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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016 @ 5:30/7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 2016**

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Councilman Mark Johnson was sworn into office.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Stan Andersen; Louie Green; Jerald Brown; Mark Johnson; Tom Sparks

Members Absent: Lew Tobin (excused)

Also Present: Tom Moran, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; John Handeland, NJUS Manager; Shawn Arnold, Nome Public Schools; Julie Liew, Finance Director; John Papasodora, Police Chief; Amy Chan, Museum Director

In the audience: Davis Hovey, KNOM; Sandra Medearis; Barb Amarok; Josie Stiles; Chuck Wheeler; Denise Gilroy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acting Mayor Andersen 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: Brown; Green; Johnson; Sparks; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 24, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to approve the minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

B. November 3, 2016 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Andersen to approve the minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Johnson; Andersen; Brown;

Nay: Sparks

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letter of October 26, 2016 from USCG to Mayor Beneville re: Thanks for Hospitality.

B. Letter of October 27, 2016 from Carl Pelowook to City of Nome re: 103 East King Place.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to delay any abatement action on 103 E. King Place until January 1, 2017, to allow the owner time to pay back taxes and acquire a permit to correct deficiencies.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

C. Letter of October 28, 2016 from Governor Walker to City of Nome re: Richard Foster Building Grand Opening.

D. Letter of October 28, 2016 from Chuck Wheeler to City of Nome re: City Finances.

E. Letter of November 7, 2016 from Congressman Young to Mayor Beneville re: Thanks for Hospitality.

F. Request of November 16, 2016 from Lavonne Okleasik to Waive Timely Filing Requirement for Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Johnson to waive Ms. Okleasik's failure to make timely application for exemption and authorize the City Clerk to accept the application as if timely filed.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- G. Letter of November 22, 2016 from Port Director to Phoenix Marine re: Winter Storage.
- Manager Moran noted that divers were currently working to remove lost equipment from the harbor and expected the work to continue through the week.
- H. Letter of November 22, 2016 from NSEDC to Mayor Beneville re: Community Holiday Dinner.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Andersen to designate Nome Community Center as the host for Nome's 2016 Holiday Dinner.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- I. Flyer from Graphite One Resources re: Community Project Update on December 2, 2016 at the Mini Convention Center.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Museum Director Chan noted a good first month for Museum operations, with 75 individual admissions and 25 memberships purchased. She introduced Andrew Karmun, who shared a video he shot and edited of the Richard Foster Building's grand opening event.
- Councilman Andersen questioned the practice of charging admission for visitors to the museum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-16-11-01 An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to Nome Joint Utility System's Water and Sewer Tariff No. 3, Making Changes to Rate Schedules 'A' and 'B,' **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:24.

The Council reconvened at 7:24.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Sparks to adopt O-16-11-01.

Discussion:

- Councilman Green asked what changed to justify an increase in the tariff.
- Utility Manager Handeland referred Councilman Green to page 43 of the Council meeting packet, explaining the utility rate study of 2014 and the 24% operating deficit of the water / sewer system. Even with the current increase, the system will still not be self-sufficient.
- Councilman Green asked if costs increased.
- Manager Handeland explained that costs remained the same, though revenues did not fully cover expenses. Electric sales typically made up the difference.

At the roll call:

Aye: Johnson; Sparks; Andersen; Brown;

Nay: Green

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-16-11-02 An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of the Nome Code of Ordinances to Require that All Candidates for Every Elected and Appointed Office are Current in All Undisputed Financial Obligations Owed to the City of Nome, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to advance O-16-11-02.

Discussion:

- Councilman Sparks verified O-16-11-02 addressed the discrepancies in the Nome Code of Ordinances that arose on the October 4, 2016 Municipal Election.
- Councilman Green asked why the City would treat people wanting to run for office differently.
- Manager Moran asked if Councilman Green was saying elected and appointed officials shouldn't be held to a higher standard.
- Councilman Andersen stated that elected and appointed officials should pay the bills for the organization which they wished to serve.

At the roll call:

Aye: Johnson; Sparks; Andersen; Brown;

Nay: Green

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-16-11-02 A Resolution to Name the Parties Qualified to Sign Depository Pledge Agreements, Orders for Payment, Warrants, or Checks Against the City of Nome Accounts.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-16-11-02.

At the roll call:

Aye: Johnson; Sparks; Andersen; Brown; Green
Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-16-11-03 A Resolution Supporting the Prioritized Strategies of the Nome Coordinated Transportation Plan to be Submitted to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Green to adopt R-16-11-03.

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

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. R-16-11-04 A Resolution Awarding the Bid from the November 25, 2016 City of Nome Surplus Vehicle Sale.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Green to adopt R-16-11-04.

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

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

N/A

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Utility Manager Handeland introduced the NJUS audit report as well as his written report, both of which were distributed at the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Moran presented his written report and addenda.
 - Councilman Sparks, noting the dust control memo, asked what determination protocol would be for applying dust control measures. Would the City follow State protocol?
 - Manager Moran noted staffing limitations would preclude following state protocol to the letter, though City would follow State protocol as closely as limitation allow.
 - Councilman Andersen asked for an updated ambulance report.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

N/A

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Councilman Andersen welcomed Councilman Johnson to the City Council and thanked Matt Culley for his service over the past three years.
- 2) Councilman Brown – no comment.
- 3) Councilman Johnson thanked Councilman Andersen for his welcome and stated he would like to revisit the seasonal sales tax ordinance passed by the voters on October 4, 2016.
- 4) Councilman Green – no comment.
- 5) Councilman Sparks stated he was sad to miss the grand opening of the Richard Foster Building. He welcomed Councilman Johnson to the Council and thanked Matt Culley for his work over the previous term. Councilman Sparks appreciated that the dust control issue was being actively discussed and stated he was looking forward to revisiting property tax issues over the coming months.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- Acting Mayor Andersen noted the \$760,000 in expected revenue from the seasonal sales tax ordinance would help with deferred maintenance, such as the Nome-Beltz roof as stated on the legislative priority list.
- Acting Mayor Andersen reappointed Howard Farley to the Museum and Library Commission.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Green to confirm Mr. Farley's appointment.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Andersen; Brown; Green; Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- Acting Mayor Andersen appointed Shane Smithhisler to Port Commission Seat A.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Johnson to confirm Mr. Smithhisler's appointment.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Andersen; Brown; Green; Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- Acting Mayor Andersen appointed Scot Henderson to Port Commission Seat D.

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

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Andersen; Brown; Green; Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- Acting Mayor Andersen removed Derek McLarty from the Planning Commission and appointed him to the Port Commission Seat G.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to confirm McLarty's appointment.

At the roll call:

Aye: Sparks; Andersen; Brown; Green; Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to enter into executive session for a discussion of Emerging Real Estate Issues that May Have an Adverse Impact on City Finances.

The Council recessed at 8:01 PM.

The Council reconvened at 8:39 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:39 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 12th day of December, 2016.



RICHARD BENEVILLE
Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk