

**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, August 20, 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, August 20, 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. Jones**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Jones moved to Approve the Agenda of August 20, 2012**

**Seconded by Mr. McGhee**

**Discussion**

None

**Mr. Jones moved to Remove item e.) Approval Of Contractor to Construct Kitchen Modifications at the Santa's Senior Center as Part of the Community Development Block Grant Funded Kitchen Modification Project from the agenda**

**Seconded by Mr. McGhee**

**Discussion**

None

**Mr. Jones moved to consent the following items on the agenda under New Business:**

- a. *Liquor License renewal for The Refinery Lounge, 2 Go Mart #112, and Pagoda Restaurant*

- b. *Request from North Pole Economic Development Corporation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012 Bed Tax*
- c. *Approval of RFP NP-12-01 for Vehicle Towing Services for the North Pole Police Department*
- d. *Approval of Items from City of North Pole Departments for Surplus Sale*

**Seconded by Mr. Ward**

**Discussion**

None

**On the amendment**

**PASSED**

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

**NO – 0**

**Absent- 0**

**On the main motion as amended**

**PASSED**

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

**NO – 0**

**Absent- 0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Jones moved to Approve the minutes of August 6, 2012**

**Seconded by Mr. Holm**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

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

**NO – 0**

**Absent- 0**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**GENERAL:**

**Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending August 20, 2012**

**GENERAL:**

- Report on AML / ACoM: Councilman Dick Holm and I attended the Alaska Municipal League (AML) meetings in Bethel, Clerk Kathy Weber was unable to attend. The Conference of Mayors (ACoM) met on Wednesday, August 15. One of the valuable reasons why the North Pole mayor needs to continue to go was expressed by one of the first time rural mayors who said that he had been opposed to spending the money to attend but now realized that it was very educational. Mayors have the ability to address issues they are facing and hearing from other mayors how they handle the issue, raise the funds, get regional or state support and gain new ideas to bring back to our communities which, hopefully, improves the administration, services, and quality of life in the city. The same argument can be made why it's important to keep sending Council members to AML.

Among the topics discussed in the two meetings were Offshore federal revenue sharing that is provided for other states and how they can be extended to Alaska and the options facing communities most-to-least effected; the economic impacts to communities with the building of the Knik Arm bridge, which may save the Interior \$300 million over ten years by reduced freight costs; the value of ACMP (Ballot Measure 2) to coastal communities and a reminder that if it does pass the Legislature can immediately amend (State Constitution, Article 11, Section 6); the need for the North Star Borough to receive property tax parity with other boroughs, and a lot of infrastructure projects being completed or pursued by communities.

The main topics in AML were drafting the priorities for 2013 and creating the Draft Policy Statements for the November meeting. What I was able to get into the Draft Statement under Part 1, Revenue & Finance, was a new #2: "The League supports a requirement for regional energy cost stabilization and equalization in order to decrease pressure on State budget expenses." The reason being, when a region has too high of energy costs, the people run to the State for assistance in paying their bills, in the amount of an additional one half billion dollars this past year alone. At this rate, by the time we get trucked gas to the Interior, perhaps in three years, the Health and Social Services budget (HSS) which is already almost 40% of the operating budget, will have grown another \$1.5 billion—which is unsustainable. Therefore, it is necessary to find immediate ways to reduce the cost of energy to Interior and Rural Alaska and bring us in line with costs for those communities on hydro or natural gas.

I have been asked to bring a presentation to the AML November meetings and will bring forward a resolution to Council for consideration in the near future.

(not provided to council...)

- **North Pole Housing Market:** I was with Bert Perkins, Stars & Stripes Realty, and Wes Madden, Madden Realty, on KTVF's Fairbanks Focus program on Sunday, August 5, at 6:30 a.m. The program was pre-recorded on Friday. The show is hosted by FEDC's Sean O'Shea. It is informative quoting from multiple sources and several perspectives. Here is the link to watch the video on youtube:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSzRsWckp08&list=UUKsZm\\_mQ3TrK6wgYpFcue\\_Q&index=1&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSzRsWckp08&list=UUKsZm_mQ3TrK6wgYpFcue_Q&index=1&feature=plcp) The roundtable is the second segment on the show. The video can also be found on the [FEDC Facebook Page](#).

- **The Status of Eielson:** At the invitation of Sen Begich, the mayors were hosted by Eielson for a dinner with the Department of Defense (DOD) Assistant Secretary for Energy Sharon Burke. At the diner we were able to speak frankly about many topics concerning the status of Eielson and the ability of the local communities/State to enhance the mission, press for new associated missions, defray some of the operational energy costs, the DOD's position on Eielson ability to provide energy security to the Pacific rim, the status of alternative fuel projects, including coal/gas/biomass to liquids and small mobility nuclear reactors / batteries, etc. Ass't Sec. Burke also addressed these and other broader issues in a luncheon today at the Westmark. While the community and State can play some positive roles, she felt that some of the alternative energy proposals were too expensive or not ready for deployment. Her primary concern was for energy security in the battlefield environment and was very intrigued by what she saw being done in the village of Tanana, which she said had direct application to military application in Afghanistan. There are several environmental impact statements being prepared by consultants who will be in the area during the next month or two. One of the reports concerns the expanded JPARC proposals, and it represents a positive impact for Eielson; the other concerns moving the F16s to JBER, which would have a negative impact on Eielson.

Eielson's new leadership, BG Mark Kelly, Commander, and Col Jay Aanrud, Deputy Commander, were quick to invite the mayors out to Eielson and have had several follow-up meetings as they seek to keep the local communities engaged with the process.

- **FEMA Floods North Pole and Eielson!** Late last week, the Borough received drafts of FEMA's new flood maps that has put much of North Pole, including the High School, Refineries, GVEA electric plant, and many residents, and much of Eielson AFB, in new flood zones which will require, if adopted, the purchase of expensive flood insurance by people who currently don't have it. The mapping decision is curious and apparently arbitrary as it ignores the presence of a certified dyke protecting the City and arbitrarily uses the Richardson Highway as a barrier against flooding in some areas (Moose Creek) but not in other areas. I will be working with Borough and State officials to prepare a response and have asked Mayor Hopkins to provide staff to give Council a briefing, possibly as early as the next council meeting.

- **WEIO Games:** The World Eskimo Indian Olympics were held July 18-21. I was honored to address the attendees once again, along with the other mayors. NPHS student Gavin DeWyld was one of the torch bearers. Our own NPPD Officer Stan Swetozof took home TWO silvers: 1) the Eskimo Stick Pull and 2) the Arm Pull – both are very strenuous events and Stan was up against much younger competitors! Good Job, Stan!

**MEDIA:**

**July 28 & Aug 4:** 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*) As a reminder, the Mayor will be taking leave time, as able, through August 29.

- **August 9, 11:30 a.m:** City Employee Appreciation luncheon @ City Hall
- **August 10- 19: ALASKA SENIOR GAMES** will be held in various locations, see Poster at City Hall bulletin board for specific times, events, and locations.
- **August 19, 9 a.m – 5 p.m.:** Alaska Senior Games, Horseshoe competition, @ Terry Miller Memorial Park
- **August 13-16:** Alaska Municipal League meetings in Bethel. Attending from the City are Councilman Dick Holm, and the Mayor (on the 14-16)  
DAYS kick off event @ Pioneer Park, free hotdogs (donation proceeds go to benefit Arctic Winter Games 2014 Host Society). The event continues through Saturday, July 21.
- **August 17, 5 - 8 p.m.:** Third Friday Art Show @ the North Pole Grange. Also on Saturday, August 18 from Noon – 4 pm.

**COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR**

None

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

**Police Department, Chief Dutra**

- We officially launched our Facebook page. We will use this site to engaged our citizens and make posts about activities.
- New carpet, flooring is installed in the old side of the PD. We have also painted.
- I am starting to sift through 25+ years of stuff accumulated through 4-5 Chiefs
- We should have new carpet and paint completed in Sgt’s office within 2-3 weeks.
- I will be coming to council with new work station designs and bid next council meeting.
- Since August 1<sup>st</sup> we have had 19 arrests – disturbing 10 of those DUI’s – 183 arrests year to date.

- We are experiencing high fuel costs so I chose to pull a take home vehicle from an officer in order to offset costs. This employee was very understanding. The costs we were incurring was not offset by employee reimbursement.

**Fire Department, Buddy Lane**

- Organizing for Sept 29<sup>th</sup> “Preparedness Fair. The Earthquake house will also be there.
- Mr. Ward has been asked to be at the meeting as a member of the Finance Committee. The meeting will take place at 10 am at the NPFDA Annex to discuss the Fair and other things.

**Accountant, Lisa Vaughn**

- On the July financials, while the bank rec’s are not finished, most of the account reconciliations have been done as of the end of July. Please note, in our Central Treasury, that amount includes a little over \$161,000 that was transferred from the bank accounts that were set up for the various pieces of debt. We have since rounded that amount up to \$162,000 and purchased a one-year CD, at .0035. When our property tax comes in this fall, I will look at buying a 3 month and a 6 month CD.
- On the financial statements, under administration, you will see negative amounts for the council pay. I have done a journal entry to move those amounts up to line 01 01 00 6060 (Council Salaries,) in keeping with the budget.
- I finished up a general liability audit, earlier this month, for our insurance company. On Thursday, an auditor from DEC will be here to audit two grants, Lift Station II and WWTP Sludge Removal. I do not expect any problems. A work comp auditor will be here on September 10.
- Chief Dutra and I have been finishing up two months of grant requests for our ASTEP DUI grant. I have also started working on a reimbursement request for the IRS work that one of our officers is doing. Next month, I will start working on mid-year budget adjustments and the beginning of our 2013 budget.

**FNSB Representative:**

**FNSB ASSEMBLY MEETING:**

The Assembly met on July 26, Mayor Pro Tem Ron Jones represented the City. Of importance to North Pole was the further discussion on Ordinance 2012-32 which was dealing with language change, considered “housekeeping” by the borough to Borough code, title 17. I had several discussions with the borough, our city attorney, with Bill Butler and Ron Jones. A summary of the result is provided by a Platting Officer:

“...the FNSB Assembly passed an ordinance changing the subdivision code (Title 17). The subdivision code previously stipulated that the minimum standards for subdivisions developed within the City of

Fairbanks or North Pole shall be determined by the appropriate municipal authority. That sentence was eliminated from Title 17.60.110 and a new section was inserted (17.10.040.C) that reads:

*At a minimum, improvements shall be designed and constructed to the standards set forth in this title except that the Platting Board may accept alternate standards approved or adopted by the City in which the property is located. Municipalities shall be notified and may provide written comments per 17.030.020.B.*

In order to comply with the ordinance change, the Platting Board would either need to approve the City of N.P.'s standards on a case by case basis as new N.P. subdivisions come before the Board, or vote to accept and apply the City of N.P. standards to all subdivisions within the City of North Pole.”

Bill has provided the Board with the City of North Pole Construction Standards found in NPMC Title 12, 13, and 15, which can be accessed online at:

<http://www.codepublishing.com/ak/northpole/>

We will notify Council members and interested members of the public via email as soon as we know when the Board has placed this question on their Agenda.

The next regularly scheduled Assembly meeting is scheduled for August 9. There does not appear to be anything on the agenda that directly affects the City. I will be requesting a Pro Tem to attend as the City Rep. 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**

- Issued a building permit for a building addition

#### **Public Works**

- Public works is continuing with beautification efforts on Santa Claus Lane
  - Installed last of benches and plantings for season
  - Weber Construction has donated all of the hydro-seeding for the turf work on Santa Claus Lane
- City Hall heating control system upgrade completed
- Community Development Block Grant for Santa’s Senior Center Kitchen Upgrade Project received a single bid for the project

#### **Utility Department**

- Utility Garage Project
  - Side panels in place and roof is being installed
- Flint Hills Resources has proceeded quickly with construction of sewer force main

- Project completion estimated to be early October 2012
- Utility department will begin preparations for fast approaching winter season—lift station cleaning

### **City Clerk**

The Municipal Election for the City of North Pole will be held October 2, 2012. Declaration of Candidacy's have been filed with the North Pole Clerk's Office. The filing ended on Friday, August 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Below is a list of candidates for mayor and city council;

### **CITY OF NORTH POLE MAYOR**

(Serves at-large)

3-year term

### **MAYORAL CANDIDATES**

Dick Holm  
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North Pole, AK 99705  
488-1776 Home  
488-8555 Work  
Email: [nprxlab@hotmail.com](mailto:nprxlab@hotmail.com)

Bryce Ward  
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North Pole, AK 99705  
488-7314 Home  
388-4830 Cell  
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Michael W. Welch  
934 Les Rogers Turnaround  
North Pole, AK 99705  
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Preston Smith  
PO Box 60882  
Fairbanks, AK 99706  
2746 Parkway  
North Pole, AK 99705  
488-8824 Home

### **CITY OF NORTH POLE COUNCIL SEATS**

(All offices serve at-large)



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

**COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

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322-4944 Cell  
[vagabondLJR@yahoo.com](mailto:vagabondLJR@yahoo.com)

**Reminder:**

I have received registration forms for the 2012 Annual Local Government Conference which will be held in Anchorage November 12-16, 2012. Registration forms must be returned by October 12 to receive the best rates. After October 12<sup>th</sup> a \$50 late fee will be added per person. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and for those newly elected officials I will tentatively register them. I have also left an application form for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual “Awards of Excellence” on the dais. There are several categories of awards; People awards to recognize local government officials who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in local government both within their own communities and on a statewide level; and Community Awards to showcase your area and let others know how you have solved a problem or improved local government. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming conference, please call me at 488-8583 or come in to City Hall.

**ONGOING PROJECTS**

**NPEDC, Buzz Otis & Raven Riddle**

- A report from NPEDC is in the council packet. Get letter from Eagle scout.
- Working on landscaping on other side of overpass by Tesoro.
- NPEDC will present the Radius Study at the meeting of September 4, 2012.

Mr. Otis read a letter into the minutes from Thomas White, Boy Scout Troop 42:

I wish to inform you that I have completed an Eagle Scout project in which you have

played a tremendous role. The project was a flowerbed that helped beautify and enhance the memorial plaque at Morning Star Park. I thank you for your very generous donation of the bricks and capstones for the completion of my project on Saturday, May 12, 2012. I sincerely appreciated all of your help and guidance for this project and your kindness that removed a very large obstacle in my path towards the Eagle Scout rank.

Mr. Otis, thank you for the delivery of the bricks and leveling the ground the night before. I hope that this project will help promote North Pole Economic Development Corporation's objectives in making North Pole a better place to live. Your cooperation and mentoring in the project was of a rare kind and you have my utmost gratitude.

Thank you for all of your help.

Sincerely,

Thomas White  
BSA Troop 42  
Tanana Valley District  
Midnight Sun Council

**Arctic Winter Games, Karen Lane**

- AWG had a booth at the fair
- They will need up to 620 volunteers
- The International committee will be in Fairbanks in October
- They will be looking at North Pole venues and specifications for the sports

**Finance/Audit Committee, Ron Jones**

- Good presentation from NPFD for 3-5-10 year outlook for the department
- Encouraged all council members to attend the meetings
- Next meeting is August 27<sup>th</sup>, Bill Butler, Director of City Services will present.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes**

Mayor Hopkins, FNSB

Mayor Hopkins gave an invitation to the North Pole Council to attend a joint work session on Sept 6, 2012. The FNSB has been engaged with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in efforts to update their Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) since 2007. They are now at a critical point in the map revision and adoption process. Prior to engaging the general public and the specifically affected areas, a joint work session of the FNSB assembly, City Council of Fairbanks and North Pole and Interior Delegation Legislative members is scheduled for September 6, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Mayor Hopkins stated that their attendance and participation will greatly assist the community in addressing concerns with the proposed map revisions and adoption. He asked that council confirm their attendance by calling his office at 459-1300 to assist with seating configuration.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCE 12-18, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF NATURAL GAS UTILITY POWER TO THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH**

Mayor Hopkins said there was before the council a “transfer of power for the Natural Gas Utility Power. He stated that Home Rule cities within a 2<sup>nd</sup> class borough can transfer power to an areawide power. The purpose is to its citizens affordable access to natural gas and/or propane. He said there is a need as we have high energy costs within the Interior. The borough can save over a ¼ of a billion dollars a year to have Natural Gas and will provide economic growth and incentive.

The FNSB provided an Ordinance in advance outlining how the transition of power will take place should the North Pole City Council approve Ordinance 12-18.

Assemblywoman Nadine Winters stated that we all know the need for natural gas and with all the ideas that have come about there is a public need and benefit to put money towards it. The cities can transfer their powers to the borough and create an areawide entity.

It is not the boroughs intent to compete with private industry. She went through the ordinance the FNSB had drafted with the council.

Ms Hunter asked what would happen if City of Fairbanks rejects it and the City of North Pole approves it.

Mayor Isaacson said that it would not be an areawide power and therefore would not happen.

Mr. Nelson asked if there had been any dialogue on any price fluctuation once the utility has been established.

Mayor Hopkins said that as crude fluctuates so does LNG. It depends on contracts on the North Slope, on shipping costs, etc. It is also regulated by the RCA.

Mr. Ward asked how this limits free enterprise.

Mr. Hopkins said they would need a certificated area which is regulated by RCA. He said they could partnership with a private entity.

Mr. Jones asked for clarification on the term “doughnut hole” that they referred to.

Mr. McGhee asked where FNG gets their gas and where the FNSB entity would get their gas.

Mayor Hopkins said it comes from the south and that this entity would come from the North

Slope and trucked down.

Ms. Winters said that Flint Hills and GVEA are working on a plant but it is hugely expensive so part of it is we are on someone else's business plan.

Mr. Ward asked where the funding would come from for the gas utility.

Mayor Hopkins said AIDA will provide for finance utility structure and business models and also revenue bonds would pay for this.

Council had more discussion on this topic.

### **Public Comment**

Michael Welch, 934 Les Rogers Turnaround, North Pole, AK

Mr. Welch said he has lived here 13 years and has come to realize that he has a short patience level. He wondered how long it would take for this community to bring affordable energy to its citizens. He asked the council to go back and look at a study that was done when Cook Inlet gas was \$860 for the same BTU's to heat a house here in 2008 for \$4,200 and what happened when the people in the Cook Inlet area that were receiving that gas found out they were getting such a great bargain, the price of the gas went up. He said there is no guarantee as to what will happen. He spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Jeff Jacobson, 391 Finnel, North Pole, AK

Mr. Jacobson said he was pleased to see the council considering this ordinance. As a resident of North Pole for many years he finds it increasingly difficult to financially meet the obligations of heating his home in spite of taking advantage of the energy retrofit program and reducing consumption in his home. He encouraged the council to introduce and add to cosponsors of this ordinance and help explore energy costs.

**Mr. McGhee *moved to* Introduce and Advance Ordinance 12-18, An Ordinance Approving The Transfer Of Natural Gas Utility Power To The Fairbanks North Star Borough**

**Seconded by Mr. Ward**

### **Discussion**

**Mr. McGhee *moved to* remove section 2 in the ordinance**

**Seconded by Mr. Jones**

### **Discussion**

Mr. Jones didn't want to delete section 2 and that it was a safety net for the city.

Mr. McGhee said it was redundant and that the attorney suggested it. He said we already have our power and we can revoke it at any time.

Mr. Ward agreed with Mr. McGhee and that our charter says we can revoke.

Mr. Holm said it would be good to keep section 2 and we may find a reason to keep it.

Mayor Isaacson said that if we delete section 2 there is nothing prohibiting us from reinserting a condition. To keep it for one more meeting makes it that much easier for discussion on the second reading.

Mr. Nelson said that he is with Councilman McGhee and said it was redundant.

Ms. Hunter said that at this time she didn't believe there are any conditions that we should add. However she would like to see section 2 remain in case we needed to add something during the next meeting.

### **On the Amendment**

**YES –3-** Ward, , Nelson, McGhee

**NO – 4 -** Holm, Hunter, Jones, Isaacson

**Absent – 0**

### **Amendment Failed**

### **On the main motion**

#### **Discussion**

Mr. Jones said that he like the ordinance overall. He appreciated everyone coming out and clarifying what we have here. It puts a lot of faith in what we're doing for our citizens to get power and energy costs lowered. That's what they've been trying to do in Juneau for the past 3 years on the council. His concern is the cost of getting the pipes to the homes.

Ms. Hunter thanked the borough for putting this together and coming out and presenting it. They did the study and there was a presentation from the FEDC. She thanked them for making the telephone calls and spending their personal time in working on this.

Mr. Ward thanked everyone for coming down and had a lot more time to work on it. It's a good process and he was happy they were able to ask some tough questions and he does have concerns and is glad that they still have another reading. He stated that it is promising and would move it forward tonight. He encouraged the council to talk with everyone to gather more information.

Mr. Holm spoke in favor of the ordinance and that we need to do everything as quickly as we can and without he unification the governor won't help us.

Mayor Isaacson thanked everyone for coming down and that this is a large issue to take in and would like to take extra time to take it all in.

**PASSED**

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

**NO – 0 -**

**Absent – 0**

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mr. Jones** – thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He said the sound of freedom has not ended and jets are still here and providing coverage and learning for the pilots and another exercise is scheduled in October. He said there are citizen concerns about the roundabouts and that there won't be blocks of ice on the grass.

**Ms. Hunter** – was excited to see the stealth bomber this last week. She said she saw flocks of geese out and we need to prepare for winter. Tomorrow school starts and the freshman will be greeted by their mentors.

**Mr. Nelson** – have a safe trip home and god bless.

**Mr. McGhee** – thanked Mayor Hopkins for coming out and wished him a safe trip home.

**Mr. Ward** – encouraged all council members to learn about the ordinance and talk with constituents and to make good educated decisions. He said there is history behind it and stand behind our decisions and a lot of possibility. The next meeting is on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Bill Butler will be presenting at that meeting from 6 – 7 p.m.

**Mr. Holm** – thanked Mayor Hopkins and his staff for coming out tonight. He had mixed emotions about beautification but it is being noticed by citizens of North Pole and he has had lots of positive comments on it. The Mayor and himself were in Bethel last week and Bethel is an interesting place. They have a priority list and this is the main thing to focus on and he tried to get something on there to support the emergency of the high cost of energy in the Interior. AML chose not to add to priority list and looking for a resolution from Interior for the November session.

**Mayor Isaacson** – congratulated NPHS for being undefeated and may take state this year. Last mayors bowl is against Lathrop. Joyce Miller turned 85 and he was able to give her a coin from the city. Senior games were held in North Pole and horse shoes were played here and had 40 athletes that attended.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. McGhee adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.**

**Seconded by Mr. Jones**

The regular meeting of August 20, 2012 adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

**These minutes passed and approved** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

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Douglas W. Isaacson, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kathryn M. Weber, MMC  
North Pole City Clerk