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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 24, 2017**

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: Louie Green; Mark Johnson; Tom Sparks; Stan Andersen

Members Absent: Jerald Brown; Lew Tobin

Also Present: Richard Beneville, Mayor; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; John Handeland, Utility Manager; Jim West, Jr., Fire/Ambulance Chief

In the audience: Davis Hovey, KNOM; Sandra Medearis, *Arctic News*; Jake Kennick; Chuck Wheeler; Shawn Arnold; Charlie Lean

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; Johnson; Sparks; Andersen

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. Green to approve the minutes.

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen noted that he had been absent and would vote no on the minutes until they were corrected and presented again.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Johnson; Sparks

Nay:

Abstain: Andersen

The motion **FAILED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of April 10, 2017 from Manager Moran to Congressional Delegation re: Alaska Sea Grant.
- B. Flyer re: Spring Clean-Up from May 29 – June 3.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Shawn Arnold stated that the NPS School Board had approved their FY18 budget, including the discussed increase in the City of Nome's contribution. Superintendent Arnold noted several upcoming school events, including the spring concert, awards/recognition ceremony, and graduation.
 - Councilman Andersen asked if the State of Alaska funding remained the same as the prior year, would NPS still need the additional \$450,000 from the City.
 - Superintendent Arnold replied affirmatively and offered to break the budget down more with help of the Business Manager if needed.
 - Mayor Beneville asked for a status on the Youth Facility.
 - Superintendent Arnold explained the special session was deadlocked with nothing previously cut having been restored.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Johnson; Sparks; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- A. R-17-04-03 A Resolution Honoring Victoria Erickson's Service and Commitment to the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Andersen to adopt R-17-04-03.

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen suggested the Council pass the resolution, but requested that management come up with a stronger way to show the City's appreciation for Ms. Erickson's service.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Andersen; Green; Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-17-04-04 A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement between Norton Sound Health Corporation and the City of Nome/Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department for Emergency Ground Ambulance Transport Services.

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

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen clarified that his comments concerning the dispute between the City of Nome and Norton Sound Health Corporation were misunderstood and that he didn't intend for the volunteers to take umbrage. His aim was for Manager Moran to take action. He went on to commend the work the volunteers were doing and explained that between 2004 and 2015 the Ambulance Department had a \$222,000 surplus. He felt the department should be better appreciated and that the MOA was good progress.
- Councilman Sparks agreed the MOA had improved since the first draft.
- Councilman Green requested Charlie Lean make a statement on the MOA.
- Mr. Lean explained the MOA showed the intent for both entities to get along. He felt both sides made concessions, but also made generous offers. He hoped the feeling was mutual and noted the need to continuously look for opportunities to improve ambulance services in Nome.

At the roll call:

Aye: Andersen; Green; Johnson; Sparks

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. R-17-04-05 A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with James West as Chief of the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department.

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

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen asked Chief West if he anticipated problems integrating the Ambulance and Fire Departments.
- Chief West explained that most everywhere else, ambulance and fire were combined. Minor issues may arise, though they wouldn't be insurmountable.

At the roll call:
Aye: Andersen; Green; Johnson; Sparks
Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

N/A

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Utility Manager Handeland presented his written report, updating the Council on Port Road Lot 7, and recent vandalism at the wind farm.
 - Councilman Green asked if there were surveillance cameras at the wind farm.
 - Manager Handeland explained that he was looking into upgrading the surveillance system at Moonlight Springs and the wind farm.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Moran's written report was discussed.
 - Councilman Andersen asked if the low number of permits was normal.
 - Clerk Hammond stated that they should be picking up soon.
 - Mayor Beneville was happy to see support for the Port of Nome at the recent Seattle Conference.
 - Councilman Andersen commended Port Director Baker and asked of an update on the harbor dredging project.
 - Port Commission Chairman West noted the project was 75 percent complete when the ice conditions warranted removing the equipment from the ice. The material removed still needed to be cleaned, hauled, and placed at the Thornbush site. Dredging would continue next ice season.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Chuck Wheeler spoke in support of O-17-04-01, R-17-04-04, and R-17-04-05. He encouraged port users to get on the Port Commission. Mr. Wheeler supported the City's extra contribution to the school budget.
- 2) Sandra Medearis inquired about progress regarding the issue of inebriates on Front Street.
 - Councilman Sparks noted the issue was complicated and the City needed better tools in the toolbox to address the issue.
 - Councilman Andersen asked how the inebriates continued to get alcohol, noting a no-buy list alerting liquor stores to repeat offenders. He said that people placed on probation for alcohol-related offenses couldn't return to their home village, so they stayed in Nome and repeat offended, and such a policy didn't make sense. He requested numbers on locals vs. out-of-towners and suggested hiring someone to dump bottles and kick people off Front Street.
 - Councilman Green noted that blue ticketing worked well prior to Statehood.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Councilman Green – no comment.
- 2) Councilman Johnson – no comment.
- 3) Councilman Sparks was happy to see the MOA with Norton Sound Health Corporation. Regarding the issue of inebriates, he would like to see it move forward, though it would take some work.
- 4) Councilman Andersen thought the community of Nome needed to try different things to address the inebriate issue. He spoke in praise of Nathan Barron, explaining the man was an exceptional employee for decades and that he deserved a better street named after him. Councilman Andersen explained some of the operational costs involved in running the hospital, to dispel negative rumors that NSHC was sitting on an excessive amount of cash. He stated that the hospital was well-run overall.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT


- Mayor Beneville noted that the community's musical "Good in the Country" would be staged the following weekend and requested that management develop a recognition policy for staff and citizens who go above and beyond in serving Nome.
 - Councilman Andersen reminded the Council that Candace Weidler's retirement was on April 28th, Nathan Barron's retirement was on May 5th, and the work session with the school would be on May 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

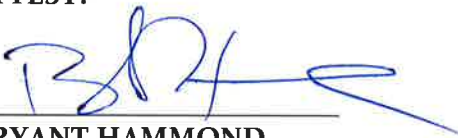
A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Green that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 7:59 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 8th day of May, 2017.


RICHARD BENEVILLE
Mayor

ATTEST:


BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk