

**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, July 2, 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, July 2, 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 Mr. McGhee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jones moved to Approve the Agenda of July 2, 2012

Seconded by Mr. Holm

Discussion

None

Mr. Jones moved to Amend the agenda by consenting the following items:

Old Business

- a. Ordinance 2012-16, An Ordinance Of The City Of North Pole, Alaska Amending Chapter 5.12.030 Of The North Pole Municipal Code Of Ordinances – Sale Of Fireworks – Permit Required

New Business

- a. Ordinance 12-17, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska Amending Title 4, Chapter 4.10.010, User Fees

Seconded by Mr. Holm

Discussion

None

On the amendment

PASSED

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

NO – 0 -

Abstained- 0

On the main motion as amended

PASSED

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

NO – 0 -

Abstained- 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved to Approve the minutes of June 18, 2012

Seconded by Mr. Ward

Discussion

None

PASSED

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

NO – 0 -

Abstained- 0

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending July 2, 2012

GENERAL:

- **The Status of Eielson:** As I reported pending last Council meeting, the Air Force has delayed any actions on moving assets from Eielson for at least one year. USAF Chief of Staff General Nordie Schwartz, explicitly stating that the language inserted in budget appropriations in both House and Senate subcommittees (by the Alaska congressional delegation at the urging of local and state officials) has led the Secretary of the Air Force to suspend all actions for planned for Eielson FY13 (Oct 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013). Further, unlike the current efforts to date to

move the Eielson F16s, any future effort will be subjected to the more vigorous “procedural compliance” with NEPA, which we are pushing for it to mean that there will be an EIS that includes public solicitation and comments. The process will also include a “formal” housing study (versus the Google search performed for the SATAF report).

This action came on Tuesday, June 26, after I had telephonically participated by invitation in the Legislature’s Joint Armed Services Committee hearing on actions the State can be taking to BRAC proof our military installations, especially Eielson. The emphasis from the hearing was to not just concentrate on removing Eielson from base closure actions but to increase its missions. This might seem outlandish to some who believe that once the government has made a decision it is irrevocable. However, it is not far-fetched considering the consultants the State has hired have been successful during the last two BRACs in not only eliminating their clients from the closure lists but in also significantly increasing the bases missions. Eielson becomes more of a significant national security asset considering that the President has declared that the future threats are coming from the Asia-Pacific region, a region where Eielson becomes extremely strategic.

The significance of the Air Force announcement is not that a final decision has been made but rather a more deliberative and open process is being taken that will allow local residents and businesses some breathing room from the stresses associated with possible job layoffs by several employers, energy costs, and the immediate potential of a loss in home values and ability to sell homes in the North Pole / Fairbanks area. Our local efforts are far from over and I will keep the Council apprised of developments.

Also, [KeepTheF16s.com](http://www.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/) 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.

- The Status of Energy Relief and Projects: Before leaving on vacation, I sent a number of key Legislators, including the Interior delegation, a request to seriously look at AS 38.05 and 38.06 which gives the Commissioner of DNR the immediate ability to re-price Alaska’s **royalty oil** for social and economic reasons. One key, long-time staffer remarked to me that she had never read the statutes – something that probably common to most legislators and their aides – which is why a serious look at the use of royalty oil to provide relief this winter has never been taken up. I will keep you posted if anything comes of this

• Summer Festival Committee: Independence Day is upon us—that means, so is the North Pole Summer Festival, “**Santa’s Polar Party: Christmas in July!**” Thank you to our hard working volunteers and to all our contributing sponsors who are making this event happen! The premier sponsor is Flint Hills, followed by North Haven Homes, the Alaska Railroad, Chevrolet of Fairbanks, Birchwood Homes, Seekins Ford, Mt. McKinley Bank, Leaf and Bean, Wells Fargo Bank, Cold Spot Feeds, Tammy Randolph State Farm, NPHS Football Booster Club, Sani Cans, and Clear Channel Radio. Today, as front-man, I was on live and taped on 102.5 FM, 101.1 FM and 970 AM and interviewed by Dermot Cole for the News Miner. By the way, check out the banner ads and links to the Festival on www.101magic.com and www.KIAK.com . Here’s a run-down of events on Wednesday:

EVENT

- Santa's Polar Party: Christmas in July!

SCHEDULE

- 8 am Pancake Breakfast at Santa's Seniors
- 9:30 am Elf Run 5K Race at Santa Claus House
- 10 am - 5 pm Booths, including food, merchandise, games, & information by Santa Claus House
- 11 am Parade up 5th Ave/down Santa Clause Lane/down St. Nicholas Drive
- 12 pm - 5 pm Entertainment for the whole family by Santa Claus House

ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Door prizes at the top of every hour, including a BMX Bike from T. Randolph State Farm, Riverboat Discovery tickets, Scentsy, Valata, and Premier Jewelry
- Grand Prizes awarded at 4:45 pm, including a cord of wood (thank you Uptgraft family!) and round trip tickets on the AK Railroad
- Don't forget: you must be present to win!
- Minute to Win It! Family Games every hour
- Polynesian Dancers (12:30 pm)
- Unsupervised (2:30 pm)
- Ben Boyd (3:30 pm)
- 9th Army Band (4:10 pm)
- All entertainment takes place at the main stage at the midway (by Santa Claus House)

NORTH POLE PRINCESS EVENT

- 1:30 pm
- Main Stage at the Midway (by Santa Claus House)
- All young ladies aged 5-12 in attendance at the festival are eligible to participate
- Every participant will have 30 seconds to share why they believe "North Pole is a special place to be"
- Princesses will be selected by a panel of judges, including our celebrity judges, North Pole's King and Queen
- A Jr. Princess (ages 5-8) and a Princess (ages 9-12) will be crowned by NP's 2011 Princess
- The Royal Court will represent North Pole at functions throughout the year, including the Golden Days Parade

BOOTHS

- Over 40 booths
- Large variety
- Food, including burgers, shave ice, hot dogs, cotton candy, and more!
- Activities for kids (dunk tank, face painting, hole in one golf and lots more games)
- Made in Alaska items from local artisans
- A selection of retail's most popular brands
- Get your Golden Days Rubber Duckie race tickets!

LIVE BURN DEMONSTRATION

- Join us at 1 pm right next to the midway for a LIVE burn demonstration by the NP Fire Department
- Fully narrated; see the difference between a sprinkled and non-sprinkled home!
- Fire trucks and fire personnel will be on hand to meet kids and answer questions

PARADE

- Join us for a festive Independence Day parade!
- Antique cars, community organizations, animals, and much more!

- North Pole's reigning Royal Court, the King, Queen, and 2011 Princess
- Honorary Guest: Santa Claus

OTHER

- Ample parking! Extra lots will be open on St. Nicholas Drive

Call Teffonie Wyman, 322-0236, or Katy Englund, 978-2282, to be involved. Also, forms can be downloaded at www.northpolealaska.com. Like us on Facebook—North Pole Summer Festival (2012)!

MEDIA:

June 23: Mayor Isaacson was on KJNP (1170 AM, 100.3 FM) 8 – 9 a.m. “Over the Coffee Cup.”

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

• **JULY 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY, CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED. SEE SUMMER FESTIVAL UPDATE, above, for a list of family friendly activities happening in North Pole!**

• **July 7, starting at 9 a.m.: JINGLE BELL RUN! @ Santa Claus House**

• **July 9:** JPARC EIS Comments are due, www.jparceis.com.

- July 13, 9:30 am: **354th Fighter Wing Change of Command from B.Gen James “Bull” Post to Col (B.Gen Select) Mark “Grace” Kelly @ Eielson AFB.**

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Police Department, Chief Dutra

- Chief Dutra informed council on the City of North Pole Vehicle Impound lot and provided a flow chart.

- The NPPD is working on a RFP for a towing company that would impound vehicles. They will also be working on a fee schedule to implement this feature. However, for now they will be charging an admin fee.
- NPPD is working on a RFP for a Hearing Officer.
- New car has been ordered and will be here sometime in September.

Fire Department

- Completed fire hydrant testing.
- One of the Engines was used by Forestry and brought in approximately \$3,000 in revenue for the city.

Accountant, Lisa Vaughn

- None

FNSB Representative:

The Assembly met on June 28. Alt. Deputy Pro Tem Bryce Ward represented the City and will be giving the report tonight.

- Encouraged the public to come out to North Pole for the July 4th celebration.
- Spoke on ordinance 12-17 Road Powers.

The next regularly scheduled Assembly meeting is scheduled for July 12. For a list of meeting times and agendas, go to <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/meetings/Assembly>.

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

- None

City Clerk

City Clerk/HR Manager Report to Council– June 18, 2012

Human Resource Dept.

- The transfer from GWL/Cigna to AW Rehn is going smoothly. Employees have received their packets on the health, flex plan, and Life & Disability insurance which included new insurance cards and applications for the open enrollment that will end on July 31, 2012. Alaska USA Insurance sent Diana Stewart, our account representative, to help me present the benefit package to our employees on Wednesday June 27th. It was very well attended and employees had an opportunity to ask a variety of questions and get informed answers.

City Clerk's Office

The Municipal Election for the City of North Pole will be held October 2, 2012. Declaration of Candidacy may be filed with the North Pole Clerk's Office at 125 Snowman Lane, from July 30, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. through August 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. for the following:

CITY OF NORTH POLE MAYOR

(Serves at-large)

3-year term

CITY OF NORTH POLE COUNCIL SEATS

(All offices serve at-large)

City Council Seat.....3-year term

City Council Seat.....3-year term

QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate for city mayor or city council must be a qualified voter of the State of Alaska who has resided within the city for a period of one (1) year preceding the period for filing a declaration of candidacy. An elected person may hold only one (1) elective seat at a time.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

A candidate for municipal office is nominated by executing a declaration of candidacy under oath and a properly and fully completed public financial disclosure statement that complies with the requirements of state law.

REQUIRED WHEN FILING FOR ALL ELECTED CITY OFFICES

- Completed Declaration of Candidacy obtained from the clerk's office
- Completed Public Financial Disclosure Statement that complies with state law. For more information contact APOC at <http://doa.alaska.gov/apoc/> or 800-478-4176
- A twenty five dollar (\$25) non-refundable filing fee shall accompany the declaration of candidacy and PFDS

CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

Location: City Clerk's Office, 125 Snowman Lane

Filing Opens: 8:00 a.m., July 30, 2012

Filing Closes: 5:00 p.m., August 10, 2012

Withdrawal Deadline: 5:00 p.m., August 17, 2012

*Note: A candidate desiring to withdraw may do so by filing a written request with the clerk by August 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Please go to our website at www.northpolealaska.com for more information and forms.

ONGOING PROJECTS

North Pole Economic Development, Paul Brown

Mr. Brown announced that the International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) will be holding the 2013 Winter World Championships in North Pole. This international event brings together scores of the top mushers and skijorers from around the world to compete in a variety of different aces and categories with the winner in each class being crowned World Champion. This was last held in Alaska in 2001. Mr. Brown stated that this will have a fantastic impact on our community, not only from an economic standpoint, but also from a cultural standpoint, with people from all corners of the world coming to our area. In addition to the competition, NPEDC plans to host a variety of other events so the public will be able to interact one-on-one wit these fabulous athletes of all different cultures.

Mr. Brown also stated that the radius study is complete and will he will be presenting it to council at the next meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes

None

OLD BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. McGhee – No comment

Mr. Ward – Looking forward to the July 4th celebration.

Mr. Holm – Looking forward to Summer Festival. He would like to have Mr. Butler look into possibly developing a small park on the other side of the highway by Morningstar Subdivision. He would like to see a playground put there.

Mr. Jones – Congratulated Chief Dutra on his position. Senator Begich called him and let him know about the change with the F-16's. It was good news and the Senator works hard. The roads are looking good in his neighborhood and he would also like to see that portion of land turned into a park. Mr. Jones thanked everyone for coming out and wished there were no fireworks.

Ms. Hunter – reported that the Storybook Festival was a great success and that they had lots of help from the Police Department and also from Bryce Ward who was Old McDonald. She too is

looking forward to the July 4th celebration.

Mr. Nelson - Congratulated Chief Dutra on his position and is looking forward to the July 4th celebration.

Mayor Isaacson – stated that the parcel of land is owned by the city and the city has been asked by Water/Soil Conservation to work in conjunction with the city to make it into a park. He will report to council at the next meeting on that and wished everyone and happy and safe July 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

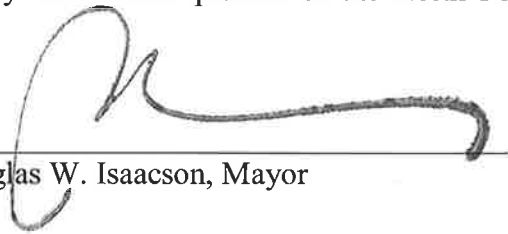
Mr. McGhee adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

The regular meeting of July 2, 2012 adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, July 16, 2012.





Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk