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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Doug Johnson (telephonic); Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Jennifer Reader; Meghan Topkok (telephonic; 7:04)

Members Absent: Zoe Okleasik

Also Present: John Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk;

In the audience: Emily Hofstaedter (KNOM); Diana Haecker (Nome Nugget); Donald J. Johnson; Krysta Harrison; Gray Harrison; Elizabeth Korenek-Johnson; Rhonda Schneider

OATH OF OFFICE

Youth Representative Oath of Office.

- Youth Representative Okleasik was not present and the Oath of Office was delayed until October 26, 2020.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Handeland asked if there were 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: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of August 13, 2020 from Bering Wellness to City of Nome re: Community Benefits Shares Grant.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to transfer the remaining grant funds from Bering Health and Wellness to Morton Counseling, LLC as requested.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. Letter of September 19, 2020 from Jennifer Morton to City of Nome re: Community Benefit Shares Grant.
- C. Letter of September 29, 2020 from NBHS Principal Thomas to Clerk Hammond re: Youth Representative to Council.
- D. Letter of September 30, 2020 from State Assessor to City of Nome re: Full Value Determination.
- E. Letter of October 1, 2020 from Krysta and Gray Harrison to Nome Common Council re: Lot Purchase Request.
 - The Council discussed the process for disposing of City owned property, past disposals and a potential Denali Commission project being discussed.
- F. Letter of October 2, 2020 from NSEDC to City of Nome re:Community Fall Clean-Up Donation.
- G. Nome Chamber of Commerce Resolution 2020-001 Encouraging the City of Nome to Establish an Economic Development Department in the City of Nome.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. Donald Johnson spoke on the proposed Nome Public Schools housing project and said he had two lots available for sale. He asked if the units would be built using local labor and gave details on his two lots.
2. Elizabeth Korenek-Johnson thanked the Council and the entire community of Nome for working to keep the community safe. She expressed gratitude that the schools are open despite the challenges, noting that the pandemic can't last forever. She expressed gratitude for Norton Sound Hospital's efforts to monitor the pandemic.
3. Gray and Krista Harrison asked that the Council reconsider putting Block 75A Lots 7A and 8A out to bid; rather allow them to purchase over the counter.
4. Lance Johnson thanked the City Council and Mayor for helping out with the day shelter by providing the Mini Convention Center. He gave an overview of the coaching and services provided therein.

UNFINISHED 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. **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE**

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 7:28 PM.

Public Hearing:

- Donald Johnson opined the price was high and suggested there was a more cost effective way to provide housing.

The Council reconvened at 7:29 PM.

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

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman gave an overview on the project and the property in question.
- Mayor Handeland discussed the finances of the proposed project.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-20-10-02 A Resolution Designating Charles ("Chip") Leeper as Acting City Manager for the Period November 21 to November 30, 2020.

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-20-10-02.

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: September 29 - October 9, 2020.
- Assistant Utility Manager presented his verbal report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: September 29 - October 9, 2020.
- Manager Steckman presented his report.
- B. City of Nome Departmental Activity Reports.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. Rhonda Schneider announced the opening of the NEST Shelter on October 23rd for the season. She noted NEST would open at the Mini Convention Center and expressed appreciation for keeping Covid out of the homeless population. She gave an overview on monitors' training and spoke on homelessness in general.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTSMAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: September 29 - October 9, 2020,
- Mayor Handeland presented his verbal report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to enter into executive session.

The Council recessed into executive session at 8:33 PM.

The Council reconvened at 8:51 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Reader seconded by C. Martinson that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 8:51 PM

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 9th day of November, 2020.



JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk