

**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, March 19, 2012 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Isaacson called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, March 19, 2012 to order at 7:00 p.m.

***There were present:***

**Mr. Holm  
Ms. Hunter  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. McGhee  
Mr. Nelson  
Mr. Ward  
Mayor Isaacson**

***Absent/Excused***

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

Led by Mayor Isaacson

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Bryce Ward

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the Agenda of March 19, 2012**

**Seconded by Mr. Jones**

**Discussion**

None

**Mr. McGhee moved to Amend the agenda to consider items a - i under Old Business as one unit and to consent item c under New Business**

**Seconded by Mr. Ward**

**Discussion**

None

***On the amendment***

**PASSED**

**YES –7– Holm, Nelson, Ward, Jones, Hunter, McGhee, Isaacson**

**NO – 0 -**

**Abstained- 0**

*On the main motion as amended*

**PASSED**

**YES –7– Holm, Nelson, Ward, Jones, Hunter, McGhee, Isaacson**

**NO – 0 -**

**Abstained- 0**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the minutes of March 5, 2012**

**Seconded by Mr. Jones**

#### **Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

**YES –7– Holm, Nelson, Ward, Jones, Hunter, McGhee, Isaacson**

**NO – 0 -**

**Abstained- 0**

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending Mar 19, 2012**

#### **GENERAL:**

• The Status of Eielson: The status is constantly in re-definition as to how many military and civilian personnel may be affected, the timetable being considered and what the State and community's interaction will be. Here is a list of some of the actions taken since our last meeting:

- multiple meetings with the other two mayors, congressional staff and community leaders
- met with Congressman Young and Mayor Hopkins
- published "Community Perspective" piece last Thursday, prior to FNSB Assembly Special meeting (attached)
- various conversations with legislators—the Governor has put the RFP on the street, pending final legislative appropriation
- I have scheduled time with State officials, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, McHugh Pierre
- The FNSB Assembly passed the expenditure to hire a private consultant (see FNSB Report, below)

- The push is to get a community member on the Site Analysis (or Activation/Alteration) Task Force/SATAF (Congressman Young), the Senators are pushing to have the Government Accounting Office (GAO) exercise oversight, and the FNSB Mayor’s team is working on ensuring the data needed for discussion with the SATAF
- Energy, and Production Tax on oil have been major themes these past couple weeks.
  - Met with Rep Thompson regarding natural gas distribution for North Pole area businesses and residents

• The Status of Energy Relief and Projects: Here’s a list of current legislative initiatives for Energy Relief for the Interior:

Description	Bill Number	Sponsor	Status	Comments
Gas Storage Tax Credit	SB 153/ HB 289	Thomas/Thompson	Both versions held in Finance Committees 3/13 & 14	I sent letter of support for HB289
Conversion Loan	SB 154 HB 312	Thomas/T. Wilson	Both versions sit in Finance cmte	No movement in either body
Energy Efficiency Grant	HB 323	T. Wilson	Hearing in Energy Cmte 3/22 at 3 pm	I sent a letter of support
Energy Cost Buy Down	SB 99	Paskvan	No current activity, sits in Senate Finance	Intro’d last March, it’s to provide heating fuel price relief
Energy Rebate	SB 133	Thomas	No current activity, sits in Sen. Resources	Intro’d last April to authorize energy rebate for PFD recipients
Energy Voucher	SB 203/ HB 336	Thomas / Thompson	Heard/Held in Sen Finance; Held in House Energy 3/13	Voucher for 250 gals of heating oil or energy equivalent
Beluga to FBKS pipeline study	HB 308	Miller	Sits in House Energy, added co-sponsors,	may be surpassed by SB 215.
Cook Inlet to FBKS pipeline	SB 215	Thomas, Paskvan	Hearing today in Senate Resources	
Production Tax Credit – Nenana	SB 145/ HB 276	Coghill / Thompson	Sits in Senate Resources, Cmte Substitute passed House Resources and referred to Finance Mar 15	
Gas Distribution	Capital		Permitting, rights of way,	Request \$32.9

PESR	Request		and engineering study	million. 3 mayors, FEDC letter of support
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If you would like to be a part of the discussion, an Energy Task Force meets EVERY Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. at FEDC’s office, corner of Cushman & 3<sup>rd</sup> St, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

• Various Meetings in addition to those mentioned above, included:

- weekly at NPMS giving “Words of Wisdom” and interaction with students and staff
- have continued efforts on several events, including North Pole Choose Respect Rally- March 29 @ Hotel North Pole, Nancy Uptgraft is Event Coordinator; North Pole Seniors Appreciation Luncheon-Mar 30, City Clerk Kathy Weber is Event Coordinator; North Pole Mayor’s Art Show-April 10 @ City Hall, NPMS Art Teacher Scott Hanson is Event Coordinator—*for 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row!* North Pole Open House (in coordination with Cruis’n with Sana)-May 19, Engineer Kyle Green and Nichole Blizinski are Event Coordinators.
- Gave the Welcome Address to 15 new citizens and their families at the March 16 Naturalization Ceremony in the District Court of the Honorable Scott Oravec.
- Gave congratulatory comments to the World Ice Art Multi Block Competition Award recipients March 10 (the Ice park is open until March 25, weather permitting)
- Gave Welcome speech with the other mayors to the Tanana Chiefs Conference Annual Convention on March 12, as well as participated in the Community Reception on March 11
- Spoke with Jamie Bodenstadt of the Racing Lions about their plans to build a racing facility and attract associated businesses to the northwest corner of the City of North Pole
- Participated in the ADMA Award Ceremony with the other mayors on March 18

**MEDIA:**

**Mar 10, 17:** 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*)

- **Mar 23, 6 pm:** Mayor Pro Tem Ron Jones will represent the City at the Interior Mayors Awards for the Arts @ Centennial Hall Performing Arts Theater (Pioneer Park)

- **Mar 27, 6 pm:** Itadori Sister City Meets @ NPCH .
- **Mar 30, 11:30:** North Pole Seniors Appreciation Luncheon @ Hotel North Pole, sponsored by Wells Fargo

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

Mr. McGhee asked if the Mayor had done anything about the complaints that were given at the last council meeting in the Doughchee area concerning snow removal.

Mayor Isaacson said that he and Mr. Butler had driven through the city to take a look at it and it seemed to look fine.

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

#### **Fire Dept**

- None

#### **Police Department, Lt. Dutra**

- Annual Dept Head meeting was held on Friday, March 16, 2012. It was a very successful meeting and he encouraged the council to interact with the police officers and meet them.
- Letters of appreciation went to Det. Stewart, Terri Nelson, Officer Stevenson, and Officer Binkley. Officer Binkley was also awarded Officer of the Year in 2011.
- Last night was the first night that the department was fully staffed in the past 4 years.
- Tuesday the ARIDE program will start and there will be over 20 officers attending.
- Officer Stevenson is off of light duty and he is on patrol.
- Impound lot is moving forward and they are putting policies in place and amending the code.
- 2 officers attended Interview & Interrogation class and 1 attended the advanced class.
- 3 officers are now radar certified.
- Started new scheduling program which is posted online and officers can look at it anytime. Dispatch can also look at it and see who is on duty. It also has report functions and can be given to council to see what the staffing level is doing.
- Planning is continuing for the Open House on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The NPPD will be at the Santa Claus House and they plan on having many officers working there that day as it will take a lot of resources. They will be talking about drugs, car seat safety, and fingerprinting children.
- Thanked PW for putting motion sensors in the police dept. to save on energy.

Mr. McGhee asked if there is any task force in place to write tickets for vehicles that do not pull over for emergency vehicles. He felt that it was something that maybe the NPPD could do to educate the community on emergency vehicles and safety.

Lt. Dutra said that he didn't know of any task force that was being brought together but would ask officers to respond to those locations and that PSA's have been done on Emergency Vehicle Pull Over's.

### **Accountant, Lisa Vaughn**

- Ms. Vaughn gave copies of the Financial Statement to the council.
- Auditors had no complaints.
- Bank reconciliation has not been done yet for the month of February 2012. All insurance has been booked to Professional Services and she will break it out at a later date.
- Mayor, Clerk Weber, and Ms. Vaughn had teleconference with Bond Bank and they are waiting to see if the city may get a better return on the bonds.

### **FNSB Representative**

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

- The FNSB Assembly met on Thursday, March 8 and for a special meeting on March 15. Due to my being ill, Mayor Pro Tem Ron Jones represented the City on March 8 (and I listened at home on 89.9 FM). On March 8, the Assembly passed ORDINANCE NO. 2011-20-2S. An Ordinance Amending The FY2011-12 Budget By Appropriating \$98,580 From The General Fund Balance To The Multi-Year General Sub-fund For The Purpose Of Funding The Fairbanks North Star Borough Efforts To Respond To The Department Of Defense Announcement Of Significant Reductions At Eielson Air Force Base And Waiving Title 16 Requirements For All Expenditures Of Those Funds. This action was up for reconsideration during the Special meeting on March 15 questioning whether Title 16 should be waived. The reconsideration was voted down and the mayor has engaged the firm of Public Private Solutions Group (PPSG), Inc who were very influential in providing consulting services during the 2005 BRAC, overturning the BRAC decision because of their ability to engage DOD in the math.
- The next regular FNSB Assembly meeting is scheduled for March 22 at 6 pm. The following Agenda item will be of interest to North Pole: Resolution NO. 2012-17. A Resolution In Support Of An Instate Gas Pipeline Project That Is Economically Regulated To Ensure That Fairbanks Receives Gas At A Fair, Just And Reasonable Rate
- For a list of meeting times and agendas, go to <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/meetings/Assembly>.

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

#### **Building Department**

- Building Department code amendments are before Council this evening for second reading

#### **Public Works**

- Received verbal notification North Pole was awarded a Block Grant for renovations at the Santa Seniors Center for commercial grade kitchen range hood and ventilation system and commercial grade gas range. If there are sufficient funds, will also replace the building boiler.
  - Total project cost estimated at \$103,000 (approx. \$73,000 award; \$24,000 Senior Center cash match from another grant; and \$6,000 in-kind City match)
- Public Works projects funded by FMATS tentatively scheduled for spring/summer 2012

- Resurfacing parts of Kit, Beaver and Holiday roads
- Resurfacing East 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Pedestrian/bicycle path construction and/or shoulder widening Park Way, Santa Claus Lane, East 3<sup>rd</sup>, Snowman Lane, Davis and 5th Avenue.
- LED streetlight installation for majority of remaining incandescent streetlights

### **Utility Department**

- Utility Garage Project will hold its first construction conference on Tuesday to coordinate work of contractor and City
  - Goal is to begin excavation work as soon as weather permits
- A balance of approximately \$190,000 unexpended in Municipal Matching Grant for lift station project
  - After the few remaining construction activities are complete, will request state permit the City to apply these funds to additional lift station rehabilitation work
- Water Treatment Plant Engineering Analysis and Design Project will be pilot testing a new filtration method for City water supply
  - The pilot test will NOT be producing water for distribution to water customers

The pilot test is to see if a different water filter medium can increase the capacity of our current system and reduce the need for future plant expansion

### **City Clerk**

March 19, 2012

- Auditors were here this past week and kudo's go out to Admin personnel who worked hard this past year to make this a smooth process.
- Invitations were sent out this past week for the Mayor's Senior Appreciation luncheon that will be held at Hotel North Pole on Friday, March 30, 2012. Wells Fargo Bank will be sponsoring the event this year.
- Information has been sent out to the area schools for participation in the Mayor's Art Show on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. North Pole Elementary, Middle, & High School, Badger Rd Elementary, Ticasuk/Brown, and Two Rivers Elementary all participate in this event. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and celebrate our school artists.
- The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on April 2, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers.
- The first 2012 Beautification committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2012 at Wendy's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.
- Last but not least, congratulations to Paul Lindhag. He has reached the point that we all strive for and will retire on May 1, 2012. His last day will be April 30, 2012.

### **ONGOING PROJECTS**

Buzz Otis, NPEDC

- North Pole Sled Dog race had 28 teams participating.

- Date will be changed for next year so not to be in competition with Fur Rondezvous.
- Salmon Slalom was held as a fundraiser for Itadori Sister City.
- Mayor Isaacson Mc'd the dog race event and encouraged the mushers on.
- NPEDC has been asked if North Pole would consider putting in a bid for the World Sled Dog races.
- Approached Tanana Clinic on coming to North Pole.
- Working on landscaping across the street from the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave exit.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes**

John Poirrier, North Pole Grange

- Gardening workshop, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Art show will be held on April 20 & 21 and is dedicated to a fundraising effort for the new North Pole Library. A silent auction and outcry auction will be held along with a spaghetti feed at the Historic North Pole Grange.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Ordinance 12-06, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole Amending Title 15, Building & Construction, Chapter 15.04, Administrative Code
- b) Ordinance 12-07, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole Amending Title 15, Building & Construction, Chapter 15.12, Building Code
- c) Ordinance 12-08, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole Amending Title 15, Building & Construction, Chapter 15.20, Residential Code
- d) Ordinance 12-09, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole Amending Title 15, Building & Construction, Chapter 15.28, Mechanical Code
- e) Ordinance 12-10, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole Amending Title 15, Building & Construction, Chapter 15.36, Electrical Code
- f) Ordinance 12-11, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole Amending Title 15, Building & Construction, Chapter 15.42, Plumbing Code
- g) Ordinance 12-12, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole Amending Title 15, Building & Construction, Chapter 15.50, Fire Code
- h) Ordinance 12-13, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole Amending Title 15, Building & Construction, Chapter 15.82, Fuel Gas Code
- i) Ordinance 12-14, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole Amending Title 15, Building & Construction, Chapter 15.90, Energy Code



Mr. Butler informed council as to why the City of North Pole has implemented the Building Codes and that they help to protect the home buyer.

**Public Comment**

John Poirrier, 1001 Black Bear Turnaround

Mr. Poirrier spoke against the Building Code adoption for the City of North Pole. He has 20 years with the Corps of Engineers and 20 years as an architect. He stated that codes protect the public and property values but he is concerned and not comfortable with what was being considered tonight because the City of Fairbanks is different than the City of North Pole as they have staff to cover this. He asked council to not approve this tonight. Mr. Poirrier did state that he had not read through the packet and had only seen it tonight as he walked in.

**Mr. McGhee moved to Approve Ordinances 12-06 through 12-14**

**Seconded by Mr. Jones**

**Discussion**

None

**Mr. McGhee moved to Amend Ordinance 12-09 on page 80, Section 502.20 Nail Salons, to remove the percentage signs in the grid and replace it with ½” in both boxes.**

**Seconded by Mr. Jones**

**Discussion**

Mr. Holm felt that the council was moving too quickly.

Mr. Jones called point of order.

**PASSED**

**YES – 7 – Holm, Ward, Jones, Hunter, Nelson, McGhee, Isaacson**

**NO – 0**

**Abstained –**

**On the main motion as amended**

**Discussion**

Mr. Holm wanted to wait and look through the ordinances more. He wanted to give more time to resident like John Poirrier, to have some time to look into it and report back to council.

Mr. Ward said that when the city increases the code it costs more for the builders and then costs the homeowners more. He understands the building codes but wants to avoid making this something that is very difficult. He agrees with Mr. Holm and would like to postpone and make a baseline code for the city and graded scale like what AHFC has.

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Poirrier for his testimony. He said that the City has had a lot of struggles with contractors and that Santa Claus house is having difficulty with getting a contractor because

of the codes and the way they are written. He said that some of the problems that St. Nicholas Catholic church had was due to the fact that there wasn't any cohesiveness to the building codes. He said that to update the City building codes is a good thing and that we can amend it at any time.

**Mr. Jones** *moved to postpone until April 16, 2012.*

**Seconded by Mr. Ward**

**Discussion**

Mayor asked if this would affect any building permits if the City postponed until April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Butler stated that there would not be.

Ms. Hunter asked for clarification.

Mr. McGhee said he was speaking against postponing this. He asked if three of the council members are going to set up and form a committee to go over the building codes amendments. He felt the only reason the council was postponing it was because someone from the public, who didn't have time to read it, was asking council to postpone. He hoped the council members had read it and that they accept what the Dept Head has researched and put before them. He stated that the only exception is the fuel gas and energy code that is being included. He felt this is housekeeping and is only protecting the city's interests. He said he doesn't need another meeting or open house to redo the code.

Mr. Ward said that if we need to have an open house and if we need a meeting then he would be happy to have it. When the city adopts them then there are subsections that change. He doesn't see the benefit. There are issues that he is hesitant to make to this code.

Mayor asked if he would have an open house to go over the code.

Ms. Hunter said she agrees with councilman McGhee and is against postponing it and is open to the revisions. She wondered if being knowledgeable on all the codes helps when it is computerized and if it solves the problem.

Mr. Butler said the cost per document is about the same whether it's an electronic file or paper. It is easier to search electronically.

Mr. Ward said that they build on each other and it is outlined in 2009. There have been several changes.

Mr. Holm said he wanted to postpone it.

Mr. McGhee asked if they were against the changes in terminology that Mr. Butler brought forward or that the code needs to be changed. He is confused and felt that council is not addressing what is before them.

Mayor Isaacson said this is near and dear to everyone's heart and that we have an opportunity to review this. The City is covered and we have no pending permits to worry about. He felt it is worth taking 30 days to review it and make everyone comfortable.

Mr. McGhee called the question.

FAILED

YES – 1

NO – 6

Abstained - 0

Mr. Ward said they currently have adopted the 2006 edition except for fuel and energy and he wants to review what is before them.

Mr. Jones said as a collective whole, your vote counts and if you feel that this is clerical stuff then vote the way you feel.

Mr. McGhee said as a councilmember there is a lot of City business, ordinance, codes, in the police, fire, utility, and will not read word for word as he does not have the expertise. He does believe in the employees and the education and ability of each department heads to give best rendition of correction in codes to keep us up to date. He commended Mr. Ward and would like to see Mr. Holm join the committee and review the building codes to see that the city is up to date and not overzealous. He supports Mr. Butler 100% in his ability to bring information to council.

Mr. Isaacson said that he recognized that there are several folks in the trade and that he wants to give everyone limited amount of time to review this.

Mr. Nelson said there are a lot of codes to keep up with and we have a paid employee to keep us up to date. He believes that if there are confused council members and that he will vote to give them more time to review it.

Ms. Hunter said she is concerned that anyone starting tomorrow is not going to understand this new code. She will vote against it.

On the motion to postpone until April 16, 2012

PASSED

YES – 4 – Holm, Ward, Nelson, Isaacson

NO – 3 – Jones, Hunter, McGhee

Abstained - 0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **REQUEST FROM FAIRBANKS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2011 BED TAX**

Dawn Murphy of FCVB informed council of the works that they are doing along with the Bed Tax YTD dollar change through December 2011. She stated that Karen Lane has left FCVB and has taken a job with AWG. These are some of the events that are happening this spring.

- March 21<sup>st</sup> luncheon has been canceled.
- South Denali Visitors Center Complex presentation at Alpine Lodge
- April 21, FCVB Annual Banquet
- May 11<sup>th</sup> is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Visitor Industry Walk for Charity

Ms. Murphy stated that the City of North Pole had mistakenly paid 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter bed tax and not 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter bed tax. Therefore this time the City would pay 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Ms. Vaughn verified that she had made a mistake and said that the amount owed for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was \$1,311.54.

### **Public Comment**

Paul Brown, 1807 Christine Dr., North Pole, AK

Mr. Brown stated that he is board member and wanted to highlight something in the FCVB letter. He said that they had just received the formal audit for FCVB from Kohler, Schmitt & Hutchison and came back with a completely clean audit.

He also wanted to make aware that the March 27<sup>th</sup> Complex presentation at Alpine Lodge on south end is something that he encouraged everyone to attend and be informed.

**Mr. McGhee *moved to* Approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Bed Tax Request from Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$1,311.54**

**Seconded by Mr. Ward**

### **Discussion**

Mayor Isaacson said they will actually be dispersing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter bed tax.

### **PASSED**

**YES – 7 – Holm, Ward, Jones, Hunter, Nelson, McGhee, Isaacson**

**NO – 0**

**Abstained – 0**

### **REQUEST FROM NORTH POLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2011 BED TAX**

Paul Brown glossed over the letter that they gave to council. He stated they helped Christmas in Ice to raise funds. The North Pole Championship Sled Dog races are a 3-4 month process and they put in 23 miles of trail and had issues with the snowfall. NPEDC was excited to bring on

Mt. McKinley bank as a sponsor and are looking at bringing this back next year in March. They are also look to identify potential funding on what the effects will be in the North Pole community if military personnel from Eielson move to Anchorage.

NPEDC is looking forward to a bigger and better Christmas in Ice next year. There are rumors of a multi block exhibit.

**Public Comment**

None

**Mr. Jones moved to Approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Bed Tax Request from North Pole Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$6,682.15**

**Seconded by Mr. Ward**

**Discussion**

Ms. Hunter asked about the Community profile packet.

Mr. Brown said are in the process of wrapping it up and was waiting for the census to complete the radius study and will be putting the total packet together which profiles social, quality of life and education.

Mr. Ward asked about a tentative date for the community profile.

Mr. Brown said it will potentially be available on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PASSED**

**YES – 7 – Holm, Ward, Jones, Hunter, Nelson, McGhee, Isaacson**

**NO – 0**

**Abstained – 0**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Ms. Hunter** –said she was glad to be here as she had been ill and didn't know if she would make the meeting tonight. She had a citizen comment on Lt. Dutra who helped a distressed car in the roundabout and use his vehicle to push that person out of the roundabout.

**Mr. Nelson** – no comment

**Mr. McGhee** – wanted to re-emphasize that council members need to come to the Student Art Appreciation on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. and encourage the students with their art. He said that is the first step to show their art at the grange. He also encourages council to recognize the seniors on the 30<sup>th</sup> and the Open House on May 19<sup>th</sup>. It is good to hear that employees are recognized in NPPD and is great to know that departments do that. He emphasized that any form of education

for motorist on the correct way to respond to emergency vehicles is good. He is appalled with the general public's driving habits which are very scary. He encouraged everyone to take part in the fundraiser for the Grange and in all our city affairs. Mr. McGhee said he was discouraged about tonight and the building code ordinances. He is looking forward to the committee and the report to council on the 7 ordinances and specific changes. He read them and can't tell the council he understands them but he didn't go to school for this and trusts the employees that work for them. He had the opportunity to call and get more information and would hope that all council members would do that prior to the meeting. He stated that many times when council members picked up packets in previous years, how many council members he saw before the meeting and hadn't read a single word. He said there have been huge documents of municipal code that have been amended and committees formed to reviewed them and have had advisors explain it to them with the necessary changes. He expects a report from the committee on the ordinances that they didn't understand.

**Mr. Ward** – emphasized that they are having another finance meeting on April 2, 2012 AT 5:30 and would be curious to hear what the auditors had to say but will be looking forward to seeing a report from them. He will schedule a time with the clerk to set up a committee to go over the building codes. He said it will be fine for another month until we have time to review the codes. He will be in contact with the council and let them know when the meeting is set up for.

**Mr. Holm** – stated that he is not a builder and could read them over many times and still wouldn't understand them. He said that his concern is that these things were not properly vetted and even Bill Butler said that they weren't reviewed by contractors and may not change a thing but needs to be vetted by proper authority. He felt that it is much better to pass this through in clean order and that the City may be too onerous for other people. Mr. Holm also said that the City is covered with the 2006 edition, and it won't hurt to let this go for another month. He thanked Chief Lindhag for his service to the community. He said that as a council they need to be actively looking for restructuring the NPPD and reduce the cost of the police and fire for our size of community and it is certainly easier to reduce a force through attrition than to have to lose jobs.

**Mr. Jones** – thanked council members for being here and doing what we have to do. He said we are much kinder and gentler than the FNSB. He thanked Paul Brown for coming out and everything he does for Christmas in Ice. He thanked John Poirrier for coming out and giving his advice. Mr. Jones said he understands where Mr. McGhee is coming from and that we all need to be edified by Roberts Rules and we all need to know how to do procedures. He said he will not comply and then vote your conscience. He appreciates the Chief and all he's done. He is surprised there are not more accidents in the roundabouts. People do not want to yield by the sign at McDonald's. He looks forward to the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and if you have anything for the finance committee let him know and submit it to him by email. He has heard about the audit and would like to hear more.

**Mayor Isaacson** – reminded council on the right of citizens to comment regardless of how we feel about their comments and we shall not be abridged and must remain civil. He wanted to comment down the line and if there are any issues in the Police Department that now is the time to be addresses those because he is looking at a reorganization of the force when looking for a new chief. The Mayor said he will be talking with the Police Chief tomorrow. The

Beautification committee will be meeting and looking at the park on 5<sup>th</sup> and Davis. He said to be sure to keep him posted on what the committees are doing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Jones** *moved to adjourn the meeting of March 19, 2012*

**Seconded** *by Mr. Ward*

**No Objection**

The regular meeting of March 19, 2012 adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

**These minutes passed and approved** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, April 2, 2012.

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**DOUGLAS W. ISAACSON**, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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