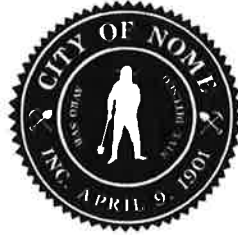


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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016 @ 6:30/7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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Discussion of 2015 Statistical Report from the Nome Police Department

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**MINUTES  
NOME CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 8, 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; Louie Green; Lew Tobin; Matt Culley; Jerald Brown; Tom Sparks (telephonic)

Members Absent:

Also Present: Richard Beneville, Mayor; Tom Moran, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; John Papasodora, Nome Police Chief (telephonic); John Handeland, NJUS Manager; Julie Liew, Finance Director; Kendall Gee, DOWL

In the audience: Emily Russel, KNOM; Sandra Medearis; Julia Farris, Nome Community Center

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. January 25, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

At the roll call:

Aye: Green; Andersen; Culley; Tobin; Brown

Nay: Sparks

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of January 18, 2016 from Lake and Peninsula School District to the City of Nome re: Shining Star Award.
- B. Letter of January 25, 2016 from Iron Dog, Inc. to City Manager Moran re: Public Works Garage Use Request.
  - Councilman Tobin asked if formal action was required.
  - Manager replied in the negative, stating it was a longstanding agreement.
- C. Memorandum of January 25, 2016 from Finance Director Liew to Mayor and City Council re: Update on Liquor and Tobacco Taxes.
  - Councilman Andersen noted the Governor has plans for alcohol, tobacco, and gas taxes. If the goal of the tax was to decrease underage usage, why not let the Governor raise the tax, he asked. Councilman Andersen asked about the percentage of sales coming from package stores and bars.
  - Manager Moran stated a little more than 60 percent of alcohol sales came from package stores.
  - Councilman Andersen stated the City needed to identify where alcohol related problems arise and ensure businesses are complying with State liquor law.
  - Finance Director Liew stated there were \$2.5 million in alcohol sales at package stores in FY15.
- D. Letter of January 28, 2016 from Mayor Beneville to Office of Management and Budget re: Request for Continuation of Deep Draft Port Study.
  - Councilman Culley asked how many more studies needed to occur in the development of Nome's Deep Draft Port.
  - Mayor Beneville stated that BSNC and the City of Nome were working together to keep the momentum going.
  - Councilman Culley expressed concern that the City of Nome was no longer under consideration.
  - Manager Moran explained that ports at both the City of Nome and Port Clarence should be looked at as a package, due to their differing strengths and project timelines.
  - Councilman Andersen noted that a Councilman asked these questions was indicative of a communication problem.
  - Port Director Baker stated that the study in question is the same Corps study that has been under consideration for the past several years. Director Baker explained City staff was approaching Federal and State partners to keep the project moving forward: working with the Feds to take the project off pause status and working with the State to raise funds to bring the project through the design phase.
  - Mayor Beneville stated the City and BSNC were trying to eliminate any we/they sentiments because there were larger issues and events afoot.
  - Councilman Culley expressed concerns that had been raised to him over prolonging studies to justify keeping senior management positions at the Port.
  - Councilman Andersen explained the obstacles the City is facing in developing the port and that Director Baker's responsibilities are to juggle the various strategies the City is employing.
  - Councilman Culley stated the public needs to be educated on this issue, explained that people hear the City is fighting for a port project that will end up in Port Clarence.

- Manager Moran recapitulated the conversation – the City is still pushing the same study, however through a lot of different channels due to the project’s complexity.
- E. Letter of February 4, 2016 from City Manager Moran to Editor re: Editorial in February 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The Nome Nugget*.
- Councilman Culley gave Manager Moran kudos for stating the City’s position in writing, despite the low expectation of the letter making it into the next edition.

### **CITIZENS’ COMMENTS**

N/A

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

- A. January 12, 2016 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.
- Councilman Sparks asked when the anticipated vacant properties ordinance would be coming before the Council.
  - Manager Moran stated there would be a public hearing at the Planning Commission’s March meeting and to expect the ordinance in either late March or early April.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Memorandum of February 5, 2016 from Finance Director Julie Liew re: Necessary Amendments to O-16-02-01 and O-16-02-06.
- Manager Moran explained the memo was added for Council consideration with respect to the following six ordinances.
  - Councilman Tobin asked for clarification on the amendment to the Port of Nome fund budget.
  - Manager Moran explained the decrease was in the amount of funds that would have to come out of savings.
  - Councilman Culley noted that Port of Nome’s total revenue equaled the total expenses, asking if the City matches it up to make it appear sustainable.
  - Director Liew noted the operating revenue was \$1.69 million and operating expense was \$1.805 million.
  - Councilman Andersen requested a combined balance sheet work session in the future.
  - Port Director Baker clarified the \$177,000 used to balance the expenses was reflective of a \$70,000 grant match for security cameras, as well as anticipated professional services. The shortfall is projected; however it might not be that much at the end of the fiscal year.
- B. O-16-02-01 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2016 General Fund Municipal Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:25 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:26 PM.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Tobin to adopt O-16-02-01.

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen stated that when a business owes money to the City or Utility, payments to that business for products or services rendered should reflect deductions settling their debt with the City.
- Councilman Andersen noted an increase in vehicle maintenance costs and asked if the City was getting its money's worth.
- Councilman Andersen noted the HVAC system in the Public Safety Building was engineered too small and expressed his hope that it wouldn't be the case with the Richard Foster Building. He asked for the Architects estimate for utilities costs for F17.
- Councilman Green asked how long the warranty period for the Richard Foster Building would be and what would be covered.
- Manager Moran stated it would be one year, beginning at substantial completion and would cover items not properly installed by the contractor.
- Councilman Andersen noted the decrease in Ambulance Department Revenue, due to no longer provided medevac services for the hospital, asking if the City is subsidizing the Ambulance Department with the General Fund.
- Manager Moran stated that Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department was normally a revenue generator for the City of Nome; however, due to stalled negotiations with Norton Sound Hospital in FY16, the City is subsidizing the department.
- Councilman Andersen emphasized that the Hospital was not current on a portion of its bills and stated that the hospital should help the citizens of Nome in paying for ambulance service costs. He noted that the budget didn't include funds for the eventual replacement of the ambulance.
- Councilman Culley asked to what extent Councilman Andersen has brought these issues up with the Norton Sound Board of Directors, which he sits on as the City's representative.
- Councilman Andersen stated he brought it up at the last board meeting.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Culley to amend the General Fund Budget according the memorandum from Finance Director Liew, increasing the total revenue and expenditure \$13,343.35.

Discussion:

- Councilman Sparks clarified the amendment was taken directly from Finance Director Liew's memorandum.
- Councilman Andersen stated that he read it verbatim.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED.**

Returning to the main motion:

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

C. O-16-02-02 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2016 Debt Service Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:37 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:37 PM.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Tobin to adopt O-16-02-02.

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen asked if the name of the fund had changed.
- Manager Moran stated "Debt Service" had been missed on the agenda, but was indeed on the ordinance itself.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

D. O-16-02-03 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2016 Special Revenue Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:38 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:38 PM.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to adopt O-16-02-03.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

E. O-16-02-04 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2016 Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:39 PM.



The Council reconvened at 7:40 PM.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to adopt O-16-02-04.

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen asked what the difference was between the Capital Projects Fund and the Construction Capital Projects Fund.
- Finance Director Liew explained that Construction Capital Projects included school projects, while the Richard Foster Building was under the Capital Projects Fund.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. O-16-02-05 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2016 Construction Capital Projects Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:41 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:42 PM.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Andersen to adopt O-16-02-05.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- G. O-16-02-06 An Ordinance Amending the City of Nome FY 2016 Port of Nome Fund Budget, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:43PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:43 PM.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Green to adopt O-16-02-06.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to amend the Port of Nome Fund Budget according to Finance Director Liew's memorandum,

whereby the total revenue and expenditure for the Port of Nome is further revised from \$9,927,765.23 to \$9,626,765.23; and, the Port of Nome use fund balance appropriation be further amended from \$516,340.68 to \$177,340.68.

Discussion:

- Councilman Sparks clarified the amendment was taken directly from Finance Director Liew's memo.
- Councilman Andersen replied in the affirmative.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED.**

Returning to the main motion:

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. R-16-02-01 A Resolution Supporting Full Funding for the State of Alaska Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2017 State Capital Budget.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-16-02-01.

Discussion:

- Councilman Andersen asked for details on why the resolution was before the Council.
- Port Director Baker stated the City has passed this resolution three years in row to support the grant program of which the Port of Nome has been a beneficiary at least once.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

N/A

### **UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Utility Manager Handeland that operations were going well. An EWT technician was onsite performing maintenance on one of the large turbines.
- The Utility has been working on the Richard Foster Building sprinkler system.
- Quintillion will be holding a public meeting on Thursday to discuss their fiber project.
- Manager Handeland stated he will be on the PA at the Iditarod start in Anchorage.
  - Mayor Beneville expressed gratitude to both Julia Farris and Bruce Klein, who stepped up to assist with the coordination of the Iditarod Finishers' Banquet.
  - Councilman Culley asked if it was true there would be a Miners' and Mushers' Ball this year.
  - Ms. Farris stated it would be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the VFW.
- Manager Handeland recognized the efforts of Mitch Erickson, who has served as coordinator for many years and stated that hopefully the City could convince him to assist here and there in the future.
  - Mayor Beneville stated that Mr. Erickson would be assisting with organizing the Nome National Forest again this year.
- Manager Handeland stated the response to the NSEDC energy subsidy sign up was positive and the Utility would still be able to work with those that missed the initial sign up opportunity.
- NJUS is continuing to work with Alaska Department of Transportation on lighting issues at the Snake River Bridge.
  - Councilman Andersen asked for an update on the Utility's software upgrades.
  - Manager Handeland stated that the Utility is currently working on upgrading processes and processors and turn their attention to the software in time.
  - Councilman Andersen asked if the Utility had liens on past due accounts.
  - Manager Handeland stated the Utility had liens on some, though not all past due accountholders property. He will be meeting with the City Attorney when he is in Anchorage for Iditarod.
  - Councilman Andersen requested something in writing stating the how the Utility deals with past due accounts, such as automatically filing a lien on property owners with accounts over \$10,000 in past due charges.
  - Manager Handeland stated the Utility is currently going over its 1999 hand-typed tariff.
  - Councilman Andersen asked Manager Handeland if a person who owes money to the Utility receives money from the City, shouldn't that money cover a portion of their utility bill.
  - Manager Handeland stated the Utility had done this in the past and would work with the City Manager on how to do it again.
  - Councilman Andersen reiterated his request for a written policy, stating he doesn't want to have to bring it up again.
  - Councilman Tobin asked when the Utility Board was next meeting.
  - Manager Handeland stated Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Manager Moran congratulated the firemen that were promoted at NVFD's banquet the previous Saturday and thanked those that retired for their service.
  - Councilman Andersen asked where Manager Moran's current focus was, on big picture items or day to day operations.

- Manager Moran stated a little bit of both, with the deep draft port and the Richard Foster Building taking up a significant amount of time.
- Councilman Andersen noted there wouldn't be any major capital projects over the next few years and asked about building maintenance activities, stating City owned buildings would cost the City more over the coming years.
- Manager Moran explained that the new building maintenance supervisor had a plan in place to address energy efficiency upgrades. He agreed with Councilman Andersen that few major projects were on the horizon.
- Councilman Andersen noted that Manager Moran had been on the job for almost six months and that his evaluation was coming up. He asked Manager Moran if he was satisfied.
- Councilman Green asked if the City had a Public Works Director.
- Manager Moran stated that we did not; however, there was a module that allowed for a Public Works Superintendent with a Building Maintenance Supervisor and a Road Crew Supervisor. Manager Moran has discussed the possibility of a Superintendent with Finance Director Liew.
- Councilman Green stated that, in general, a supervisor keeps crews on track and productive.
- Manager Moran explained that he finds the road crew self-directed and motivated, knowing what needs to be done. He noted a marked upturn in productivity in building maintenance since the new supervisor had started.
- Mayor Beneville asked who owned the Greg Kruschek Road.
- Manager Moran stated that State owns in and Nome maintains it.
- Councilman Culley clarified that the City of Nome wanted the road before it was upgraded, but now no longer wants it.
- Manager Moran stated that it was a nice road, though it would make a great State right-of-way. He spoke to Councilman Andersen's point about future projects, saying the City of Nome is constantly in contact with Alaska Department of Transportation on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), though it's a slow process.
- Councilman Green noted the Bypass Road was originally built to keep trucks hauling armor stone out of town.
- Councilman Tobin asked if the primary issue with the road was the speed limit.
- Manager Moran stated that was an issue prior to Councilman Tobin's term; cars were driving fast, kicking up dust and scaring pedestrians; the Council decided to post a speed limit of 30 MPH even though it wasn't the body that regulated the speed limit.
- Councilman Culley stated it was a horrible idea to simply impose an illegal speed limit; there was a process to be followed. He agreed that 30 MPH was reasonable for the road but called the approach of building a hospital on a road meant for construction and then complaining there was construction activity in a pedestrian area asinine.
- Manager Moran stated the City requested the speed limit be changed and the Department of Transportation refused.
- Mayor Beneville asked for clarification on the speed limit.
- Manager Moran stated the posted speed limit was 30 MPH.
- Councilman Culley stated the speed limit was 40 MPH.

### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

- 1) John Handeland thanked the Roads Crew for their hard work and diligence in clearing City streets of snow. He stated he received a call from KTUU asking how the City was dealing with the two feet of snow it had received. Upon looking into the street, Mr. Handeland was

only able to see two foot ridges plowed to center street in preparation for removal. He stated the City was lucky to have them.

- 2) Port Director Baker spoke to Councilman Culley's earlier comments on her work towards the development of a deep draft port in Nome, stating that throughout the 25 years of her work at the Port, she has always had the City's best interests at heart; and, that until directed by the Council, Mayor, or Manager, she will continue to fight for a deep draft port in Nome as she believes it will play a crucial role in the economic development of the City and the Region. She explained she intends to give timely information to the Council concerning Port projects in her monthly; however, if the Council needs specific information or more detail, she encouraged them to ask.
  - Councilman Culley stated he didn't disagree with Port Director Baker's summary of her efforts. However, constituents have raised the concern with him that the Port Director is fighting to keep her job through prolonged deep draft port studies. He clarified that he is not raising these questions; but it is his responsibility to bring up what his constituents bring to him.
  - Councilman Andersen stated that Port Director Baker is responsible for running all the Port improvement projects in addition to advocating on behalf of Nome for a deep draft port. Without her, the other projects not making the headlines would not be running so smoothly.
  - Councilman Andersen asked for an update on the seawall repair project.
  - Port Director Baker explained the project was scheduled to start following Iditarod in late March / Early April. Construction should be wrapped up by mid June.
  - Councilman Tobin inquired about the Jetty at Cape Nome.
  - Port Director Baker explained that FEMA is satisfied with the documentation submitted by PND engineers on the repairs needed to protect the facility from future storms and is modifying the project worksheet so that the City can put the project out to bid this summer.
  - Councilman Tobin asked how deep the draft was at Cape Nome.
  - Councilman Brown stated it was 12 to 15 feet deep.
  - Port Director Baker stated one of the repair components would be to remove the armor stone that has littered the bottom following the storm.

### **COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS**

- 1) Councilman Andersen - no comment.
- 2) Councilman Brown - no comment.
- 3) Councilman Green stated that almost everyday someone asked him about the City pushing snow onto private property. He asked if the City had agreements with the property owners.
  - Manager Moran stated the City has six leases with private property owners in Nome. Councilman Green stated he saw a grader plow right up to a business door.
  - Manager Moran stated that Greg Kruschek modeled exemplary service by trying to get as close as possible to doorways and entrances; the current Roads Crew is trying to follow his model.Councilman Green asked what would happen if private property were damaged.
  - Manager Moran stated that the City has a robust policy with AMLJIA, but that if private property were damaged, it would probably result in a claim.

Councilman Green stated that out-of-work operators have complained that City-owned vehicles are taking work away from them.

- Manager Moran stated that, if directed by the Council, he can advise the Roads Crew to stick to the streets.
  - Councilman Andersen explained that Mr. Kruschek would get the snow sooner rather than later, as residents would push the snow into the streets after the Roads Crew had plowed. He went on to say that Mr. Kruschek's work helped a lot of senior citizens, adding that the people who complain about this usually are the people that complain about everything.
- 4) Councilman Sparks thanked the Council for being able to call in. He followed up on Councilman Andersen's comments on collecting on past due accounts, giving his support to Councilman Andersen's request for a written policy. Councilman Sparks also would like to have the current light vehicle maintenance contract evaluated alongside the needs of the City's vehicle fleet. He would like to see the next contract flow a little smoother next time.
- 5) Councilman Tobin stated the NVFD retirement was nice and that if you're going to get the ax that was the way to get it. He explained he has a gold plated ax hanging on his wall now. He appreciated how the department is rejuvenating itself, noting the numbers of new firemen on the department. He ended by calling for more tractors and bigger hoses for the firemen.
- 6) Councilman Culley disagreed with Councilman Green's comments, stating that he appreciated the Roads Crew diligence and extra effort. He explained that it's normally a foot here and a foot there, nothing that would take away a job from a private operator. Councilman Culley stated he had been discussing a plastic bag fee with some of his constituents and that he would like to see the City moving in that direction.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Beneville was happy to acknowledge the efforts of the Fire Department, stating the ultimate volunteer was the one that put his or her life on the line, something these firemen do.
- Mayor Beneville noted that he greeted the Marine Mammal Commission and that their meeting was currently happening.
- Mayor Beneville discussed several different events happening during Iditarod, including the Nome National Forest, the Ice Golf Classic, and frozen turkey bowling. He related an anecdote about a conversation on mushing, stating that the Iditarod is the only dog sled race in the world that was founded on a humanitarian effort and that Nome should be proud of this.
  - Councilman Andersen suggested that the siren announcing mushers' arrival should be rotated among the three different siren locations in Nome.
- Mayor Beneville re-appointed Ken Hughes to the Planning Commission.

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Brown to enter into executive session to discuss issues with the Richard Foster Building that may negatively affect City Finances.

The Council recessed at from the regular meeting at 8:31 PM.

The Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:54 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:54 PM.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
**RICHARD BENEVILLE**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
**BRYANT HAMMOND**  
City Clerk