May 5, 2017 from Clerk Hammond to Nome Common Council re: Late Filers for Municipal Tax Exemption.

A motion was made by C. Tobin and seconded by C. Brown to direct the Clerk to accept the applications as if timely filed.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tobin; Brown; Green; Johnson; Sparks

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

D. Thank You Card from Nome Volunteer Fire Department to Nome Common Council.

E. Flyer re: Spring Clean-Up from May 27 – June 4.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Sandra Medearis requested the Council clarify the meaning of O-17-04-01 when the item came up for discussion.

PLANNING AND ZONING

A. April 4, 2017 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-17-04-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 (Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places) of the Nome Code of Ordinances, **Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final Passage**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:15 PM.

Discussion:

- John Handeland expressed concern over the new ordinance transferring liability to private citizens. He noted that a layer of snow is typically safer than removing snow to concrete as glare ice can easily form through a thin fresh layer of snow. He suggested striking chapter 16.15.010 in its entirety.
- Manager Moran noted the ordinance requiring the clearing of snow had been on the books for years. He explained the issues during Iditarod which prompted the addition of ice removal to the requirements of 16.15.010.
- Councilman Tobin recalled the slippery conditions outside the old museum and commended the property owners that cleared snow immediately.
- Councilman Green noted the State of Alaska owned the sidewalks.
- Councilman Johnson noted the proposed ordinance had good intentions, though expressed concern over the potential transfer of liability.
- Councilman Tobin asked if the City were to clear the State-owned sidewalks, would that transfer liability to the City.
- John Handeland noted discussion has centered on Front Street, yet Steadman, Bering, and Sepalla all had sections with sidewalks owned by the State of Alaska. He expressed appreciation of everyone's snow removal efforts, through reiterated his concern over liability issues.

The Council reconvened at 7:38 PM.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to adopt O-17-04-01.

Discussion:

- Councilman Brown requested the City Attorney review the ordinance regarding liability concerns.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Tobin to table O-17-04-01 until the May 22, 2017 regular Council Meeting.

At the roll call:

Aye: Johnson; Sparks; Tobin; Brown; Green

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-17-05-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property by the City of Nome from Arctic Gold Mining, LLC, **First Reading/Discussion**.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Sparks to advance O-17-05-01.

Discussion:

- Councilman Johnson noted Arctic Gold Mining, LLC was a client and he would abstain.
- Councilman Brown asked Nikolai Ivanoff to give further background.
- Mr. Ivanoff explained ownership of the lot would provide more security for the City of Nome to develop a more advanced fire training grounds. He noted AGM would probably want to negotiate a higher price.
- Mayor Beneville asked what would happen to the Beech 25 currently located on the lot.
- Mr. Ivanoff stated that what was on the lot would come with the lot.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Sparks; Tobin; Brown

Nay:

Abstain: Johnson

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. O-17-05-02 An Ordinance Amending Title 18 (Zoning) of the Nome Code of Ordinances, **First Reading/Discussion**.

A motion was made by C. Tobin and seconded by C. Brown to advance O-17-05-02.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran noted that the definition for junk vehicles was being copied from Title 5 to Title 18 for clarity's sake.
- Councilman Sparks asked if there would be any practical effect to the zoning code.

- Manager Moran stated there would be no practical effect at this time; though, the Planning Commission was hoping to address the issue of junk vehicles in the near future.

At the roll call:

Aye: Johnson; Sparks; Tobin; Brown; Green

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. O-17-05-03 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease to Alaska Marine Lines, **First Reading/Discussion**.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Sparks to advance O-17-05-03.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran explained the lease had been on the books for years in the same format, allowing for extension after five years and requiring a new lease after ten years.
- Councilman Johnson asked about the pricing.
- Port Director Baker explained it was comparable to similarly sized properties at similar length leases.

- A. R-17-05-01 A Resolution Proclaiming May 7 – 13, 2017 as Municipal Clerks' Week,

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Sparks to adopt R-17-05-01.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Tobin; Brown; Green; Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

N/A

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Utility Manager Handeland presented his verbal report highlighting the successful air test the small CAT generators air permit. He noted Jay Wieler is retiring after 30 years and that Doug Johnson and Nate Perkins were set to retire in June. Manager Handeland also noted that the process regarding the Air Force and Lot 7 on Port was ongoing.
 - Councilman Johnson asked how the Utility was going to replace such longtime employees.
 - Manager Handeland noted NJU was working on the issue.
 - Councilman Tobin asked about the settling along the bike path between town and Icy View.

- Manager Handeland explained the settling has not affected the lines because of the pressurization.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Moran presented his written report highlighting the commencement of Dawn Ubelaker's contract as Animal Control Officer for the City. He thanked the Council and Staff for showing their support at Nathan Barron's retirement party. He reminded the Council that their first budget work session was at noon on May 11th.
 - Councilman Tobin asked how the meetings regarding Nome's homeless and chronic inebriate population were going.
 - Manager Moran noted they were held at 2 PM on Friday afternoons and attendance could be a few people to standing room only.
 - Mayor Beneville asked that Mitch Erickson be invited to attend.
 - Councilman Tobin asked for an update on the old museum and library building.
 - Manager Moran explained the different options being considered.
 - Councilman Johnson asked that the Council be more involved in the process of assessing real property in Nome.
 - Manager Moran explained the process was to be carried out objectively by an independent assessor and that the Council could not be involved.
 - Councilman Johnson expressed concern for the citizens that did not open their mail.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Port Director Baker addressed the Council regarding comments on the Snake River dredging project at the last meeting. She explained that dredged material was hauled from the River to Thornbush subdivision and would dewater there over the next few years. She noted that Nome is once again in the Corps of Engineers work plan.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Councilman Green – no comment.
- 2) Councilman Johnson – no comment.
- 3) Councilman Sparks – no comment.
- 4) Councilman Tobin stated it was nice to see that ice is almost out and noted it was strange to see several people leaving town.
- 5) Councilman Brown - no comment.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- Mayor Beneville updated the Council on recent meetings and community events.
- Mayor Beneville reappointed Jake Kenick to the Museum and Library Commission.

A motion was made by C. Green and seconded by C. Brown to confirm the Mayor's appointment.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Tobin; Brown; Green; Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:


The motion **CARRIED**.

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 8:29 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 22nd day of May, 2017.



RICHARD BENEVILLE
Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk