

**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 7, 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, May 7, 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

Absent

Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Isaacson

INVOCATION

Invocation was given *by* **Ron Jones**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jones *moved to Approve the Agenda of May 7, 2012*

Seconded *by* **Mr. McGhee**

Discussion

None

PASSED

YES –5 - Jones, Ward, Nelson, McGhee, Isaacson

NO – 0 -

Abstained- 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jones *moved to Approve the minutes of April 16, 2012*

Seconded *by* **Mr. McGhee**

Discussion

Mr. Ward asked for changes to his name be made on page 11 of the minutes to change it from Mr. Bryce to Mr. Ward.

PASSED

YES –5– Jones, Ward, Nelson, McGhee, Isaacson

NO – 0 -

Abstained- 0

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending May 7, 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. On April 25, the three local mayors, joined by Anchorage Mayor Sullivan, sent a letter to Brigadier General Mark McLeod who led the SATAF, Site Activation Task Force. The letter was forwarded to Council by email. The letter asked for clarifications of conflicting statements made by Air Force leadership. A response of receipt of letter was received and the Congressional Delegation was given a briefing that also had some issues needing clarification, to which another combined mayor letter will be forthcoming.

To keep up-to-date and find copies of correspondence, visit KeepTheF16s.com.

The Alaska Command presented a briefing on the DRAFT JPARC EIS, the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex Environmental Impact Study, which, while independent of the F16 move, nevertheless did not in our opinion adequately address the environmental impacts to the range and proximity by the transfer of the F16 Falcons to Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER). The local mayors have sent a letter requesting a 60 day extension to the June 7 comment period; we have been joined by similar letters from the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and the Alaska Aviation Board.

JPARC EIS public hearings are scheduled throughout the state from May 11-23. **For more information,** visit www.jparceis.com

• **The Status of Energy Relief and Projects:** I do not believe our local businesses and residents can afford a repetition of the high cost of energy bills we suffered through this past winter. The local mayors are stepping up our efforts to bring relief to the Interior. The borough mayor is working with stakeholders to try to expedite LNG deliveries to the Interior. The three mayors will be discussing the Royalty Oil option I floated in various newspapers across Alaska, including the Daily News-Miner on April 10. Senator Coghill is also helping to contact

appropriate State Departments to move this idea forward, and I will be presenting this information to the Institute of the North in Anchorage, Thursday night, May 10.

- City Bond Refinancing: As approved by Council, the City of North Pole is being represented by Cheryl Brooking, Esq., or Wohlforth, Brecht, Cartledge & Brooking of Anchorage in the refinancing of the City's 2005 Assessment Bonds in the combined issuance with the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank's 2012 Series Two Bonds. Chip Pierce is our point of contact at the Bond Bank. Due to the action, the City's Net Present Value savings this year will be approximately \$40,707 and the Cost of Issuance and Rounding returned to the City will be approximately \$14,702 for a total savings this year to the City of \$55,409. Because the City Clerk and I both serve on the AML board which is meeting in Anchorage on Friday, May 11, we will be travelling to Anchorage a day early to meet with Bond Counsel to sign papers, thus saving the rate payers the additional expenses associated with travel to Seattle.

- Critical Employee Emergency Planning (CEEP) Training: Led by NPPFD Chief Lane, NPPD Acting Chief Dutra, all City employees and Council members are encouraged to take this training. The goal is to train our staff to have build a pre-plan necessary for the families of the responders (and Council members) to feel safe and secure during a city-/area-wide emergency that will take the responder/Council member away from their families. The training will identify what resources need to be on hand and how to go about securing them. The classes will be held in the Fire Department Annex and are scheduled for:

- + May 9, 1 – 5 pm
- + May 11, 8 am – Noon
- + May 1 & 8, 7 – 9 pm

- 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.

PLAN TO ATTEND!! 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.stomppfairbanks.com.

- VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!! 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, May 9, 16 & 30 and every Wednesday in June at 6 pm here at City Hall. It's going to be a great event! LATE ADDITION: THE MEETING TIMES MAY CHANGE

- **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
- guest speaker for North Pole issues at NPHS Alaska Studies classes
- met with Railroad officials on issues affecting North Pole, including impact by layoffs and production reductions at Flint Hills and Congressional budget reductions
- *AND A WHOLE LOT MORE!*

MEDIA:

Apr 28 & May 5: Mayor Isaacson was on KJNP (1170 AM, 100.3 FM) 8 – 9 a.m. "Over the Coffee Cup."

May 3: Mayor Isaacson joined FNSB Mayor Luke Hopkins, Denali Bank Pres. Steve Lundgren, and Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich on an interview by KTUU, Ch2, Anchorage and carried by KTVF, Ch 11, Fairbanks, regarding the possible move of Eielson's F16's to Anchorage.

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

- **May 10 & 11:** Mayor Isaacson and City Clerk Kathy Weber will be attending AML and other meetings in Anchorage (AML pays for expenses related to this meeting).
- **May 12 10 am to Noon:** STOMP—Salute To Our Military Parade will start at Ft Wainwright and end at Pioneer Park. THIS IS A BIG DEAL! OVER 5000 SOLDIERS MARCHING! PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!! **For more info:** www.stompfairbanks.com
- **May 15, 7 pm:** NPHS Graduation at the Carlson Center
- **May 16, 2 pm:** 1-25 Redeployment Ceremony, Gov. Parnell to be speaker, at the Ft Wainwright AHA
- **May 16, 6 pm:** NP Elementary 5th Grade Advancement Ceremony @ NPE

- **May 16, 6:30 pm:** NP Middle School 8th Grade Advancement Ceremony @ NPMS
- **May 17:** Mayor Isaacson may be in Anchorage attending the Change of Command for US Army Alaska (USARAK) Commanding General Ray Palumbo

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Dept, Chief Lane

- The awards dinner went well on April 27th at the Hotel North Pole.
- Clean up day was slow and they didn't do as much as they had in the past years.
- Preparedness classes started last week. All employees are required to take these classes. He has not heard from those council members who have not taken the NIMS testing.
- May 19th is the City Open House and Cruis'n with Santa. Be sure to visit all three sites starting at 10:00 a.m.

Police Department, Lt. Dutra

- None

Accountant, Lisa Vaughn

- None

FNSB Representative

The FNSB Assembly met on Thursday, May 3. Among the items discussed was the introduction of the Borough FY13 budget (a copy of which is in my office). No other items directly impacting the City of North Pole were discussed (as published on the Agenda, I did leave early in order to appear on the KTUU TV special).

The next scheduled FNSB Assembly meeting will be held 5:45 pm on May 10, 2012. No items of direct impact to the City of North Pole are scheduled to be heard.

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

- No building permit issued for complete structures (single roof replacement permit issued to date)

Public Works

- Resolution before Council for FMATS project match agreement for \$18,501.97 for repaving several local roads (estimated total construction cost: \$178,169.14)
 - Park Way (Finell to Old Richardson Highway)
 - Yukon Drive
 - First Avenue-Lewis Street-2nd Avenue Loop
- Continuing to submit additional documentation required for the Santa Seniors kitchen remodel project
 - Majority of supplemental documents submitted
 - Series of supporting resolutions before Council this evening
- Have advertised Public Works Summer hire positions
 - Will be reviewing applicants tomorrow and hope to interview candidates this week
- Public Works Summer Projects list attached

Utility Department

- Discussed with Flint Hills their construction of a dedicated sewer force main from industrial park (H&H lift station) to waste water treatment plant
 - Dedicated industrial park sewer main has been a priority project since at least 2005
 - Flint Hills proposes to construct the sewer main this summer
 - When completed, Flint Hills will turn sewer main over to City
 - Estimated project cost: \$3 million

Public Works Department

| Project | Location | Project Manager | Estimated cost |
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| Park Way paving | Finell Drive to Richardson Hwy. | DOT | See Note #1 |
| Park Way shoulder widening | Santa Claus Lane to Finell Drive | DOT | See Note #2 |
| Beautification Santa Claus Lane | Santa Claus Lane roundabouts and vicinity | City | \$10,000 (est. materials and labor) |
| Bus stop replacement | Parking lot, North Pole Plaza Mall | FNSB Transportation | Undetermined |
| Santa Claus Lane sidewalk | East side of Santa Claus Lane Cary Street to Kevin's Way | DOT | See Note #2 |
| East 1 st Ave./Lewis Street/2 nd Ave. paving | 1 st Ave.-Lewis Street-2 nd Ave. loop | DOT | See Note #1 |
| East 3 rd Ave. sidewalk | 3 rd Ave. between Santa Claus Lane and Snowman Lane | DOT | See Note #2 |
| West 4 th Ave. paving | 4 th Ave. between Holiday Street and Old Richardson Hwy. | DOT | See Note #3 |
| Holiday Road paving | Holiday Road from NPHS Blvd. and 4 th Ave. | DOT | See Note #3 |
| Snowman Lane sidewalk | 4 th Ave. to 5 th Ave. | DOT | See Note #2 |

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| East 5 th Ave. paving | Santa Claus Lane to Richardson Hwy. | DOT | \$800,000 (est.) |
| East 5 th Ave. sidewalk | Blanket Blvd. to St. Nicholas Drive. | DOT | See Note #2 |
| East 5 th Ave. 15 LED Street lights | East 5 th Ave. | DOT | See Note #4 |
| East 8 th Ave. 13 LED street lights | Old Richardson Hwy. to Blanket Blvd. | DOT | See Note #4 |
| Santa Claus Lane paving | Section Santa Claus 5 th Ave. to 6 th Ave. | DOT | See Note #3 |
| East 6 th Ave paving | Santa Claus Lane to Snowman Lane | DOT | See Note #3 |
| Davis Road sidewalk | 5 th Ave. to Elementary School | DOT | See Note #2 |
| Kit Blvd. paving | Southern loop of Kit Blvd. | DOT | See Note #3 |
| Beaver Blvd. paving | Southern loop of Beaver Blvd. | DOT | See Note #3 |
| Blanket Blvd. 22 LED street lights | Blanket Blvd. | DOT | See Note #4 |
| East 8 th Ave. 15 LED street lights | East 8 th Ave. | DOT | See Note #4 |
| NPHS Blvd. 16 LED street lights | Old Richardson Hwy. to high school | DOT | See Note #4 |
| Project | Location | Project Manager | Estimated cost |
| Patriot Drive 11 LED street lights | Patriot Drive | DOT | See Note #4 |
| Shellinger Street 4 LED street lights | Shellinger Street | DOT | See Note #4 |

Note #1: FMATS Preventative Maintenance paving project; total cost \$235,984; City share, \$24,505.

Note #2: FMATS Preventative Maintenance paving project; total cost, \$178,169; City share, \$18,502.

Note #3: FMATS Bike Path Rehabilitation and Connections Project; total cost \$909,371; City share \$52,896.

Note #4: FMATS LED Street Light Conversion Project Stage 2; total cost \$2.25 million, City share estimated at \$12,000.

Utility Department

| Project | Location | Project Manager | Estimated cost |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Utility garage | Homestead Road | City | \$1.2 million |
| Industrial Force Sewer Main | H&H road to sewer treatment plant | Flint Hills Resources | \$3 million (preliminary estimate) |

City Clerk

- Steve Dutra has been named interim Chief of Police for the North Pole Police Department.
- Ads went out to Fairbanks Daily News Miner and AML for the Police Chief position and it is open until filled.
- I will be attending the IIMC Conference in Portland, Oregon from May 17 through 25th. Marilyn Zrucky will be acting clerk while I am out of town.
- Great-West Retirement Services® (Great-West) will be in Fairbanks from May 21-25 and would like to visit us. Great-West is the record keeper for the State of Alaska SBS, Deferred Compensation and PERS Tier IV /TRS III Retirement Plans. They will be available to visit our location and can provide individual appointments, a general Q&A discussion and/or a seminar presentation. The purpose of these services is to provide financial education. They can discuss topics such as: investment building blocks, asset allocation, risk and return, general plan features and highlights, etc. If you or your staff members are interested in meeting with a GWRS representative or hosting a presentation, please let me know.
- I am in the process of putting all the documentation together to take to Anchorage for the signing of the bonding documents.

ONGOING PROJECTS

No Reports

CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE'S LIFE & AD&D BENEFITS WITH LINCOLN NATIONAL AND HEALTH PLAN TO AW REHN

Diana Stewart and Craig Kestran from Alaska USA Insurance Brokers presented the bids to council on the Life, AD&D, and Health Plans for the City. Ms. Stewart gave written recommendations to council on what she thought would help the city save money and keep the grandfathered rights for the employees and city's benefit. The recommendations were as follows:

1. Move the Life, AD&D from CIGNA to Lincoln National for a savings of \$2750 at the current \$25,000 benefit, or \$1,000 if you increase the Life and AD&D benefit to \$50,000.
2. Offer a voluntary Life & AD&D program to your employees through Lincoln National.

3. Move the STD plan from Standard to Lincoln National for an annual savings of \$8,820.
4. We recommend you consider increasing your Specific Stop Loss Deductible to \$35,000. As the frequency of Specific claims increases the premium will continue to rise. By increasing the Specific Loss Premium to \$35,000 you are effectively reducing the plans fixed costs by approximately \$20,000.
5. Move from the bundled CIGNA plan to the AW Rehn quote with Companion Life as the Stop Loss carrier. Although the AW Rehn and HCC Life provide the lowest fixed cost the savings is eliminated with the increased claims liability HCC Life is proposing.

With AW Rehn as the TPA we recommend you use Medical Rehabilitation Consultants as the UR vendor and Caremark as the Pharmacy vendor. PPO services would remain a hospital only requirement, utilizing PCHS as a wrap network around the Providence Hospital/AK USA PPO agreement. AUIB Consulting fees would be contracted directly rather than paid as commissions. The projected fixed costs savings is \$63,000 per year.

Public Comment

None

Mr. McGhee *moved to Approve Recommendations by Alaska USA Brokers as follows:*

- 1. Move the Life, AD&D from CIGNA to Lincoln National for a savings of \$1,000 at the current \$50,000;**
- 2. Offer a voluntary Life & AD&D program to your employees through Lincoln National;**
- 3. Move the STD plan from Standard to Lincoln National for an annual savings of \$8,820;**
- 4. Increase Specific Stop Loss Deductible to \$35,000 reducing the plans fixed costs by approximately \$20,000;**
- 5. Move from the bundled CIGNA plan to the AW Rehn quote with Companion Life as the Stop Loss carrier;**
- 6. Use Medical Rehabilitation Consultants as the UR vendor and Caremark as the Pharmacy vendor. The projected fixed costs savings is \$63,000 per year**

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Discussion

Mr. Ward was happy to see that the council was looking at this but wanted to keep everything the same and to decrease the costs by not increasing the AD&D.

Mr. Ward *moved to reduce the Life insurance from \$50,000 to \$25,000.*

Failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Jones stated that he and Mr. Ward would like to see this come before the Finance Committee and asked how soon Alaska USA needed all the paperwork back.

Mr. Jones moved to table this and discuss with the Finance Committee on May 14, 2012 and then the council meeting of May 21, 2012.

Seconded by Mr. Nelson

Discussion

Mr. Jones wanted to postpone the meeting and put this forward to the finance committee for review. He felt it was too soon to decide tonight.

Mr. Ward wanted clarification on the date of the Finance Committee meeting.

Mayor Isaacson asked what the advantage would be by taking it to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Jones said that it would help for the finance committee to look at the numbers and see if there are any more savings that could be made.

Mayor Isaacson asked if the Clerk and the people from Alaska USA would be able to attend the meeting.

Mr. McGhee said that he also has used Alaska USA for the past 9 years and said they are very thorough and helped him to save money. He also asked what they felt uncomfortable with about the bid.

Mr. Ward said they are looking at hard numbers and would like to have more time. He doesn't see any benefit to postponing this and would like to see Life insurance lowered from \$50,000 to \$25,000 but doesn't see the benefit of delaying the passage of this.

Mr. Jones said the numbers keep changing and would like to re-look at the numbers.

Mayor Isaacson said that because this is insurance he doesn't see the necessity to give this to the finance committee.

PASSED

YES – 5, Ward, Jones, Nelson, McGhee, Isaacson

NO – 0

Absent – Holm, Hunter

RESOLUTION 12-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE AUTHORIZING A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS AND NINETY-SEVEN CENTS TO THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR THE FAIRBANKS METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SURFACE UPGRADES PROJECT

Mr. Butler presented this resolution to council on the matching grant of \$18,501 and explained what this project would entail. He also updated council on where the funds were coming from.

Public Comment

None

Mr. Jones *moved to Approve Resolution 12-10, A Resolution Of The City Of North Pole Authorizing A Matching Contribution Of Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred One Dollars And Ninety-Seven Cents To The State Of Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For The Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System Preventive Maintenance Surface Upgrades Project*

Seconded by Mr. Nelson

Discussion

Mr. Jones was concerned where the money was coming from.

PASSED

YES – 5, Ward, Jones, Nelson, McGhee, Isaacson

NO – 0

Absent – Holm, Hunter

Mr. McGhee *moved to suspend the rules to hear all Resolutions 12-11 through 12-13 as one.*

RESOLUTION 12-11, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA'S SENIOR CENTER TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT #11-CDBG-004 ADMINISTERED BY THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,261 FOR THE SENIOR CENTER KITCHEN UPGRADE PROJECT

RESOLUTION 12-12, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE AFFIRMING ITS EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICIES

RESOLUTION 12-13, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE SUPPORTING FAIR HOUSING IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT #11-CDBG-004 ADMINISTERED BY THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SENIOR CENTER KITCHEN UPGRADE PROJECT

Mr. Butler spoke to all three of these resolutions and explained the process of the grant in order to have it accepted.

Public Comment

None

Mr. McGhee *move to Approve Resolution 12-11, 12-12, and 12-13*

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Discussion

None

PASSED

YES – 5, Ward, Jones, Nelson, McGhee, Isaacson

NO – 0

Absent – Holm, Hunter

RESOLUTION 12-14, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE URGING THE CONGRESS TO RETAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE ALASKA RAILROAD UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FORMULA FUNDING

Mayor Isaacson introduced this resolution and explained it to council.

Public Comment

None

Mr. Jones *moved to* Approve Resolution 12-14, A Resolution Of The City Of North Pole Urging The Congress To Retain The Current Level Of Funding For The Alaska Railroad Under The Federal Transit Administration Formula Funding

Seconded by Mr. McGhee

Discussion

Mr. McGhee stated that he thought the railroad should be private and that he did not agree with the Resolution and would vote no.

Mayor Isaacson said this was largely funded by the government.

PASSED

YES – 5, Ward, Jones, Nelson, McGhee, Isaacson

NO – 0

Absent – Holm, Hunter

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ward – is glad to see the health care plan come forward and that council passed it. He would have liked to see a work shop session on the health plan and feels that council has been rushed on this to make a decision. He does like the other format that other municipalities have

with a Committee of the Whole on a different day but there is then more time involved but he does feel that council should look at these things, building codes, etc. and hash out details with experts here and look at options to make sure they are doing their duties and making well educated decisions.

Mr. Jones - he felt rushed and that there are a lot of things that come before them and would like to see things changed and consider changing code to have more time to review these things and concern with Finance committee so they can do a better job for the citizens.

- FCVB diner was excellent and he appreciates it. Looks forward to see former employer get the award (Warbelo's).
- North Pole Fire Department banquet was fabulous and the awards were well deserved.
- Police Chief Lindhag's banquet was a great send off to him. It was a relaxed dinner and that was good too.
- F-16's is a done deal and they will be leaving the area. He hates to see it and doesn't know what more they can do.

Mr. Nelson – felt that tonight was a productive night. He said it was always hard to take the numbers of future outcomes and that's why he leaves his opinion to the experts and accepted everything they said. He said there is always your vote as to whether or not to vote to approve something or not if you don't feel like you're on solid ground.

McGhee – interesting meeting and that the Health Insurance is an annual things. There is a struggle with the finance committee and they are brought forward annually. The Finance committee should talk with the clerk to find out what things are dealt with annually. Everything we do we do annually. It can be set up in advance.

He is concerned about the four wheelers and that someone could be hurt badly. He said we have to figure out a way to control the four wheelers and snowmachines in the city limits. He has decided to start taking pictures of the bad drivers and will share it on Facebook. He encouraged everyone to be careful. He asked us to be examples by the way we drive. He said we need to find a better way to support our troops. If you know a soldier who just came home, give him a hand.

Mayor Isaacson – spoke about troops returning home and the difficulties that they have reactivating to civilization. Graduation is coming up and on May 16th there will be ceremonies at NPE, NPMS, and NPHS. The Festival Committee meeting is also on that night. His mothers 80th birthday is coming up and he may leave to visit her in Seattle. He said it's good not to feel rushed but there are times that we have experts here and getting list of annual things that are bid would be a good idea.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGhee moved to adjourn the meeting of May 7, 2012

Seconded by Jones

No Objection

The regular meeting of May 7, 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 21, 2012.

Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk