

**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2016**

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: Stan Andersen; Jerald Brown; Matt Culley; Louie Green; Lew Tobin

Members Absent: Tom Sparks

Also Present: Richard Beneville, Mayor; Tom Moran, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; John Handeland, NJUS Manager; Joy Baker, Port Director

In the audience: Margaret DeMaiores, KNOM; Davis Harvey, KNOM; Sandra Medearis, Arctic News; Rolland & Deb Trowbridge; Marvin & Velma Poyourow; Sara Lizak

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Culley; Green; Andersen; Tobin

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 27, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

B. July 1, 2016 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.

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

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letter of June 21, 2016 from ADEC to Local Government Leaders re: Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit.

B. Letter of June 22, 2016 from Norton Sound Health Corporation to Mayor Beneville re: City of Nome Board Representative.

A motion was made by C. Tobin and seconded by C. Brown to appoint Councilman Andersen as the City of Nome's primary representative to the Norton Sound Health Corporation Board of Directors.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

A motion was made by C. Tobin and seconded by C. Brown to appoint Councilman Culley as the City of Nome's alternate representative to the Norton Sound Health Corporation Board of Directors.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

C. Letter of July 6, 2016 from River of Life Assembly of God to Nome City Council re: Sales Tax Exemption.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Green to grant a six-month sales tax exemption to River of Life Assembly of God.

Discussion:

- Councilman Culley asked if they have been paying over first six months of 2016.
- Utility Manager Handeland wasn't able to answer off the top of his head.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. Letter of July 8, 2016 from David Harbour to Nome City Council re: Personal Property Tax Relief.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Green to administratively correct Mr. Harbour's mis-filing of his personal property tax declaration.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran explained that Mr. Harbour declared the purchase price of his home as personal property.
- Councilman Brown clarified that, being a rental property, some furniture and fixtures should be declared.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. Public Notice of June 23rd – July 27th re: Sale of Surplus Real Property.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Rolland Trowbridge thanked the City of Nome for the business over the past two years. He stated TSR treated each vehicle as their own and would like the opportunity to do so again in the future.
- 2) Marvin Poyourow thanked the City Council for considering their request for late senior property tax exemption and announced he and his wife were available for any questions.
- 3) Planning Commissioner Sara Lizak spoke in support of adding historic preservation duties to the Planning Commission.
 - Mayor Beneville asked how much extra work was involved.
 - Commissioner Lizak explained that the duties dovetailed with goals present in Nome's Comprehensive Plan, didn't add any onerous extra responsibility, and would qualify the City of Nome for potential grant funding.

- Councilman Culley asked if this process would clearly define what was “historic” and what was “junk” in Nome.
 - Councilman Tobin asked if this would give the Planning Commission authority over private property.
 - Commissioner Lizak explained the ordinance would give them authority to create a plan with community input.
 - Mayor Beneville expressed concern the extra duties might impede current momentum of the Planning Commission.
 - Councilman Andersen requested that three buildings be put up for abatement at the 7/25/16 Regular City Council meeting.
 - Councilman Culley suggested a field trip to view the properties in question.
 - Councilman Tobin requested photos.
- 4) John Handeland stated that to him, the historic preservation ordinance was unexpected and he wondered why the duties were not being placed on the Museum and Library Commission.
- Manager Moran explained the ordinance had been discussed for months and the Museum Director and Planning Commission all agreed that the requirements better fit the Planning Commission’s scope.

PLANNING AND ZONING

N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-16-07-02 An Ordinance Amending Nome Code of Ordinances Section 11.10.070 Powers and Authorities of the Planning Commission to Add Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Duties, **FIRST READING.**

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Culley to advance O-16-07-02.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- B. Discussion on Waiving Timeliness Requirement for Senior Tax Exemption Application of Marvin Poyourow.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Tobin to grant the senior exemption request.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran asked the applicant to complete the form before leaving town in the future.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-16-07-04 A Resolution Providing for Extended Hours of Sale for Alcoholic Beverages on Sunday, August 21, 2016.

A motion was made by C. Tobin and seconded by C. Culley to adopt R-16-07-04.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran explained the passengers' schedule was busy and the resolution provided for licensed establishments to be open at 10 AM instead of 1 PM.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. R-16-07-05 A Resolution Expressing a Deep Sense of Urgency for the Alaska State Legislature to Take Immediate Action During the Fifth Special Session of the 29th Legislature to Pass All Necessary Fiscal Legislation Required to Provide for a Fair, Balanced, and Sustainable State Budget.

A motion was made by C. Culley and seconded by C. Andersen to adopt R-16-07-05.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran explained the resolution came from the Governor's office, was bipartisan, and supported AML goals; passing the resolution would show strength in unity.
- Councilman Culley stated the resolution was obvious and was a waste of time.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Andersen

Nay: Brown; Culley

Abstain:

The motion **FAILED**.

- E. R-16-07-06 A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Administer an Official Ballot Proposition to Registered Voters at the October 4, 2016 Municipal Election.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-16-07-06.

Discussion:

A motion to amend was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Culley to remove September and October from the months subject to the increased sales tax.

At the roll call on the amendment:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion:

At the roll call on the main motion:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

F. R-16-07-07 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Nome Machine Works for the Provision of Light Duty Vehicle Repair and Service.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Culley to adopt R-16-07-07.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran thanked Trinity Sales and Repair for their work over the previous two years and explained that Nome Machine Works bid came in \$5/hour lower.
- Mayor Beneville clarified the contract was for one year with potential to extend an additional year upon mutual consent.
- Councilman Andersen requested notification of the City's position on extension prior to consenting to the extension. He also requested a detailed log be kept for each vehicle to ascertain how much money is being put into each vehicle and on what.
- Manager Moran noted that the Finance Department and TSR had created a system to track vehicle expenses.
- Councilman Andersen noted the City reserved the right to bring vehicles to a different mechanic if desired. He announced that one of his sons works at Nome Machine Works.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown

Nay:

Abstain: Andersen

The motion **CARRIED**.

- G. R-16-07-08 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Nome Machine Works for the Provision of Emergency Vehicle Repair and Service.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Tobin to adopt R-16-07-08.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran explained the process was the same as R-16-07-07. He stated the Fire Chief was happy with TSR, but that the City of Nome had to award the contract to the lowest qualified bidder.
- Councilman Brown asked if there was any reason either bidder could be considered unqualified.
- Manager Moran answered no, explaining the issues in 2014 centered on zoning rather than qualifications.
- Mayor Beneville asked if the same company needed to get all three contracts.
- Manager Moran stated they didn't; historically different companies held separate contracts for the different vehicle fleets.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown

Nay:

Abstain: Andersen

The motion **CARRIED**.

- H. R-16-07-09 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Nome Machine Works for the Provision of Heavy Duty/Specialty Vehicle & Equipment Repair and Service.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Tobin to adopt R-16-07-09.

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Tobin; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

N/A

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Utility Manager Handeland reported an expected fuel delivery date of between July 20th and 25th. He updated the Council on the wind turbine repair and the street lighting project at Jafet Drive. The Utility expected to be doing its annual flushing of the sewer mains and expected congestion around the manholes over the coming weeks. The Utility also expected to be working on straightening power poles on the east end of town.
 - Mayor Beneville asked about straightening power poles on the Teller Road.

- The Utility will be addressing those in the future.
- Councilman Andersen requested a copy of the NJUS Board's meeting minutes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Moran presented his written report, noting several dignitaries visiting soon, including staff from the Canadian and Korean Consulates.
 - Councilman Tobin asked if the Cemetery Open House had been properly planned and advertised.
 - Manager Moran answered affirmatively.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Planning Commissioner Sara Lizak explained the background of the Historic Preservation Committee ordinance and urged the Council to think optimistically when being presented with resolutions such as the one that had failed.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Councilman Tobin commended the transit system developed by Nome Eskimo Community and noted the Silver Discoverer was currently in Port.
- 2) Councilman Andersen thanked Finance Director Liew for her research on the Department of the Interior PILT payments.
- 3) Councilman Brown – no comment.
- 4) Councilman Culley noted the 4th of July games ran smoothly and commended Clerk Hammond on besting him in the Anvil Mountain Race.
- 5) Councilman Green – no comment.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Beneville noted that the 4th of July Parade and the tank farm dedication to Franklin D. Okleasik went well. He commented on the unique sharing culture of the Nome community and commended the searchers looking for Joseph Balderas on their dedication to the search. He also thanked those that played a supportive role for the searchers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:20 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 25th day of July, 2016.



RICHARD BENEVILLE

Mayor

ATTEST:



JILL NEDERHOOD

Deputy City Clerk