

**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, April 16, 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, April 16, 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

Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Isaacson

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman McGhee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the Agenda of April 2, 2012

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Discussion

None

Mr. McGhee moved to Amend to consider items a – i under Old Business as one

- 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*

and consent items a-d under New Business.

- a. Request For 2012 1st Quarter Bed Tax From Christmas In Ice*
- b. Approval Of 2012 Chena Lakes Contract For Nppd*
- c. Resolution 12-08 To Accept And Amended Municipal Matching Grant #63319 In The Additional Amount Of \$187,340*
- d. Resolution 12-09 Reassigning Assessments For Lot B4 Eagle Estates To Replatted Subdivision*

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Discussion

None

On the amendment

PASSED

YES –6– Holm, Jones, Ward, Hunter, McGhee, Isaacson

NO – 0 -

Abstained- 0

Absent – 1 - Nelson

On the main motion as amended

PASSED

YES –6– Holm, Jones, Ward, Hunter, McGhee, Isaacson

NO – 0 -

Abstained- 0

Absent – 1- Nelson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the minutes of April 2, 2012

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Discussion

None

PASSED

YES –6– Holm, Jones, Ward, Hunter, McGhee, Isaacson

NO – 0 -

Abstained- 0

Absent – 1- Nelson

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending April 16, 2012

GENERAL:

- **The Status of Eielson:** The local efforts to inject our concerns into the move of the 354th Fighter Wings' Aggressor Squadron of F16s appear to have had some beneficial effects. The Site Activation Task Force (SATAF) is normally headed by a Lt. Colonel but this time was headed by a Brigadier General (BG McLeod) who in separate meetings with the three local mayors and the borough mayor's Tiger Team and media, reiterated the hybrid character of this SATAF which includes the mandate of figuring out how to make the move happen and now includes the ability to negate the move if the savings are not there. The other positive movements were the, due to the Alaska Congressional Delegation's insistence, the 168th ANG was included on the SATAF and the findings of the SATAF will be made public—an action that is not typical for site activations. The SATAF visited both Eielson and Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) and is scheduled to release its report by the end of May.

Also, KeepTheF16s.com is a joint outreach effort by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the cities of North Pole and Fairbanks to inform concerned residents about the Air Force's plans to move the F-16 squadron and support staff from Eielson AFB to the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage. The website (<http://www.keepthef16s.com>) and related Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ KeepTheF16s/](http://www.facebook.com/KeepTheF16s/)) are also places where the public can share their comments, photos, and videos to help make the case that moving the F-16s from Eielson is the wrong solution for Fairbanks and the country.

- **Legislative Update:** The Legislature adjourned last night but the Governor has called them back into special session, "calling for a special session of the 27th Alaska Legislature in Juneau, effective Wednesday, April 18, at 1 p.m., to address oil tax legislation, an Alaska gasline, and tougher penalties for human trafficking."

Kathie Wasserman, Alaska Municipal League Executive Director, assisted by AML lobbyist Ray Gillespie, succeeded, through the efforts of Rep Bill Stoltze, to get \$25 million more for Municipal Revenue Sharing, which brings an additional \$82,667 in payment to North Pole, according to Bill Rolfzen from DCCED, making the total that we can expect \$281,068 (comparable to receipts in 2011). Thank you AML and Legislature.

The capital budget has left intact the \$2,590,450 for the North Pole Sewer Lining Project to be added to \$1.4 million approved by the voters in October 2011—the project will actually be under construction in 2013.

The Legislature also appropriated money to match the Bentley Trust Library Fund managed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough. I understand the final design will be completed by competitive process during the balance of this year with construction beginning in 2013 and completion in 2015. Thanks to the many local individuals, the borough, and state organizations that have assisted in the efforts to secure the library funds.

- The Status of Energy Relief and Projects: As noted in several News-Miner articles the past couple days, the various bills regarding energy relief have gotten entwined and may be sorting out further in special session. However, it appears that GVEA will receive \$3.5 million to assist in the \$15 million development phase of the GVEA/FHR natural gas trucking project.

- Itadori Sister City Update: Thanks to the many people, especially the Barb Nore and Karen Lane families that were working diligently to make this year's Itadori (Japan) Sister City exchange a reality. Unfortunately, for various reasons, the team was not able to secure sufficient funds to make the trip. Cultural exchanges have a positive impact on our local community by broadening cultural understanding, adopting ideas that improve the quality of life (such as along the Beaver Springs Nature Trail), and creating connections that are even today being used to increase commercial exchanges and visitor traffic to our community. I encourage Council and community participation of these exchanges, whether to Itadori or to the Community of Taylor, B.C., in the future.

- Welcome Home Soldiers! We welcome our 4000 plus soldiers and airmen who have been deployed, largely to Afghanistan, are in the process of coming home! The return will mean that there will be more cars at intersections, more people in our stores and restaurants, and possibly more response by our public safety personnel as families may struggle to re-adapt to being together. If you know of families that are struggling, please encourage them to take advantage of the numerous programs and activities provided to them by the Army, Air Force, and various community agencies. Remember to take a moment when you see a military member and thank them for their service.

There are TWO (or more) events you can be a part of:

1. The GFCC 44th Military Appreciation Banquet this Friday at 6 pm at the Carlson Center (tickets: 452-1105);
2. A community parade, “Salute to Our Military Parade, or STOMP, will be held in Fairbanks on May 12. There’s a great website full of information and to volunteer to be involved and to donate for expenses: www.stompfairbanks.com.

• Summer Festival Committee: has begun preparing for the July 4, 2012 event. This year, July 4 falls on a Wednesday which means that a lot of people will be in town who might otherwise have been elsewhere. If you, or your business, would like to be involved in the planning and underwriting of expenses/activities/prizes, please join us this Wednesday, April 18 and May 2, 16 & 30 and every Wednesday in June at 6 pm here at City Hall. It’s going to be a great event!

• The Mayor’s Annual Student Art Show: was held at City Hall on April 10. NPMS Art Teacher Scott Hanson coordinated the event for the tenth year in a row and did a great job again, as is evident by the art in the Council Chambers. Barb Nore’s string ensemble from NPMS did a remarkable job with music and are to be commended. Scott was recognized to a packed house for his gift to the students and city with the mayoral proclamation, attached.

My thanks also goes to the City Clerk, Kathy Weber, who for the tenth year has sent out invitations to the students and their parents, principals, and art teachers from NPE, NPMS, NPMS, Tikasuk Brown Elementary and Badger Road Elementary schools and typed up the certificates and art bios—that’s a lot of work and ensures that there is maximum attendance.

• FMATS: The Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System Policy meeting will be held this Wednesday at the Peger Road DOT&PF Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. The public is welcome to comment during two designated comment periods at the beginning and near the end of the meeting. One of the items the City of North Pole is working on is getting funding to push to FY2013 the \$2 million construction of the “Pedestrian Facilities” (i.e., sidewalks) along St. Nicholas. Funding has been freed up from pushing back a College Road project. For more information, talk to Bill or me.

• 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 Employee Emergency Preparedness, and the North Pole Open House (in coordination with Cruis’n with Santa)-May 19, NPFD Engineer Kyle Green and Nichole Blizinski are Event Coordinators.
- Attended the Alaska Railroad North Pole Road-Rail Crossing Reduction (Realignment) Open House at Hotel North Pole, also representing the City was Director of City Services, Bill Butler

- Attended the Re-Deployment Ceremony of the 1-52 Bravo and Charlie Companies (aviation) at Ft. Wainwright. They did extraordinary accomplishments and have all returned home safely!
- I attended the funeral of 22 year old North Pole resident Jordan Boggs whose life, along with his friend Colton, was tragically ended by a drunk driver a little over a week ago. Our thoughts and prayers continue for the families of all affected. Gratefully, two of the young people involved in the head on collision Jerry Noy and Hannah Gustafson were in attendance. Hannah had sustained serious injuries but had just been released from FMH!

• Farewell to the Chief: Please join us in celebrating Chief Lindhag's retirement on April 26, 2012 at 6 pm at the North Pole Hotel. It will be a time to enjoy food from Pagoda and reminisce with lots of stories about his 30 years in public service. We do not plan on having any costs for attendees but donations would be appreciated. Donations accepted at NPPD or any North Pole Police Officer or City Hall City Clerk Kathy Weber. If you have any pictures of Chief Lindhag's "years gone by," please forward them to Lt. Dutra at sdutra@northpolepolice.org.

Please RSVP by 4-20-2012. We need to know how many people will be there.

MEDIA:

Apr 7 & 14: Mayor Isaacson was on KJNP (1170 AM, 100.3 FM) 8 – 9 a.m. “Over the Coffee Cup.” Due to media coverage of the SATAF, I appeared on the various news channels, including an interview by KTUU, Ch2, Anchorage. An Opinion Piece regarding REAL Energy Relief by using our Royalty Oil appeared in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner, the Juneau Empire, and the Alaska Dispatch (attached).

UPCOMING (*This is NOT conclusive, see above for other events, dates, and times, or call the Clerk or Mayor for other possible upcoming events*)

- **Apr 20, 5-9 pm:** Third Friday Art Show at the NP Grange. ALSO: “From Brushes to Books” a fundraising event for the North Pole Branch Library, including a Silent Auction, see attached
- **Apr 20, 6 pm:** NPPD Appreciation Dinner for the Red Cross @ Hotel North Pole .
- **Apr 20, 7 pm AND Apr 21, 2 pm & 7 pm:** NPHS production of “Leader of the Pack” at NPHS
- **Apr 27, 6 pm:** Alaska Peace Officers Banquet @ Westmark, NPPD Officers Binkley and two others to be recognized.
- **Apr 27, 6 pm:** NP Fire Department Volunteer Appreciation Dinner @ Hotel North Pole
- **Apr 28, 6:30 pm:** FCVB Annual Awards Banquet (Dress: Favorite Pioneer @ location tbd)
- **May 1, 5:30-7:30 pm:** Alaska DEC Sulfolane Open House @ North Pole Plaza Mall (Safeway Mall),

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

Ms. Hunter asked if it was too soon to ask about the economic effect of the shut down at Flint Hills.

Mayor Isaacson stated that it was too soon and they have been working with employees on financial incentives for employees that stay until the end of summer. He stated that the ARR is taking a hit as well as they will be hauling less fuel to Anchorage.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Dept, Chief Lane

- Reminded council that this Friday at 6:30, Hotel North Pole, Red Cross Appreciation dinner.
- Friday, April 27th at 7 pm is the NPFDD appreciation dinner catered by The Works.
- NIMS testing is a concern and he wants council members to finish taking the tests. It is important for funding and if there was a disaster, what your role would be.
- Critical Emergency Employee Preparedness (CEEP) classes are being put together for employees. This class is geared toward making a plan at home in case something happens. They will then work with businesses and how to prepare their employees. The NPFDD is working with the schools with emergency preparedness and are modifying it for different situations.
- Preparedness drill was geared toward cold weather this year and will teach classes on preparing your home if you have to leave during cold weather. Three classes will be given: May 1 & 8 from 7 – 9:30 p.m. May 9th is 8 – 12 and May 10 1-5.
- May 19th is open house for NPFDD in conjunction with Cruis'in with Santa.
- Clean up day is May 5th and bags will be available tomorrow. Green bags for recyclables and yellow for garbage.

Police Department, Lt. Dutra

- APOA awards banquet tickets can be purchased from the NPPD. The function will be from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27th. The banquet will take place at the Westmark Hotel.
- Lt Dutra informed council that the NPPD is holding a retirement party for Chief Lindhag at Hotel North Pole on Thursday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m.
- New system is up and running and they hope to see benefits of the program right away.
- Just returned from 3 day conference with Homeland Security for the NPMS case and shared with the lessons learned. This was the first time that they have talked about the case since it happened. The information was well received and they brought back information.
- Thanked the Wards for touring the NPPD and learning about what that department does.

- Officers are doing presentations at Head Start and North Pole High School. The students are very engaged and asked good questions. This was part of the Highway Safety Grant.
- Recently did a class at Badger Elementary about boating.
- Sgt Bellant is doing great at the High School.
- Still getting a lot of tours from Boy Scouts and other organizations to NPPD.

Accountant, Lisa Vaughn

- None

FNSB Representative

FNSB ASSEMBLY MEETING:

The FNSB Assembly met on Thursday, April 12. The Assembly narrowly defeated Ordinance 2012-17, an effort to exempt properties facing a foreclosure action; they passed Ordinance 2011-20-2V which affects the FNSB property off Brock and Repp Roads, which will allow development, including prep for a new elementary school if needed; also passed was Ordinance 2011-20-2W which allots \$500,000 for ongoing costs related to the Pipeline valuation. The borough stands to gain \$10 million from the action. Also, the Assembly approved updated policies for Parks & Rec, which clarifies which parks can be used as campgrounds.

There will be a special assembly meeting on April 19 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss two vacations of public right-of-way in the Chena Bend Estates area. The next regular FNSB Assembly meeting is scheduled for April 26 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

- Held a public meeting related to the adoption of updated building codes on Monday, April 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at City Hall
 - Councilman Ward lead the meeting and council member Sharon Hunter attended
 - Approximately 8 public members attended
- Received first application for a building permit—roof repair on town house on 8th avenue

Public Works

- Continuing to submit additional documentation required for the Santa Seniors kitchen remodel project
- Some limited flooding has occurred during this break up
 - The slowly warming temperatures have helped keep flooding to a minimum
 - Have identified several ditch, culvert and storm drain projects to help reduce future flooding
 - If you or your constituents have specific suggestions to help improve drainage and flooding, Public Works will try to address them

- Will begin recruiting summer hires—will post advertisements beginning this weekend
 - Hope to hire temporary staff in early May

Utility Department

- Resolution before Council to accept an amendment to grant award for the Utility Garage Project
 - Council approved submitting a revised grant application in Resolution 12-01
 - Received a grant amendment of \$187,334 for the Garage Project
 - Total State award for the project with the amendment equals \$712,311
- Resolution requesting the distribution of assessment on replatted Lot B-4 in the Stillmeyer subdivision to 26 individual lots
- North Pole is in the state capital budget for a Municipal Matching Grant totaling \$2,590,450 for proposed sewer lining project
 - If passed in final budget, could be combined with \$1.4M loan approved by public vote in October 2011.
- Flint Hills updated value of well project to \$4.2 M
 - Funding achieved or pending for Utility since 2007 now exceeds \$20 M with the revised figure from Flint Hills

City Clerk

April 16, 2012

- Chief Lindhag's last day as North Pole Police Departments Chief will be on April 30, 2012. An invitation only retirement party will be held for him on April 26, 2012. Anyone receiving an invitation is to RSVP to Kathy Weber at 488-8583.
- Met with Cigna on Wednesday, April 11th and discussed issues that the City was having with the claims department. I will be meeting with them again tomorrow at noon. We are hoping to have our bids in on the City health care plan this week.
- Mayor's Art Show was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. Approximately 30 individuals attended the event.
- North Pole Fire Department is having their Red Cross Appreciation Dinner at the Hotel North Pole on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
- I was contacted by the Adult Learning Center and they would like to do a presentation at the May 7th meeting.
- Mikunda Cottrell will be giving their report on the audit at the May 21st meeting.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Finance Committee cancelled their meeting for Monday night. They will be putting out another agenda for the next meeting.

Arctic Winter Games 2014 will have a community event from noon to 2pm at the Carlson Center in the Pioneer Room. There is a chance to win 25,000 Alaska Airline miles. (see pamphlets)

CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes

- John Poirrier, 1001 Blackbear Turnaround 8:23 p.m.

Mr. Poirrier commented on the minutes of last weeks meeting. He clarified his comments on the Grange and the library in the minutes of April 2, 2012. He stated he was disappointed in the Public Forum on Building Codes that was held on April 9, 2012. Mr. Poirrier made other comments regarding the building codes and he did not agree with the process that the city council went with.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 12-15, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE TO AMEND TITLE 13 PUBLIC SERVICES; CHAPTER 13.20 SEWER SERVICES, AND CHAPTER 13.24 UTILITY RATES TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE'S ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT #AK-002139-3 MANDATING IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Butler introduced this ordinance and brought council up to date on the permit and regulations.

Public Comment

John Poirrier, 1001 Blackbear Turnaround

Mr. Poirrier said that he will regretfully refrain from making any comments on this subject.

Mike Pollen, 1606 Heather Drive, Fairbanks, AK

Mr. Pollen spoke on the importance of this permit and that the City has been doing this for the past 20 years. He stated that this has been a remarkably successful venture between the City and the significant dischargers. Mr. Pollen said that it would not be good for the city to not approve this tonight.

Mr. Jones *moved* to Approve Ordinance 12-15, An Ordinance Of The City Of North Pole To Amend Title 13 Public Services; Chapter 13.20 Sewer Services, And Chapter 13.24 Utility Rates To Satisfy The Requirements Of The City Of North Pole's Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit #Ak-002139-3 Mandating Implementation Of An Industrial Pretreatment Program

Seconded by Mr. Holm

Discussion

None

PASSED

YES – 6 – Ward, Holm, Jones, Hunter, McGhee, Isaacson

NO – 0

Abstained – 0

Absent – 1 - Nelson

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES 12-06 THROUGH 12-14 TO MOVE AS ONE

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Public Comment

Buddy Lane 2265 Flight Lane

Mr. Lane spoke as the Fire Chief of the City of North Pole and stated that he felt the City should adopt what the City of Fairbanks has. He did not agree with Mr. Poirrier's comments and said that the building codes are there for a reason and they protect the home owner and emergency personnel. He said they also get changed for a reason and it is important for the council to adopt them.

Mr. Butler stated that this is a large task for anyone to take on and he only received feedback from 2 people for the 2006 Building Codes.

Mr. Brice spoke about the Open Forum on April 9, 2012 and most of the conversation revolved around safety code and not residential and level of enforcement. He said one member of public was concerned on economic impact and potential downturn and expressed justification

statements and why it's important to change code. He agreed with the changes in the building codes.

Mr. McGhee felt that there wasn't enough interest from the public on this subject for the amount of work that went into it. He hoped that the council would now move forward and pass this.

Ms. Hunter said that overall it is important to err on the side of more input from the community. She thought it was important to have more council people attending these meetings. She also felt this was a very educational process

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

Seconded by Mr. Ward

Discussion

None

Mr. McGhee moved to Amend By Including The Recommended Language To Correct Introductory Sections Of Building Code Ordinances Provided By Bill Butler To The City Clerk

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Discussion

Mr. Ward said it was important for the council to know what they are voting on and has no regret to any steps taken on this topic. In the future he would like to see more of that. He has had chance to look at the changes and they were a reflection of code and substance didn't change, only the wording and definitions.

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Butler for his information and for Mr. Ward chairing the meeting. He understands why there are certain things in code. He doesn't want to see the City go away. He is in favor of this ordinance.

Mr. McGhee enjoyed going through the book provided by Mr. Butler and appreciates the people involved in the forum. Like Mr. Jones, he knows what is required in his own home. He felt this was overkill. He applauds Mr. Ward's enthusiasm and for the public forum but said we already provide public testimony as required by law and making our packets public.

Ms. Hunter was skeptical about the meeting and found that it was important to err on the side of the public. Council people should try and attend the meetings and make a statement to the public that you are involved and that you attend for that reason.

On the Amendment

PASSED

YES – 6, Ward, Jones, Hunter, McGhee, Holm, Isaacson

NO – 0

Absent – 1, Nelson

On the main motion as amended

PASSED

YES – 6, Ward, Jones, Hunter, McGhee, Holm, Isaacson

NO – 0

Absent – 1, Nelson

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. McGhee – spoke to the versatile and dynamic group of people who are on the council and the youth that are wanting to get involved. He hope that someday council will get involved with a community center for the City of North Pole. He has been on the council for almost 14 years and thought of stepping down in frustration as there are new people learning new things and supporting employees and it's a learning curve. He appreciates everyone on the council and the opportunity to serve the City.

Mr. Ward – was happy with the Open Forum on Building Codes and the process. He feels it is important for the council to stay connected with citizens and them with us. He thanked all council members and thanked Ms. Hunter for attending the forum. He is getting busy already this summer and encouraged everyone to better our community.

Mr. Holm – thanked Mr. Butler for getting material to council and does not think this is an overkill and that it is the kind of process that should go on to provide more transparency. He thinks things are getting pushed through too fast and his only complaint is that this was only given to us this past week and council should have had it weeks ago and objects to seeing something brought before him only a few days before the meeting.

Mr. Jones - thanked public for staying and he will still make his flight. He appreciates the mayors notes and updates EAFB. He doesn't feel that the base will be leaving. He has been offered a job in Anchorage and he hopes to go through the interview process. If the jets leave this is a better opportunity for him. The Mayor's art show was good. He thanked Mr. Ward for heading up the building code forum. He too would like to see a community center. He will be out there for Clean up day and encouraged everyone to be more involved in the community.

Ms. Hunter – thanked Officer Smith for coming to the high school and conducting the Grim Reaper program. NPHS is having an assembly on Thursday and will have all ghosts there. Every 10 minutes a teenager dies from alcohol related or distractions while driving. Her vote is for Chillin' with Santa for July 4th theme.

Mayor Isaacson – thanked staff and council members and felt it was more important to make sure that the community understands what is going on in the City rather than to ramrod something through. He thanked council members for attending the art show. He believes that

the City will grow and that we need to try and get a community center.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Holm *moved to adjourn the meeting of April 16, 2012*

Seconded by McGhee

No Objection

The regular meeting of April 16, 2012 adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, May 7, 2012.

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk