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Nome City Council
Jerald Brown
Doug Johnson
Mark Johnson
Adam Martinson
Jennifer Reader
Meghan Sigvanna Topkok

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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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; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Jennifer Reader; Meghan Topkok (telephonic);

Members Absent: Doug Johnson (excused); Molly Kenick (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility Manager;

In the audience: Emily Hofstaedter (KNOM); RB Smith (Nome Nugget); Ken Hughes; Sue Greenly; Rhonda Schneider; Cathy DeAngelis; Joe Horton; Anna Ashenfelter; Jennifer Dean-Johnson; Scot Henderson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 8, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. September 14, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the June 8th and September 14th 2020 minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- C. Letter of September 15, 2020 from Nome Community Center to City of Nome re: Basketball Court - West Side of Town.
- D. Memorandum of September 19, 2020 from Investigator Murry to Chief Heintzleman re: Commendation Recommendation.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Anna Ashenfelter informed those present of a march on Saturday for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.
- 2) Sue Greenly informed the Council a mentally ill individual who entered her residence uninvited and unannounced. She requested definitive and public action to address the growing tide of criminality.
- 3) Scot Henderson requested the City consider establishing an economic development office in the City with CARES Act funding.
- 4) Ken Hughes spoke against R-20-09-06 reading a prepared statement.
- 5) Judy Martinson spoke in favor of economic development, but suggested making it through the winter was a priority.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- E. O-20-08-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property Owned by the City of Nome by Public Sealed Bid.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:29 PM.

The Council reconvened at 7:29 PM.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. to adopt O-20-08-01.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-20-09-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property by the City of Nome (City) from Elsa Bronson for the Fixed Price of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000).

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to advance O-20-09-01.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-20-09-06 A Resolution in Support of Black Lives Matter.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown to adopt R-20-09-06.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Topkok to amend R-20-09-06 by adding "to injustices such as" between to and the in the second line of the first recital.

At the roll call:

Aye: Brown; Martinson; Reader; Topkok

Nay: M. Johnson

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

A motion was made C. Brown and seconded by C. Reader to amend R-20-09-06 by changing "City" to "citizens" in the fourth recital.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion:

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Brown to amend R-20-09-06 by changing “effectively articulated” to “highlighted” in the second recital.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

At the roll call call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

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

H. R-20-09-07 A Resolution Appointing Election Judges and Clerks for the 2020 Municipal Election and Setting Their Compensation.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-07.

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Reader to amend R-20-09-07 by excising all mention to the State of Alaska and raising judges pay to \$16 per hour and clerks to \$15 per hour.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion

At the roll call

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

Nay:

Abstain:

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

I. R-20-09-08 A Resolution Expressing the City of Nome's Support for the Nome Public Schools' 18-Unit Apartment Project for Professional Housing.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-08.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- J. R-20-09-09 A Resolution of the City of Nome Allocating \$200,000 of CARES Act Funding to the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department.

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- K. R-20-09-10 A Resolution of the City of Nome Authorizing the City Manager to Develop and Implement an Additional Round of CARES Act Funding for Businesses, Carvers, and Residents Connected to the Nome Joint Utility System Grid.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-09-10.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- L. Activity Report September 15 - 25, 2020.

Assistant Manager Morton gave his report, discussing Thornbush subdivision, a power failure, and sanitary sewer testing.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- M. Activity Report September 15 - 25, 2020.

Manager Steckman presented his report, discussing "u call we haul," the previous weeks meetings, the plan for snow removal over winter, and issues involving the placing and permitting of fill.

N. August 20, 2020 Port Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- 1) Ken Hughes spoke in appreciation of the discussion on R-20-09-06.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Brown – no comments.
- 2) Council Member Mark Johnson appreciated the discussion on the Black Lives Matter resolution and thanked staff for their hard work.
- 3) Council Member Martinson – no comments.
- 4) Council Member Reader appreciated Officers Martino and Murray's dedication and noted she was excited for the Nome Public Schools apartment complex project.
- 5) Council Member Topkok echoed the words of appreciation for Nome Police Department and expressed condolences to the family of Florence Okpealuk. She suggested greater discussion between NPD and the Public Safety Advisory Commission and cited a Vice News article discussing the use of social workers in low-risk police calls in Eugene, OR.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

O. Activity Report September 15 - 25, 2020.

Mayor Handeland delivered his report, highlighting work on Thornbush between NJUS and the Port Commission, the previous weeks Public Safety Advisory Commission meeting and a recent Covid-19 spike in the region. Mayor Handeland asked that letters of interest for the Public Safety Advisory Commission be turned in prior to the October 12th Regular meeting.

P. Reappointment of Charlie Lean to Seat B of the Nome Port Commission.

Q. Reappointment of Jim West, Jr. to Seat C of the Nome Port Commission.

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

R. Appointment of Public Safety Advisory Commission Seat G.

Mayor Handeland explained his appointment would be forthcoming at a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


N/A

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:39 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 26th day of October, 2020


JERALD BROWN
Presiding Council Member

ATTEST:


BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk