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Glenn Steckman
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Bryant Hammond



Nome City Council
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Jennifer Reader
Meghan Sigvanna Topkok

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Doug Johnson (excused); Adam Martinson (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Joy Baker, Port Director (Zoom); Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (Zoom); Lucas Stotts, Harbormaster; John Bles, City Engineer (Zoom); Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager;

In the audience: Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget; Sean Milligan, KNOM; Derek McLarty; Ken Hughes; Rhonda Schneider; Jacob Kinda

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 13, 2021 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. M. Johnson to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Memo of June 10, 2021 from Finance Director Crowe to Nome Common Council re: Non-Departmental Funds.
- B. Request of September 16, 2021 from Nome Beltz Culture Club to Nome Common Council re: Change of NSEDC Funding.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. M. Johnson to reallocated the funds to local purchases.

At the roll call:
Aye: Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson
Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. Memo of September 17, 2021 from Clerk Hammond to Nome Common Council re: Untimely Filed Senior Exemption Application.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to authorize the Clerk to accept the application as timely filed.

At the roll call:
Aye: Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson
Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. City of Nome Public Service Announcement of September 23, 2021 re: City of Nome Urges Return to Face Masks.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

none given

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Memo of September 21, 2021 from Historic Preservation Commission Chairman Hughes to Nome Common Council re: Historic Preservation Plan - Phase 2.

- Council Member Brown noted his concerns had been addressed.
- Mayor Handeland asked the resolution be brought back at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-21-09-01 An Extension of a Local Emergency Authorizing the Nome Common Council to Direct the City Manager Take Necessary Actions to Reduce the Impact and Spread of COVID-19 Throughout the City of Nome, **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE.**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:08 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:09 PM.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to adopt O-21-09-01.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson; Reader

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-21-09-05 A Resolution Appointing Election Judges and Clerks for the 2021 Municipal Election and Setting Their Compensation.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to adopt R-21-09-05.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; M. Johnson; Reader; Topkok

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- B. R-21-09-06 A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of Nome and the Nome Community Center for the Operation of the XYZ Senior Center.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to adopt R-21-09-06.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman explained the contract was a housekeeping measure, formalizing what has been informal for 27 years.
- Council Member Reader asked if there was a list of City-owned equipment forthcoming. She noted the Nome Community Center has moved its offices into XYZ and asked if there would be any compensation.
- Manager Steckman explained his reasoning in not requiring compensation.

At the Roll Call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-21-09-07 A Resolution Designating Charles "Chip" Leeper as Acting City Manager for November 21 to November 29, 2021.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to adopt R-21-09-07.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: September 14 - 24, 2021.

- Morton noted the fuel delivery would be wrapped up within a day. He explained that Marty Silvernaill would be retiring soon and that Lucas Bauman has been promoted to begin the transition. Morton noted the old, smaller wind towers have been removed by TelAlaska.
- He discussed details about the Tank Farm pad transition and the replacement of all old electrical meters in town.
- Council Member Brown asked what the plan was for when the line crew runs into deficient meter boxes.
- Morton explained there was a meter audit a few years ago and letters were sent out asking for corrections. He noted issues would be addressed on a case by case basis.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked about the Moonlight Springs project. Morton explained the difference in elevation, giving about 100 ft of head energy, and the efforts to use that difference to decrease pump related power costs by about \$30,000 a year.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: September 14 - 24, 2021.

- Manager Steckman presented his written report, highlighting a successful U-Call, We Haul. He noted the vehicle bounty would stay in place until November 1st or the first snowfall. He announced Mimi Farley would be joining the Finance Department. He discussed the current status of Covid-19 in Nome, breaking case numbers down by vaccine status. Manager Steckman noted there were 43 sexual assault cases in Nome in 2021; 32 have closed and 11 are still being investigated.
- Council Member Topkok asked about the Public Safety Commission meeting and current vacancies.
- Manager Handeland explained he had one pending nomination and Manager Steckman noted recent meetings.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked for, and Manager Steckman gave details on Phase VII of CARES Act funding.
- Port Director Baker discussed the status of the launch ramp replacement project, explaining the concrete panels and beams were about 50% built. She explained a delay in the project, pushing substantial completion back to 9/30. Due to issues over the weekend, its now looking like substantial completion will occur on 10/4, allowing haul out on 10/5.

B. August 19, 2021 Nome Port Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

1. Rhonda Schneider, Nome Community Center, thanked Manager Steckman and the Council for updating the contract. She explained some ways the move into XYZ advanced NCC's programs and furthered the partnership between NCC and the City of Nome. She discussed a project that would construct a \$5.5 million building to provide 15 units for chronic homeless inebriates.
2. Diana Haecker announced the upcoming candidate forum on Wednesday evening in Council Chambers, sponsored by the Nome Nugget, KNOM and the Nome Chamber of Commerce.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Reader was happy to see the forum for local candidates happening again. She hoped that it would provide for constructive discussion on local issues.
2. Council Member Topkok alerted the Common Council that Paris Hebel would be serving as the Nome Youth Representative over the next year.
3. Council Member Brown - no comments.
4. Mark Johnson - no comments

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**A. Activity Report: September 14 - 24, 2021.**

- Mayor Handeland noted the nearing completion of the Bering Street paving project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

At the roll call:

Aye: Reader; Topkok; Brown; M. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

The Council recessed into executive session at 7:46 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 8:25 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 8:25 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 11th day of October, 2021


JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:


BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk