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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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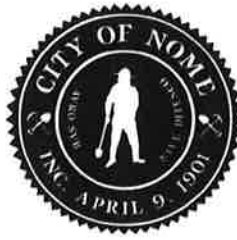
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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Doug Johnson (telephonic); Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Jennifer Reader

Members Absent: Meghan Topkok (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Molly Kenick, Youth Representative (telephonic); Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager

In the audience: Emily Hofstaedter (KNOM); Diana Haecker (Nome Nugget); Ken Hughes; Sue Greenly; Lisa Ellanna; Randy Harper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 24, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. September 3, 2020 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the August 24, 2020 and September 3, 2020 minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:
Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Email of August 24, 2020 from Ben Rowe to Clerk Hammond re: Tax Bill Penalty Relief Request.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to grant Mr. Rowe relief of \$188.14.

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

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. Letter of August 25, 2020 from Jean Poulin to Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum re: Thank you.
- C. Memo of September 11, 2020 from Clerk Hammond to Nome Common Council re: Supplemental Roll.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Sue Greenly asked the Council to address ongoing issues with inebriated public around the Mini Convention Center. She described criminal activity, highlighted privacy concerns in her interactions with NPD after relaying her concerns, and said she was saddened by the unchecked behavior.
- 2) Lisa Ellanna argued the Public Safety Advisory Commission was not being made aware about important matters, pointed specifically to a recent incident on Front St and the ongoing search efforts for Florence Okpealuk. She noted the commission could help if they were involved.
- 3) Randy Harper described frustration with NPD in an incident where someone tried to steal his truck, noting he only that day got his keys back. He argued NPD needs more officers so that they don't have to leave on a higher priority call in the middle of another.
- 4) Ken Hughes thanked NPD for their work, adding that it would be nice if they walked through neighborhoods once in a while. He voiced support for the Iditarod and expects a cancel culture attack on Nome.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-20-09-02 A Resolution of the City of Nome, Alaska Providing for the Issuance of a Utility Revenue Anticipation Note of the City in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$3,800,000.00 to Finance the Purchase of Diesel Fuel for the Nome Joint Utility System and Authorizing the Sale of the Note by Negotiation.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-02.

Discussion:

- Mayor Handeland explained the terms of the note and the pricing of the fuel.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-20-09-03 A Resolution Awarding the Contract for the Furnishing of Crushed Aggregate for Road Surface Course to Board of Trade, Inc.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-03.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-20-09-04 A Resolution of the City of Nome Authorizing Additional Funding in the Amount of \$90,000 to Nome Public Schools to Cover Additional Costs and Materials Due to COVID-19.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-04.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Martinson to increase the amount by \$75,000 for a total additional contribution of \$165,000.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:
Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED.**

Returning to the main motion

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

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

- D. R-20-09-05 A Resolution Expressing the City of Nome's Support for the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-05.

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

The motion **CARRIED.**

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: August 25 - September 11, 2020.
- Assistant Manager Morton presented his report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: August 25 - September 11, 2020.
- Manager Steckman presented his report.
- B. Briefing on Search and Rescue Efforts for Florence Okpealuk.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner gave the briefing.
- C. CARES Act Update.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Randy Harper suggested inspections of every container coming into the Port of Nome for contraband, to stem the flow of illicit drugs into town and to increase revenues through sale of confiscated goods.

- 2) Lisa Ellanna said Council direction to the City Manager re: Public Safety Advisory Commission was unclear.
- 3) Ken Hughes thanked the City for CARES Act funding to the community.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Brown discussed public service announcements and relaying information to the Public Safety Commission.
- 2) Council Member Doug Johnson – no comments.
- 3) Council Member Mark Johnson thanked NPD for their search efforts and for reaching out for technical assistance early in the search.
- 4) Council Member Martinson – no comments.
- 5) Council Member Reader discussed open Public Safety Commission seats, the City Website, Census, IPOP, City Manager evaluation, and flows of information concerning NPD.
- 6) Youth Representative Kenick opined she was happy to be back at school.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: August 25 - September 11, 2020.
 - Mayor Handeland presented his report.
- B. Reappointment of Carol Piscoya to Public Safety Advisory Commission Seat "H."
 - Mayor Handeland re-appointed Carol Piscoya to the Public Safety Advisory Commission.

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Brown to go into executive session for a discussion on property acquisition the immediate knowledge of which may have an adverse impact on City finances.

The Council recessed into executive session at 8:51 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 9:13 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adjourn.

Hearing no objections, the Common Council adjourned at 9:13 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 28th day of September, 2020.


John K. Handeland
Mayor

ATTEST:


BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk