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**NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
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**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 27, 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; Tom Sparks; Lew Tobin (late)

Members Absent:

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

In the audience: Margaret DeMaioribus, KNOM; Davis Harvey, KNOM; Sandra Medearis, Arctic News; Sue Greenly; Robert Hafner, Nome Chamber of Commerce; Barb Nickels

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: Brown; Culley; Green; Andersen; Sparks

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 13, 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; Sparks; Culley; Brown; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of June 7, 2016 from Bering Sea Women's Group to City of Nome re: Thank You for Your Support.
- B. Letter of June 10, 2016 from Mayor Beneville to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers re: Deep Draft Port Development.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- 1) Robert Hafner suggested a road be named after Frank Okleasik.
 - Manager Moran stated the road at the tank farm would be dedicated to Mr. Okleasik on July 8, 2016.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- A. May 10, 2016 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - Councilman Andersen noted Planner Bechtol was not pleased with the outcome of the vacant properties ordinance. He reiterated his desire to initiate the abatement process over the summer months, stating that several years have elapsed since the last time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-16-07-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property Owned by the City of Nome (Block 85, Lots 3-6 [to be Replatted as "Block 85, Lot 3A"]) to Kawerak, Inc.,
FIRST READING.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to advance O-16-07-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran explained the language concerning re-platting.
- Councilman Brown requested that future selling price negotiations occur at Council meetings.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Culley; Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- B. R-16-06-01 A Resolution Approving a Contract for Visitor and Tourism Services Between the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Nome.

A motion was made by C. Tobin and seconded by C. Sparks to adopt R-16-06-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran went over the contract with the Council.
- Councilman Sparks asked for clarification on the ownership versus user rights language.
- Manager Moran and Director Hafner explained the language underscored that advertising Nome was bigger than any one entity.
- Councilman Andersen stated the contract shouldn't require six months-notice.
- Councilman Brown declared a potential conflict of interest.
- Mayor Beneville requested that the Councilman vote.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Culley; Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-16-06-02 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-16-06-02.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran briefed the Council on Ms. Bechtol's history with the City of Nome and explained that the Planning Commission has statutory authority for platting, zoning and variances.
- Councilman Andersen asked what the City was paying her to do and reiterated his request for a grant writer on staff.
- Councilman Culley argued the City was getting a deal for \$20,000.
- Councilman Sparks expressed concern over Ms. Bechtol's comments that she was slighted at the May Planning Commission meeting.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Culley; Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. R-16-06-03 A Resolution Adopting a Risk Management Plan for the City of Nome.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Sparks to adopt R-16-06-03.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran explained R-16-06-03 was an annual resolution that saved the City about \$13,000 annually.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Culley; Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. R-16-06-04 A Resolution Approving a Contract with Legislative Consultants in Alaska (LCIA) for State Lobbying Services for Fiscal Year 2017.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Sparks to adopt R-16-06-04.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran noted the contract had already been approved in the FY17 budget and that return on investment has justified the expense.
- Councilman Culley recognized Mayor Beneville's efforts in advocated for a deep draft port.
- Councilman Andersen requested a joint work session with the Port Commission to discuss Port development strategy.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Culley; Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. R-16-06-05 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the Alaska Department of Public Safety for Dispatch Services.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-16-06-05.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran noted the agreement was already incorporated into the approved budget and that the amount of work was minimal.
- Councilman Culley expressed concern over the "as needed" language in the agreement.
- Councilman Tobin expressed concern over past events where the State dropped the ball dispatching firefighting resources in the region.
- Councilman Brown clarified the agreement wouldn't require extra staff or longer hours.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Culley; Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- G. R-16-06-06 A Resolution of Appreciation for Franklin D. Okleasik's Contributions to the Community of Nome.

A motion was made by C. Sparks and seconded by C. Tobin to adopt R-16-o6-o6.

Discussion:

- Manager Moran briefed the Council on the road dedication on July 8th, 2016.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Culley; Green; Sparks; Tobin; Andersen

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

N/A

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Moran noted he would be at the Arctic Chinook planning meeting for the following two days; there would be no acting City Manager unless an emergency arose. He called attention to the July 1st special meeting, the July 8th road dedication; and the July 21st Cemetery Committee meeting.
 - Councilman Andersen inquired about a BLM PILOT that he read about in the Alaska Dispatch News.
 - Manager Moran said he would look into it.
 - Councilman Tobin suggested advertising Nome tourism on the Bering Sea Gold show.
 - Director Hafner explained it would be cost prohibitive, noting there were a lot of good ideas in the Tourism Report that were difficult to implement due to unreliable weather conditions.
 - Councilman Brown suggested the report be disseminated to private industry.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Utility Manager Handeland noted the Brexit vote may reduce the price of fuel. He asked the City Council to approve a resolution designating sclairecore replacement as the City's #1 priority for an upcoming grant application.
 - Councilman Andersen asked if the City would sell a bond to pay for the project if the grant was not funded.
 - Manager Handeland stated he would look into a low interest loan fund.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

N/A

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Councilman Sparks – no comment.

- 2) Councilman Tobin stated the community would miss Todd Hindman, explaining he contributed a lot during his time in Nome.
- 3) Councilman Andersen – no comment.
- 4) Councilman Brown – no comment.
- 5) Councilman Culley voiced opposition to the land disposal ordinance as it was currently structured. He thanked Manager Handeland for his help in the Snake River project and Kirsten Bey for organizing the Stroke n Croak triathlon. He noted the race format as unfair because the length of the swim gave Clerk Hammond the upper hand.
- 6) Councilman Green – no comment.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Beneville noted the Midnight Sun Festival and the recent spill response exercise went well.
- He expressed interest in hosting the next World Reindeer Congress in 2021 and stated that experts had explained to him that the pasture around Nome was among the best in the world.
- Mayor Beneville noted funding was still in the capital budget for Port expansion and thanked Port Director Baker and Wendy Chamberlain for their hard work.
- Mayor Beneville thanked Mr. Hindman for his contributions to the community of Nome.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


N/A

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:16 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 11th day of July, 2016.


RICHARD BENEVILLE
Mayor

ATTEST:


BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk