

**Committee of the Whole – 6:30 P.M.  
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the North Pole City Council was held on Monday, May 2, 2011 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Doug Isaacson called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, May 2, 2011 to order at 7:00 p.m.

***There were present:***

**Ms. Arnold  
Mr. McGhee  
Ms. Hunter  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Holm  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mayor Isaacson**

***Absent/Excused***

**Excused  
  
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Excused**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG**

Led by Mayor Isaacson

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Sharron Hunter

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the Agenda of May 2, 2011**

**Seconded by Mr. McCarthy**

**Discussion**

**None**

**Mr. McGhee moved to put New Business Item (a) on consent agenda**

**Seconded by Mr. McCarthy**

**Discussion**

**PASSED**

**YES –4-McCarthy, Hunter, McGhee, Isaacson**

**NO – 0**

**Abstained- 0**

**On the main motion as amended**

**PASSED**

*City of North Pole  
May 2, 2011*

**YES –5 –Holm, McCarthy, Jones, McGhee, Isaacson**  
**NO – 0**  
**Abstained- 0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the Minutes of April 18, 2011**

**Seconded by Ms. Hunter**

**Discussion**

None

On the amendment

**PASSED**

**YES – 4- McCarthy, Hunter, McGhee, Isaacson**  
**NO – 0–**  
**Abstained- 0**

**On the main motion as amended**

**PASSED**

**YES-4- Hunter, McCarthy, McGhee, Isaacson**  
**NO-0**  
**Abstained-0**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending April 28, 2011**  
**ISSUES:**

- Update Juneau: As I write this it is day 12 of 30 of the Special Session, there is still no word about the details of the Capital Budget. The Senate has not brought it to the floor nor transmitted it to the House.
- Beautification & Clean Up Day: The Beautification Committee's minutes are attached, their next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 6 p.m. at Wendy's. But don't wait until May 9 to be proactive in making North Pole a beautiful place to live, work, and play—Area Wide Clean Up day is May 7 and members and friends of the committee will be out on the sides of the road from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. picking up the trash. If you would like to help, with the committee, call Tom Ertel, cell: 716-807-6359; home: 488-6432; on your own, trash bags will be available at the North Pole Fire Department—who will also be serving hot dogs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information about this event, please refer to the attached flyer.

- Summer Festival Committee: Met on Monday, April 26. Thank you to new sponsor North Haven / Ft. Wainwright, who has contributed \$1000! We've got a great team tackling 11 different projects that must be completed in order to put on a great event this July 4. If you would like to participate in helping to make this event exciting, whether it's producing the parade, scouring the community for finances and prizes, soliciting vendors, helping with games, putting on the Bed Race, marketing, or even being on the set-up and clean-up teams, please mark your calendar and attend **the next two meetings: May 10 & 24, 6 pm, at City Hall**. See you there!
- Meetings with Dan Fauske, ASAP: I've met twice with Dan Fauske, President & CEO Alaska Housing Corp, and also the CEO for the ANGDA Alaska Stand Alone Gas Pipeline (ASAP) Project. The route being planned is along the Parks Highway which may have some benefit as it was the Enstar project; however, it hits Fairbanks by a more slender spur and doesn't even get to the existing infrastructure here in North Pole at the GVEA electric generator and the two refineries (getting it to our industrial users means the cost of electricity, heating oil, gasoline will go down and consumers should realize immediate relief from natural gas). The Richardson Highway offers more economic users, especially mines, that will be completely bypassed by the proposed route. The Richardson Highway Mayors have signed onto a letter with FEDC to ask for genuine consideration of the alternate route, as required by the original enabling legislation in 2009. For more information on this important project, plan to attend the public meeting on Tuesday, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center (Centennial Hall) at Pioneer Park. Online: [www.gasline.us.com](http://www.gasline.us.com)
- Sulfolane Update: DEC Sulfolane Technical Project Team has published a 16 page newsletter (on the dais for Council) that is available online at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/csp/sites/north-pole-refinery/>. Hard copy of the newsletter can also be requested from Sursan Erben, Public Involvement Coordinator, Contaminated Sites Program, email: [susan.erben@alaska.gov](mailto:susan.erben@alaska.gov), phone: 907-465-5206.
- UAF Recognizes Local Alumni and Supporters: Chancellor Brian Rogers and a number of University officials and staff hosted UAF North Pole Alumni and Supporters Recognition on April 25, from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Hotel North Pole. Among the people and groups recognized were our Police and Fire Departments. We appreciate the growing partnership the University is developing with our community.
- City-Wide Open House Proposed: This year's Cruisin' With Santa will be held both in the Spring and Fall, the Spring date being May 21—the same day the City Departments will host a

City Wide Open House. In addition to the annual NPFDD Open House, which is being very well organized this year by Kyle Green, there will be booths at City Hall and the NPPD. A City “Passport” will be issued and small prizes given for visiting all the functions. Tom Ertel will be bringing his Santa Sleigh Train, developed for NP Christmas In Ice, to provide transportation between locations. Rides, information, static and interactive displays, and city staff will be on hand to answer questions from the public. We are inviting other agencies to be involved, too. This will be a great day to be in North Pole. I encourage Council members to take an active role on this date by being in attendance and by sitting a booth-or otherwise being available to interact with the public. Mark your calendar for May 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information to follow in the next couple weeks.

- Meetings with Rep Young and Sen Murkowski: I had meetings with members of our Congressional Delegation with the other mayors and/or community members. Among the top concerns was funding for energy projects, securing State funding for the Tanana Bridge access to JPARC, natural resource development, stopping federal overreach, and local projects funding. Both indicated that with the current composition of Congress and the White House the overreach may continue and funding for local projects may be slim.

#### **FNSB ASSEMBLY MEETING:**

The Assembly met on April 28 began at 6 p.m. and didn’t adjourn until 12:37 a.m. on the 29<sup>th</sup>. I stayed for the duration because the Resolutions concerning Ice Alaska and the competitive bid for \$1.7 million were the last items of the evening. The Assembly adopted both Resolution 2011-20, sponsored by Tim Beck, which allowed for Ice Alaska to qualify for the funds if they could have a deal in place by 6/30/2011. They then adopted Resolution 2011-19, sponsored by Mayor Hopkins, which puts the funds in a competitive bid after 7/1/2011 if Ice Alaska fails to have a deal put in place. Should that happen, North Pole Christmas In Ice is preparing to participate in the RFP which Mayor Hopkins is now tasked to develop. Other items affecting North Pole included the passage of Ordinance 2011-24 which defines the Alaska Gasline Port Authority’s project and places it on the next general election ballot. The Assembly continues to work on the annual budget, a draft copy is available in my office. The next two regular Assembly meetings are scheduled for May 5 and 12. For a list of meeting times and agendas, go to <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/meetings/Assembly> .

#### **MEDIA:**

**Apr 30,** Mayor Isaacson was on KJNP (1170 AM, 100.3 FM) 8 – 9 a.m. “Over the Coffee Cup.”

#### **UPCOMING (see above for other events, dates, and times)**

- **May 5, 11 am – 1 pm,** FNSB Senior Appreciation Luncheon @ Carlson Center

- **May 9, 11 a.m.**, Mayor to attend Quarterly Awards Luncheon @ EAFB
- **May 13, 1 pm**, UAF Law Enforcement Academy Graduation Ceremony & Reception @ Centennial Hall (NP Officer Alex Sporleder is currently the head of the class!)
- **May 14, 9 am**, Governor's Prayer Breakfast @ Westmark.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR**

Ms. Hunter asked if Mayor Isaacson had looked into the matter of the pictures on the front page of the website.

Mayor said he has reviewed the website and has talked with the clerk about that subject and they are in the process of putting a slide show on the website.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK**

#### **Accountant**

**Lisa Vaughn**

- None

#### **Police Dept**

**Lt. Dutra**

- None

#### **Fire Dept**

**Chief Lane**

- None

#### **Director of City Services, Bill Butler**

None

#### **Borough Representative, Mayor Isaacson**

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**City Clerk, Kathy Weber**

- Mrs. Weber attended the City Clerks Association of California from April 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. As a visiting VIP, she was able to have a backroom tour of Harrah's, which included everything from the kitchen to Penthouses with 6,000 sf of living area. Much of the conference was dedicated to the importance of continuing education, in the clerk's profession as well as meetings with state presidents, committees, and vendors. I will be traveling to the International conference on Friday, May 6 – 13<sup>th</sup> to Nashville, TN.

**ONGOING PROJECTS**

None

**CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approved by consent agenda**

**REQUEST FOR MAYOR, CITY CLERK AND THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO TRAVEL TO SITKA, ALASKA TO ATTEND THE AML SUMMER LEGISLATIVE/ACoM MEETING**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. McGee *moved to* adjourn the meeting of May 2, 2011**

**Seconded by Mr. McCarthy**

**No Objection**

The regular meeting of May 2, 2011 adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

**These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, May 16, 2011.**

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**DOUGLAS W. ISAACSON, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**KATHRYN M. WEBER, MMC, City Clerk**