**Mayor** Richard Beneville

**Manager** Glenn Steckman

**Clerk** Bryant Hammond



Nome City Council
Jerald Brown
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# NOME COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

102 Division St. P.O. Box 281 Nome, Alaska 99762 Phone (907) 443-6663 Fax (907) 443-5345

## **ROLL CALL**

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In consideration of other citizens, please limit your comments to 3 minuntes.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The regular meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Handeland in Council Chambers located at 102 Division St in Nome Alaska.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Jerald Brown; Doug Johnson (telephonic); Mark Johnson; Adam

Martinson; Jennifer Reader; Meghan Topkok (telephonic); Molly Kenick

(telephonic)

## Members Absent:

Also Present:

John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant

Hammond, City Clerk; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager; Joy Baker,

Port Director (telephonic)

In the audience:

Emily Hofstaedter (KNOM); Diana Haecker (Nome Nugget); Ken Hughes;

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

At the roll call:

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

Brown

Nay: Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

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#### CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1) Ken Hughes thanked the City for efforts to mitigate dust and to get CARES Act funding into the community quickly. He requested the City allow businesses to pay sales tax online. He opined the travel form was an embarrassment to Nome and noted the properties being put up for sale were probably not worth assessed value. He finished by advocating for a short period over-the-counter provision for land disposal following the sealed bid process.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

F. R-20-08-01 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Nome Machine Works for the Provision of Light Duty, Emergency, and Heavy Duty / Specialty Vehicle Repair and Maintenance,

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-20-08-01.

At the roll call:

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

Nay: Abstain:

The motion CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

G. O-20-08-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property Ownded by the City of Nome by Public Sealed Bid, **FIRST READING**.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Brown to advance O-20-08-01 to second reading.

#### Discussion:

- Council Member Brown asked for the rationale behind disposing of these properties.
- Manager Steckman explained that interest was expressed.
- Council Member Mark Johnson suggested looking at over-the-counter sales again.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

#### The motion **CARRIED**.

H. R-20-08-04 A Resolution Approving the Hiring and Employment of Scott Weaver for the Position of Investigator in the Nome Police Department.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-20-08-04.

## Discussion:

- Manager Steckman explained Mr. Weaver was well qualified and that the provisions presented in the resolution were necessary to attract Mr. Weaver to Nome.

At the roll call:

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

Nay: Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

R-20-08-05 A Resolution Approving the Hiring and Employment of an Additional Communications Officer in the Nome Police Department.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. M. Johnson to adopt R-20-08-05.

#### Discussion:

- Manager Steckman explained the need to decrease overtime among dispatchers, that the position would be covered by CARES Act funding for the time being, but would most likely be a permanent position.

At the roll call:

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

Nay: Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

## **UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- J. Activity Report August 11 21, 2020.
  - Assistant Manager Morton presented his report.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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## CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1) Ken Hughes read aloud the URL for the IPOP proposal to the Corps of Engineers to mine the Bonanza Channel. He encouraged participation in the Census and announced his candidacy for Mayor.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

- 1) Council Member Reader described her experience coming into Nome and filing sales tax. She requested City Lobbyist Chamberlain advocate for the continuation of bypass mail.
- 2) Council Member Topkok noted appreciation for hyperlinked agenda items in the packet but missed the colorful covers.
- 3) Council Member Brown noted that \$379,059 of the \$650,000 in CARES Act funding allocated to business relief had been committed or applied for.
- 4) Council Member Doug Johnson no comments.
- 5) Council Member Mark Johnson noted that bypass mail comes to the chopping block often and that the AK codelegation strongly supports the programs continuation.
- 6) Council Member Martinson no comments.
- 7) Youth Representative Kenick no comments.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Activity Report August 11 - 21, 2020.

- Mayor Handeland presented his report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:38 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 14th day of September, 2020.

JOHN K. HANDEL<mark>AN</mark>D

Mayor

ATTEST:

**BRYANT HAMMOND** 

**City Clerk**