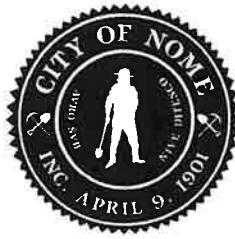


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MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Jennifer Reader; Sigvanna Topkok

Members Absent:

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Paris Hebel, Youth Representative (telephonic); Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager;

In the audience: Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget; Sean Milligan, KNOM; Scot Henderson (Council Member elect)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok;
Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

OATH OF OFFICE

A. Youth Representative Paris Hebel Oath of Office.

- Mr. Hebel was out of town visiting colleges and will be sworn in on October 25, 2021.

B. Council Member Scot Henderson Oath of Office.

- Clerk Hammond swore in Council Member Henderson.

Mayor Handeland introduced R-21-10-02 recognizing Jennifer Reader's years of public service and asked Clerk Hammond to read the resolution in its entirety.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-21-10-02.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Henderson; Topkok; Brown;
D. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 27, 2021 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. October 7, 2021 Nome Common Council Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Topkok to approve the September 27 and October 7, 2021 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Henderson; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson;
M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letter of September 24, 2021 from State Assessor Caissie to City of Nome re: 2021 Full Value Determination.

- Council Member Brown asked how this year's FVD compared to year's past and to the taxable property reported by the City.

B. Letter of October 8, 2021 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal.

- Deputy Chief Pruckner noted no issues with the applicant from NPD's perspective.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None given

NEW BUSINESS

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: September 28 - October 8, 2021.

- Assistant Utility Manager Morton highlighted the completion of the fuel delivery and the meter replacement project being underway. About half of 750 meters have been replaced, with the balance coming in January.
- He discussed source testing coming up in January, described the process and noted the utility was soliciting quotes now.
- He noted the water & sewer crew was addressing a water leak on McLain lane.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: September 28 - October 8, 2021.

- Manager Steckman noted the written report in the packet and went into discussing the barge ramp repair delays. He highlighted the outreach going on by Port staff including a meeting earlier at 5 PM with the goal of allowing the port users to ask the contractor questions on the project themselves. He noted some vessels coming out tonight, but the ramp completion itself was being delayed noting the project should be wrapped up by October 26. He discussed an upcoming RFP for audit services and explained the audit was being handled remotely since the COVID-19 pandemic. He asked for a brief executive session at the end of the meeting.
- Council Member Henderson asked for the plan for haulout of vessels.
- Manager Steckman explained the game plan, noting smaller vessels were coming out today and others were looking at coming out on the other boat ramp.
- Council Member Henderson asked if the bigger ones have no other options.
- Manager Steckman discussed some of the issues that brought about the ramp repair project.
- Mayor Handeland lauded STG's openness to questions and unwillingness to compromise safety or the quality of the project and for working to get the project complete. He noted they offered to help haul people out of the water when presented with concerns about getting out of water in time.
- Council Member Mark Johnson commended Harbormaster Stotts' handling of a concerned dredge owner's phone call earlier in the day. He asked about the additional concrete laid down in front of the fire hall.
- Manager Steckman felt it looked like they did a good job; its curing now.
- Manager Steckman discussed the emergency order mandating mask use indoors across the City, using 40 cases as the benchmark requiring action. He explained his use of NPD to give notice of the mandate, citing an interaction between a bar owner and an employee as justification. He hoped that the mandate would not be extended, noting it was set to expire at midnight on Friday night.

- Mayor Handeland asked that if the mandate was going to be extended, for staff to give a few days notice so that people are not caught off guard.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None given

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Henderson introduced himself as the new guy and stated he will be asking a lot of questions. He said he'll try to get up to speed as quickly as possibly and explained his style is asking a lot questions to help with his understanding. He noted during his campaign, people asked about roads and reporting concerns online. He opined it might be helpful for citizens to have such an avenue to report concerns.
- 2) Council Member Topkok wished everyone happy Indigenous Peoples' Day in Inupiaq. She noted Youth Representative Paris Hebel was able to call in. She welcomed Council Member Henderson to the Council.
- 3) Council Member Brown wished everyone a happy Indigenous People's Day.
- 4) Council Member Doug Johnson thanked Jennifer Reader for her time and patience on the Council, noting she was a good asset to have. He thanked Scot for jumping in to serve.
- 5) Council Member Mark Johnson thanked Jennifer Reader for her time and involvement on the council. He welcomed Council Member Henderson, saying if he could deliver on his campaign promise of fixing the potholes, he'll be the most popular Council Member of all time.
- 6) Council Member Martinson thanked Jennifer Reader for her time and work on the council. He welcomed Council Member Henderson.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: September 28 - October 8, 2021,
Happy indigenous persons day and his dad if he was around; 10.11 a good day. Thanked those that came out to vote; a lower turnout than normal.
He discussed the drive around town with the city manager discussing future development and looked forward to engaging with the chamber and property owners. He opined the planning commission should be engaged on roads on prioritizing roads in terms of paving or other surfacing projects.
He noted dusting off the work session list to begin work over the winter
- B. Appointment of Peter Travers to Public Safety Advisory Commission Seat "G,"
 - Mayor Handeland introduced Mr. Travers and asked for concurrence.

A motion was made by C. Topkok and seconded by C. Martinson to confirm Mr. Travers' appointment to Seat G of the Public Safety Advisory Commission.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson;
Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Legal Strategies the Immediate Knowledge of Which May Have Adverse Impacts on City of Nome Finances.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to enter into executive session to discuss legal strategies the immediate knowledge of which may have adverse impacts on City of Nome finances.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson;
Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

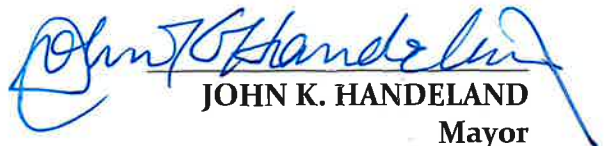
The Council entered into executive session at 7:38 PM.

The Council reconvened at 8:19 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 8:19 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 25th day of October, 2021


JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk