



**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 Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ward called the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 2015 to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were present:

**Ms. Holm
Ms. Hunter
Mr. McCarthy
Mr. McGhee
Mr. Smith
Mr. Welch
Mayor Ward**

Absent/Excused

Absent

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ward called the regularly scheduled meeting of the North Pole City Council to order on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Ward

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mr. McGhee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the Agenda of January 20, 2015

Seconded by Mr. Welch

Discussion

None

Mr. McGhee moved to consent the following items:

New Business

- a. 2015 Waste Water Compliance Monitoring and 2014 Sanitary Survey professional services proposal

- c. Resolution 15-07, A resolution in support of the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation System (FMATS) participation in the development Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the highway project review process

Seconded by Mr. Welch

On the Amendment

Yes: 6 - Holm, McGhee, Welch, McCarthy, Smith, Ward

No: 0-

Absent: 1 - Hunter

On the main motion as amended

PASSED

Yes: 6 - Holm, McGhee, Welch, McCarthy, Smith, Ward

No: 0-

Absent: 1 - Hunter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Welch moved to Approve the minutes of January 5, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. McGhee

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 6 – McGhee, Welch, Holm, Smith, McCarthy, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Hunter

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Attended the small group discussion on dispatch today. The meeting was productive in the sense that we all have a lot of methodologies to sort out. The group agreed to meet in the next 10 days to decide on a methodology to bring to the large group. We also briefly discussed the governance of the Dispatch Center and how it could be improved upon.

- The meeting in regards to marijuana was cancelled due to Mayor Hopkins family emergency and was rescheduled to January 28th. I will keep the council posted on the details from this meeting.
- I will be traveling to Juneau with the Fairbanks Chamber's annual legislative fly-in. The trip will be from February 3rd to the 5th and will be action packed. I look forward to speaking to our delegation and other legislators. If council is interested in traveling to Juneau for the winter session please let the City Clerk know as soon as possible.
- Mrs. Fogarty, Mrs. Weber and I met with the auditors last week to go over the upcoming audit. We discussed implementation of a new chart of accounts and some of the things they are looking for when we submit draft statements. It will be an exciting year as we move forward with new ideas.
- I was able to visit the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration (ACUASI) last week and meet with Barbara Johnson about the UAV's and what they are doing for Alaska. The Technology is quite impressive as they are designing components and testing them in the field with the aid of a 3d printer and stellar staff.



COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

Mr. Welch asked who some of the other users are that are under City of Fairbanks dispatch and when we would have those numbers.

Mayor Ward listed of some of the users and said that the City of Fairbanks dispatch does a very good job. They are looking at the methodology of how each entity pays for dispatch.

Mr. McGhee asked who the other people are that will be meeting with Mayor Hopkins on the marijuana issue and to pass that information on to the council.

Ms. Holm wanted to know the date and time of the meeting on marijuana.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Department, Chief Lane

- None

Finance, Tricia Fogarty

- December 2014 bank rec is completed.
- The Mayor, Kathy and I met with Gary Hutchison; Lori will be out this week to take a look at our Gant files.
- We will be scheduling interviews for the Accounts Payable position this week.
- Next week I will be sitting in with Kathy to cross train on Payroll.

Police Department, Chief Dutra

- Discussed Coffee with a Cop – please set your calendars for February 7, 2015 between 9:00 and 10:00 am. We will spend time talking to people about police related matters and give people a chance to meet and talk.
- I am signed up for Guys Read program where we go into schools and read to 4th grade boys. It is meant as a way to give boys a good male role model.
- Sgt. Bellant has been chosen to attend DRE class and we are likely to send another.
- Learned a lot in Denver Colorado and are looking forward to our discussions with council.

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

- Mr. Butler went over the new website with the council.

Borough Representative

- Mayor attended the last meeting.
- Air quality workshop is on Thursday, January 22nd.
- Discussion on air quality. The second reading on air quality ordinance will be January 29th.

City Clerk, Kathy Weber

- We are in the process of hiring for the position of AP Clerk/Receptionist. The position closed on Friday and we will start interviews on Thursday.
- Things have been very busy this past month. Staff is working on the year end and W2's should be out by 5:00 p.m. tomorrow.
- On January 21st I will be attending the luncheon at Santa's Senior Center and swearing in their new officers.

- There will be a workshop for council on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the North Pole Council Chambers.
- Remind council that the website that is still up and running has a lot of information on it and connects with all departments in the city. All forms are online and most are pdf fillable.

ONGOING PROJECTS

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sharon Beeman, 2540 Honey Bee Lane

Ms. Beeman said she has some concerns about the rates for NTL. She had other concerns about the contract and encouraged the council to look at the contract and other companies that could do it cheaper.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2015 COMMITTEES

Mayor Ward introduced his committees for ratification of council.

Public Comment

None

Mr. McGhee *moved to* approve the 2015 City of North Pole Committees

Seconded by Mr. Welch

Discussion

Mr. McGhee asked the Mayor to removed Tammy Randolph and Jeff Jacobson.

Mr. McCarthy said he agreed to have Ms. Randolph removed from the list.

Mr. Welch said that Ms. Randolph has said things in the past that does not best serve the City.

Mr. Smith asked if the members on the list have been notified.

Ms. Holm said that she didn't feel that it was fair for other council members to attack Ms. Randolph as she does own land within the City and has a business here. Any comments that she made were not meant against anyone or the City.

FAILED

Yes: Smith, Holm, Mayor Ward
No: McGhee, McCarthy, Welch
Absent: Hunter

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Welch – thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He is looking forward to talking with the Chief on his travels to Colorado. He is also looking forward to the outcome of the dispatch contract.

Ms. Holm – goodnight.

Mr. Smith – thanked everyone for coming out and having people come and testify.

Mr. McCarthy – happy to see resolution that Sharron Hunter did and felt this is something that council needs to have a discussion on. He is looking forward to the workshop.

Mr. McGhee – thanked the young people for coming out and attending the meeting. He hopes that the council does their best to study the issue on the workshop and takes into consideration the vote of the people. He hopes that they continue to represent everyone and not just a select few.

Mayor Ward – thanked everyone for coming out.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGhee adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Welch

The regular meeting of January 20, 2015 adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, February 2, 2015.

Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk