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Nome City Council
Jerald Brown
Doug Johnson
Mark Johnson
Adam Martinson
Jennifer Reader
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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brown (telephonic); M. Johnson; D. Johnson; Martinson (telephonic); Reader (telephonic); Topkok (telephonic);

Members Absent:

Also Present: Zoe Okleasik, Youth Representative (late); Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (telephonic); Joy Baker, Port Director; Mike Heintzelman; NPD Chief; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager

In the audience:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by C. M Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to amend the agenda by adding R-21-03-06 under New Business.

Discussion:

- Port Director Baker explained the reasoning for adding R-21-03-06.
- Council Member Brown asked if it was time sensitive.
- Port Director explained the matter has been under review for several weeks and the Corps was looking to move forward.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED.**

Returning to the main motion

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to remove O-21-03-02 and O-21-03-03 from the agenda for discussion at a work session sometime prior to the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED.**

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 8, 2021 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. March 16, 2021 Nome Common Council Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to approve the March 8, 2021 and March 16, 2021 minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Memo of March 17, 2021 from Clerk Hammond to Nome Common Council re: Council Determination of Disposition of Untimely Filed Senior Property Tax Exemption Forms.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown to authorize the Clerk to accept the applications as if timely filed.

Discussion:

- Clerk Hammond gave a brief explanation.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. Letter of March 19, 2021 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Notice of Liquor License Renewal Application - Airport Pizza.
- Chief Heintzelman noted no issues with Airport Pizza and NPD.
- C. Certificate of Recognition from the US Census Bureau for the City of Nome re: Participation in the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program.
- D. City of Nome FY2022 Budget Calendar.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

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1. Clerk Hammond read an email from Sara Germain with Fish and Game concerning the department's response to a rabies outbreak in Nome.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-21-03-01 An Ordinance Amending Nome Code of Ordinances Chapter 2.10 Acquisition and Disposal of Real Property.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown to substitute O-21-03-01-S for O-21-03-01.

Discussion:

- Mayor Handeland explained the substitution and referred the Council to the Attorney's memo in the packet.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

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

The Council reconvened at 7:25 PM.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded C. D. Johnson to adopt O-21-03-01-S.

Discussion:

- Council Member Brown asked a clarifying question about section C and suggested an amendment of the time period in section e to 180 days.
- Council Member Doug Johnson asked if there was a reason not to do so.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Topkok to amend the time period in section 2.10.050 (e) from 90 days to 180 days.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, as amended, **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-21-03-05 A Resolution Approving a Contract with Altman, Rogers & Co. for Audit Services for the Fiscal Year 2021.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to adopt R-21-03-05.

Discussion:

- Council Member Reader asked when the City would go out to bid, explaining she thought it was supposed to have happened.
- Mayor Handeland explained the City intended to go out to bid, but the pandemic affected the timing in such a way that it didn't happen on the timeline needed this year.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-21-03-06 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Nome to Enter Into a Cost-Share Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) For the Design of the General Navigation Features for the Port of Nome Navigation Improvements.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to adopt R-21-03-06.

Discussion:

- Port Director Baker explained the cost sharing agreement and financing for the agreement. She explained its a two year agreement and that the funding was already designated from a grant. She noted the City is only a few steps away from construction.
- Mayor Handeland thanks the AK CODEL for their assistance in finding the funding
- Council Member Brown asked for clarification on which grant the funds would come from.
- Mayor Handeland explained it came from the legislative grant from a few years prior.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: March 9 - 19, 2021.

- Assistant Utility Manager Ken Morton discussed the update process to the Utility's spill prevention plan, explained the summer's fuel purchase, gave an update on the line crews summer plans, and gave an explained Perry Saito was on his way to lineman school. Calvin Ojenan resigned and Jerry West was promoted into the foreman role on the water/sewer side. He finished by explaining the Utility was researching opportunities to bring someone up to Nome for CDL tests.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: March 9 - 19, 2021.

- Acting City Manager Leeper notified the Council of an incoming storm. He gave further detail on the team coming to address the foxes and asked that pet owners tie up their animals.
- Council Member Reader asked for clarification on the \$150,000 reserve account for maintenance expenses.
- Port Director Baker explained the motion concerning the reserve account, the financial position of the Port, and the status of the maintenance reserve account.

B. February 18, 2021 Nome Port Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

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None given

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Brown asked when the work session to discuss the election ordinances would be held and stated he preferred sometime in next two weeks.
2. Council Member Doug Johnson – no comments.
3. Council Member Mark Johnson discussed the audio upgrades in Council Chambers and agreed with Jerald on the election ordinances being discussed in a work session in the two week.
4. Council Member Martinson – no comments.

5. Council Member Reader concurred on the work session. She explained she enjoyed the Winterfest posts and would like to see it held again in the future and that she was jealous she missed the fireworks.
6. Council Member Topkok echoed the Council's sentiments on the work session being held sometime in the next two weeks. She thanked staff for putting the ordinances together. She stated Qiksiksrautiqqatlu piqpakkutiqqatlu Asian American-nun and translated the Inupiaq as Let's show respect and love to the Asian American community and requested a resolution supporting the Asian American community. Council Member Topkok noted she enjoyed winter fest saying she participated in the snow sculpture competition.
7. Youth Representative Okleasik discussed an incident where Police Officers on duty were not wearing masks while assisting someone and expressed concern over them not wearing masks.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: March 9 - 19, 2021.
 - Mayor Handeland asked that citizens comments be included in the work session on the election ordinances. He suggested April 5th at 6pm for the work session to discuss citizens comments and election ordinance.
- B. Reappointment of Gay Sheffield to Nome Port Commission Seat "F."

Mayor Handeland describes Ms. Sheffield's contributions to the Port Commission and recommended her reappointment.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to confirm Mayor Handeland's reappointment.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

n/a

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 7:59 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 12th day of April, 2021



JERALD BROWN
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk