



**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, February 2, 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 Monday, February 2, 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*

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ward called the regularly scheduled meeting of the North Pole City Council to order on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG**

Led by Mayor Ward

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Ms. Holm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the Agenda of February 2, 2015**

**Seconded by Mr. Smith**

**Discussion**

None

**Mr. Welch moved to pull from the agenda the following items:**

**New Business**

- a. Approval of SDEU Dodge Pickup sale.

**Seconded by Mr. McGhee**

**On the Amendment**

Yes: 7 - Holm, McGhee, Welch, McCarthy, Smith, Hunter, Ward  
No: 0-  
Absent: 0

**On the main motion as amended**

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 - Holm, McGhee, Welch, McCarthy, Smith, Hunter, Ward  
No: 0-  
Absent: 0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Welch moved to Approve the minutes of January 20, 2014.**

**Seconded by Mr. McGhee**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 - Holm, McGhee, Welch, McCarthy, Smith, Hunter, Ward  
No: 0-  
Absent: 0

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

I attended the second small group discussion on dispatch last week. The meeting was productive in the sense that we all have nailed down a methodology. The group agreed to meet again in the next 10 days to decide on a formula to bring to the large group. We also briefly discussed the governance of the Dispatch Center and how it could be improved upon. We should have a schedule that will outline basic services and enhanced services so that members can “shop” for the best rate to fulfil the needs of their agencies.

I will be traveling to Juneau with the Fairbanks Chamber’s annual legislative fly-in tomorrow. The trip will be from February 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> and will be action packed. I look forward to speaking to our delegation and other legislators.

The assembly last week was filled with testimony on the concerns of citizens. Concern was voiced in regards to the right to clean air and the right to heat your home. I was at the meeting until after 11:00 p.m. and testimony was not done yet. The presiding officer informed the public that they would stay until all had a chance to comment and that they would not make any

decision on Thursday. The official discussion and vote will take place on February 12<sup>th</sup> and there are already several amendments.

I have received a response from the DOT regarding the Richardson. The State is asking if we are interested in the changes taking place this summer to the Richardson Highway. I am assuming the intent is that it comes sooner than later. Please let me know if the council has a preference.

I will be out of the office for at least a week when my wife gives birth to our firstborn. I will be making arrangements for the office in my absence. I will inform the council as soon as my son is born for the duration I will be absent.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR**

Mr. McGhee asked I copies of the workshop on marijuana would be made available for council members.

Mayor Ward stated that the clerk would make copies available for those who wanted.

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

#### **Fire Department, Chief Lane**

- None

#### **Finance, Tricia Fogarty**

- None

#### **Police Department, Chief Dutra**

- Our legislative grant for our HVAC is now complete. We have an inspector coming out on Wednesday to do the final and we will be done with heating and ventilation upgrades. Hope to secure financing for cooling and get that project started soon.
- Please remind everyone about our Coffee with a Cop on Saturday at McDonalds. We will be there between 0900-1000 hours. This is a time to come and chat about anything I will be there along with Sgt. Binkley and we are excited to meet with the citizens. I invite you to come join us. We will pay for the coffee.
- We just sponsored a field training class here at city hall last week. I want to thank the staff at city hall for putting up with all the police officers. Sponsoring this class saved us the money of having to send officers out for the training. It also helps to bring in lots of people to eat at our local establishments.
- We are also hosting a course in the next few months called Blue Courage. Should be well attended.

- Officer Missimer just returned from Sitka where he attended the Municipal Law enforcement academy. Passed with flying colors. This class is required for officers who need state law and procedural updates.
- I attended the Air Force Community Partnership Program Initial planning meeting. Well attended by a lot of organizations. Looking for ways to do better collaboration between Air Force and local groups both private and public.
- Stats – from 2014 – a few issues but most of the trends I am disturbed about I had already briefed the council during 2014.

Mr. Welch asked about the speed limit increase to 65 mph and what his thoughts were on it.

Mr. Smith asked about adding any extra public service activities for police.

**Director of City Services, Bill Butler**

**Natural Gas Update: February 2, 2015**

IGU has not had a board meeting since Governor Walker announced the signature of a letter of intent to buy Fairbanks Natural Gas. The IGU board of directors must satisfy the same open meeting laws as the City Council so there have been no on-line discussions among board members about this development. There will be an IGU board meeting on Tuesday, February 3.

Based upon newspaper articles, the estimated \$52 million to purchase Fairbanks Natural Gas will come from AIDEA funds, not funding approved in Senate Bill 23. Senate Bill 23 allocated \$303 million in loans, grants and credits to fund a natural gas trucking project from the North Slope. To use Senate Bill 23 funding for another purpose—like a project to obtain gas from Cook Inlet—would require legislative action. (Two representative new articles are attached.)

IGU's efforts to create a gas project are going ahead uninterrupted—invitations for bids are scheduled to be released within a week for construction of the first gas lines, including the lines to be installed in the City of North Pole in summer 2015; an invitation to bid has already been released to begin land clearing work that must precede any construction; and design of Phase 2 that includes a small portion of the northern parts of the City are moving forward to the 65% stage.

From the City-side, I am working with DOT to see if we can share a construction inspector to inspect gas line installation work that will occur within the City. We are still in discussions and there may be issues that prevent DOT from partnering with the City for these services. The goal is to perform the work as inexpensively as possible. The City should not be incurring any plan review or inspection costs—the intention of DOT and the City is to negotiate a Reimbursable Services Agreement (RSA) with IGU where IGU bears the plan review and inspections costs.

**State agency to purchase Fairbanks natural gas utility**

Fairbanks News Miner, January 28, 2015

By Dermot Cole Fairbanks News Miner, January 28

JUNEAU -- In a step that could reshape the Fairbanks energy picture, a state agency has signed a letter of intent to purchase the small natural gas utility system there for \$52.5 million, fueled by natural gas supplies that would be trucked or shipped by rail to the Interior city.

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority announced the proposed deal Wednesday and said it would start due diligence on the plan to purchase the privately held company that owns Fairbanks Natural Gas.

Gov. Bill Walker briefed Fairbanks legislators in the state Capitol at 5 p.m. Fairbanks Rep. Steve Thompson, co-chairman of the House Finance Committee, said their reaction was uniformly positive.

They discussed how a legislative appropriation for the Interior Energy Project might be reshaped to help finance the sale.

Thompson, along with Sen. John Coghill and Reps. David Guttenberg and Scott Kawasaki said they didn't go into all of the details, but that the idea is to finish the deal by the fall and expand the current trucking operation, with the intent of using the state-owned Alaska Railroad as the ultimate means of transport.

"I hope it works," said Thompson. "This seems to be pretty well thought-out. I think they have some negotiations to do yet. There is still a glimmer of hope for Fairbanks."

Coghill said the governor outlined a plan under which natural gas could be shipped in containers on the Alaska Railroad. Coghill said it's critical that any gas purchase arrangement be for the long term, for energy security.

In an interview after the meeting, Walker said the proposal will go a long way toward easing the energy problem in Fairbanks by diversifying the supply and speeding the transition to natural gas. Fairbanks Natural Gas has about 1,100 customers and supplies gas to Fairbanks via truck along the Parks Highway.

"The next step will be negotiating natural gas contracts. There are a number of companies that are interested in selling gas," said Walker. He said the idea of shipping gas from Cook Inlet to Fairbanks has been percolating for a long time, but it was when the AIDEA plan for a new North Slope gas treatment plant faltered because of high cost in December that the initiative really advanced.

"It is important that we keep our eye on the immediate goal of bringing energy relief to Interior Alaska," Walker said in a statement. "AIDEA's initiative to help streamline gas distribution systems in the Interior is a positive development."

The purchase by AIDEA, a state-owned corporation, would end the competition that exists in Fairbanks between Fairbanks Natural Gas, the private utility owned largely by investors in Minnesota, and a municipal utility that intends to serve areas outside the city center.

AIDEA Board Chairman Dana Pruhs released a statement saying the agency would "work closely with the community and utilities to reduce construction and operation costs for both natural gas distribution systems."

"This efficient approach will lead to lower cost energy for consumers," he said. FNG President Dan Britton was quoted as saying he looks forward to a "seamless transition."

Cory Borgeson, president of Golden Valley Electric Association, said he is eager to see the details on how the electric utility would be able to participate.

"GVEA is waiting to see what AIDEA will be proposing for a source of gas in light of the governor's promise not to put GVEA at risk by committing to a fuel arrangement," said Borgeson.

He said power rates for a typical household are going down by about \$17 next month because of declining oil prices, which means that the price level at which natural gas has to be competitive has dropped.

In 2010, when Walker was the attorney for the Alaska Gasline Port Authority, formed by municipal governments in Fairbanks and Valdez, the agency considered buying FNG for \$64 million, but the project did not advance, in part because of questions about the price.

**State to buy Fairbanks Natural Gas**  
Fairbanks News Miner, January 28

Matt Buxton

JUNEAU — With the aftermath of the North Slope gas processing plant in the rearview mirror, the state intends to buy Fairbanks Natural Gas.

In a news release issued this evening, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority announced that with cooperation from Gov. Bill Walker it has signed a letter of intent to buy Pentex Alaska Natural Gas Company, LLC and its assets, which include the Fairbanks gas distribution company and a liquefaction plant in Point MacKenzie, for \$52.5 million.

“It is important that we keep our eye on the immediate goal of bringing energy relief to Interior Alaska,” Walker said in a news release. “AIDEA’s initiative to help streamline gas distribution systems in the Interior is a positive development.”

Fairbanks Natural Gas has served about a thousand businesses and residences in the Interior and this summer began construction on new distribution lines. With its Point MacKenzie plant, the company already has been trucking gas in limited supplies to Fairbanks.

With the processing facility in Point MacKenzie the focus on finding a source of natural gas for the Interior turns to Cook Inlet, said AIDEA board member Gary Wilken, a former state senator from Fairbanks. “The effort is to look at Cook Inlet and establish in some manner a long-term gas supply,” he said.

The deal between the state and Pentex is expected to close sometime this summer, he said. The move comes after a private-public partnership between AIDEA and private project development company MWH fell apart at the end of the year amid rising prices and slipping timelines. The state had offered an extension, but MWH decided to bow out amid local opposition.

The purchase price of \$52.5 million comes amid a state budget deficit of \$3.5 billion and finding that amount of money would likely be difficult in any session. But lawmakers who attended a closed-door briefing with the governor said they were told it could be done with funds set aside in the legislation that created the Interior Energy Project in 2013.

That legislation, which passed with the unanimous support of the Alaska Legislature, put about \$330 million of loans, credits and cash grants (\$57.5 million) toward the project. AIDEA spokesman Karsten Rodvik said between \$42 million to \$45 million of the cash grants remain depending on finalized invoices for the work on the North Slope. He added that some of the

North Slope assets, such as a gravel pad, could be liquidated to add to the available cash. There are also \$117 million in low-cost loans and \$150 million in bonds remaining, he said.

“They seem to think the money is available,” said Rep. Steve Thompson, a Fairbanks Republican who co-chairs the House Finance Committee. “They just need some legislation to switch it from the North Slope back in the other direction.”

Thompson went on to say he was glad to see a new plan come together so quickly after the failure of the North Slope plant, but said there likely will be some concerns about pushing private companies out of the energy discussion.

Pentex had attempted to sell its Point MacKenzie processing plant to Hilcorp earlier this year, but the sale was put on hold by the attorney general and state regulators. Some local officials in Fairbanks also opposed the sale.

“It’s interesting that Hilcorp was going to be a private corporation wanting to buy it (the Point MacKenzie plant). The attorney general stepped in and now a state agency is going to buy it,” he said. “I think there will be some questions.”

The consolidation of the Interior’s energy distributors under public utilities and agencies was good news to other Interior lawmakers. “Distribution of gas becomes a public purpose instead of a for-profit purpose,” said Fairbanks Democratic Rep. David Guttenberg. “For me it creates an amazing alignment of purpose.”

One of the biggest criticisms of MWH’s involvement revolved around the private investment the company brought into the project, about \$80 million. Guttenberg and local officials were concerned the rate of return for that investment harmed the final price of gas for consumers.

Private investors and private profits have long been a concern when bringing gas to the Fairbanks area. In 2012, the local governments gathered together to form the Interior Gas Utility, a municipal utility with the goal of serving the city of North Pole and other medium-density areas of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The move was a direct snub to the privately held Fairbanks Natural Gas, which some lawmakers said had not done enough to expand gas distribution while collecting profits.

The Interior Gas Utility and Fairbanks Natural Gas traded blows in front of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska as the two fought for the exclusive right to distribute gas outside the city



of Fairbanks. The proceedings, which included vicious attacks over each group's ultimate motive, ended with the Interior Gas Utility's victory.

Whether or not the Interior Gas Utility and Fairbanks Natural Gas merge is unclear, but Wilken said buying the private utility and its existing gas trucking operation puts the project on much better footing than before.

"We had a fragmented market before and the fact that we are a very small market a long ways from anywhere made the project that much more tough, but now we have a much more compact project," he said. "What we have now is a supply coming from a different direction and we don't have as many unknowns. We can put a pretty definite cost on it."

Lawmakers who spoke with the governor said Walker was intent on achieving the original goal of bringing gas to consumers at a burner-tip price of \$15 per thousand cubic feet of natural gas, an equivalent to a \$2 gallon of heating oil.

On the campaign trail and after his election, Walker had been wary about the financial reality of trucking gas from the North Slope, but purchasing Fairbanks Natural Gas is something the governor is familiar with. The Alaska Gasline Port Authority, a group created by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and other municipalities and one Walker had been affiliated with, had explored purchasing Fairbanks Natural Gas in 2010. One version of that plan included the group taking out some \$250 million in loans to buy Fairbanks Natural Gas, build a North Slope plant and begin trucking gas down the Dalton Highway.

Because of that experience, Walker maintained that he thought the North Slope route didn't pencil out for Fairbanks. After issuing an order directing the state agencies to begin looking south, Walker told the News-Miner that early numbers on Cook Inlet were "pretty encouraging."

### **Borough Representative**

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**City Clerk, Kathy Weber**

- Reminder that APOC forms are due to the City Clerk and to APOC by March 15, 2015.
- My records preparation clerk was hired by the Fire Department as their new Admin Assistant. She will be greatly missed in Admin.
- I am in the process of a possible new temporary person to help with records.
- I will be out of the office from February 5 – 24. You can still reach me by phone or by email.

**ONGOING PROJECTS**

None

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 15-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA TO AMEND CHAPTER 8.04 NUISANCES AND ADD SECTION 8.04.05 TO PROHIBIT THE EXTRACTION OF MARIJUANA OILS WITHIN CITY LIMITS**

Mayor Ward introduced the ordinance.

**Public Comment**

Brenda Sadler – 3831 Kensington

Ms. Sadler gave a brief history of her background and resume. She congratulated Chief Dutra and the Council on their diligence to safety in the community. She thanked the council for being one of the first communities for addressing the marijuana issue. She spoke in favor of the ordinance.

**Mr. Welch *moved to* Introduce and Advance Ordinance 15-01, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to amend Chapter 8.04 Nuisances, and add Section 8.04.05 to prohibit the extraction of marijuana oils within city limits.**

**Seconded by Mr. McCarthy**

**Mr. Welch *moved to* Amend Ordinance 15-01 by deleting line 24 – 24 and adding on line 48 as follows: A person or corporation that processes marijuana oil using an flammable extraction**

**Discussion**

Mr. McGhee said he had issue with the wording on lines 48 and 49 and felt they needed to define the wording of the violation of \$1,500. He commented that the State has another 9 months to put this into law. He thinks they need to define item D.

Chief Dutra came forward and explained the process.

Mr. Welch asked how the \$1,500 was determined.

Ms. Hunter asked if the word “entity” would be better.

Mayor Ward said this had been vetted through the City Attorney.

**On the amendment**

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 - Holm, McGhee, Welch, McCarthy, Smith, Hunter, Ward

No: 0-

Absent: 0

**On the main motion as amended**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 - Holm, McGhee, Welch, McCarthy, Smith, Hunter, Ward

No: 0-

Absent: 0

**ORDINANCE 15-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA TO AMEND TITLE 12 STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES BY ADDING CHAPTER 03 MARIJUANA USE IN PUBLIC PLACES, TO REGULATE THE CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA IN A PUBLIC PLACE**

Mayor Ward introduced this ordinance.

**Public Comment**

None

**Mr. McGhee *moved to* Introduce and Advance Ordinance 15-02, an ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to amend Title 12- Streets, sidewalks, and public places by adding Chapter 12.03, Marijuana use in public places to regulate the consumption of marijuana in**

**a public place.**

**Seconded by Mr. McCarthy**

**Discussion**

Mr. McGhee said he couldn't support the wording "in public view" by way of consumption. He said that he felt the council was infringing on private property and they needed to redefine "public". He felt that the City needs to stand by the definition of what is public which is defined in Webster's Dictionary "public place that is maintained by public funds".

**Mr. McGhee moved to amend B. 3. as follows:**

**B.**

**3. Public place means a place to which the public place being any space maintained by public funds and subject to the same laws as alcohol consumption. has access and includes, but is not limited to, streets, highways, sidewalks, alleys, transportation facilities, parking areas, convention centers, sports arenas, schools, places of business or amusement, shopping centers, malls, parks, playgrounds, prisons, and other portions of apartment houses and hotels not constituting rooms or apartments designed for actual residence such as hallways, lobbies, and doorways.**

**Seconded by Mr. McCarthy**

**Discussion**

Mr. McCarthy liked the verbiage and was in favor of it.

Mr. Welch said that everything needed to be spelled out so it's not vague in understanding and would like to see what the city attorney has to say about it.

Ms. Hunter agreed that things needed to be spelled out to give a clear idea of what is meant by public spaces. Ms. Hunter said she thought that it was a misnomer that marijuana should be regulated or treated as alcohol. She felt it was an assumption that people would have the same rights with marijuana as with alcohol.

Ms. Holm said she has a problem with the verbiage and that it could be a nuisance with our police in some locations and that it's very important to narrow it down and that it can be amended it at a later date.

Mr. McGhee said that private parking lots are not included. Public consumption means just that. He felt the council was nitpicking trying to control the use and consumption of marijuana. He said a public facility is something that is funded by public monies or taxes. He doesn't understand what people are afraid of. In 2013 over 43,000 died from prescription drugs. In 2013 no one died from marijuana use.

Mayor Ward said a lot of time was taken to draft the ordinance. The definition of public place includes places of business and portions of apartments and hotels hallways, lobbies and doorways. It is still illegal in military installations. EAFB said that any hotel or apartment building will be off limits to their personnel. And the same goes for any police officer in the state of Alaska. He felt the council was doing their diligence with this ordinance to make clear where usage is allowed. In the future they can expand on the ordinance.

Mr. McCarthy said this is only stop gap and that this ordinance will probably change.

Mr. McGhee said that there are a lot of businesses that have fenced off areas, not visible from the road, where people can go out and participate in various outdoor activities, not in view of the public and that we are telling them that they can't consume, whether it's legal or not. Mayor Ward mentioned that there is an "except by permit" provision or statute or regulation and again stated that the ordinance could be changed in the future.

**On the amendment**

**FAILED**

Yes: 2 – McCarthy, McGhee

No: 5- Smith, Holm, Hunter, Welch, Ward

Absent: 0

On the main motion

**Discussion**

Mr. McGhee didn't feel that the council had a right to tell a business what they can do on their property. He didn't feel that at this point they had the legal right to do that. He said the Refinery Lounge has been black balled from military use many times because of activities.

Ms. Hunter said that her interpretation of the ballot measure is that it is intended for marijuana use in your home and that she intends to uphold that. It's her interpretation of what is in the law and that she is in favor of what is stated in the law. In addition she stated that the municipality of Anchorage decided that they needed to define what public was because the way it was written was so vague. The city of North Pole is not the only city trying to get a better definition. She thinks that when you have a good definition of what the law is people will respect the law and will appreciate knowing what they can and cannot do in order to follow the law.

**On Ordinance 15-02**

**PASSED**

Yes – 6 – Hunter, Welch, McCarthy, Smith, Holm, Ward

No – 1 – McGhee

Absent – 0

**RESOLUTION 15-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE TO  
REQUEST CLARIFICATION FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA ON BALLOT  
MEASURE 2, THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA**

Mayor Ward introduced the resolution and spoke on it.

**Public Comment**

Sharon Beeman, 2540 Honey Bee Lane, North Pole

Ms. Beeman appreciates resolution 15-08 and the issues being brought forward, but has concerns about lines 19 – 22. She wasn't sure what the intent was and said that unless you test it you're not going to know the levels of THC and CBD. If you see a person you think is violating the law people would not know what to arrest them on. She said she needs to do more research but edible products seem to be problematic, she's not sure what kind of problems they are having with it exactly. As Mr. McGee stated there have been no deaths and you can't overdose on marijuana, but there is no statistical data on it. Her other concern was line 47; and felt it was a way to kill a business and that the state and city shouldn't be able to tell you that you can't advertise. She agreed that how they advertise should be regulated, kept tasteful and not geared toward children.

Chief Dutra, 125 Snowman Lane

Chief Dutra stated that based on statistics he's seen there have been no documented cases of overdoses of THC, but there has been significant collateral damage because of those under the influence of THC. The marijuana industry is fighting these claims because they say there are no facts supporting these cases and that there were underlying issues. He thinks it's important to be aware that it is serious. He also said that we all expect those public places that we all use to be contaminant free, such as tobacco and especially marijuana. It's important that those issues are considered in the ordinance.

**Mr. McGhee *moved to* suspend the rules for 10 minutes to read Resolution 15-006 from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough that was passed on January 20, 2015.**

**Seconded by Ms. Hunter**

**Discussion**

**Mr. McGhee *moved to* Approve Resolution 15-08 a resolution of the City of North Pole to request clarification from the state of Alaska on ballot measure 2, the legalization of marijuana**

**Seconded by Mr. Welch**

**Discussion**

**Mr. Welch** *moved to* amend Resolution 15-08, line 51, to delete “following” and insert “aforementioned”

**Seconded by Ms. Holm**

**PASSED**

Yes – 7 – Hunter, Welch, McGhee, McCarthy, Smith, Holm, Ward

No – 0

Absent – 0

**Discussion**

**Mr. McGhee** *moved to* amend Resolution 15-08, line 47, where it says whereas whether any public advertising for marijuana and related products should be prohibited and remove the word “prohibited” and insert “regulated”.

**Seconded by Mr. Welch**

Mr. McGhee agreed with the public that to prohibit advertising is wrong, but instead to regulate it so it’s not indecent or made appealing to young people, is the suggestion he’d like to send to the Legislature.

Ms. Hunter is in favor of prohibiting advertising because she thinks the people who would be in business would have no problems attracting customers. She thinks it simpler to just outlaw advertising all together.

Ms. Holm agrees with Mr. McGhee and likes the word regulated better than prohibited because the word advertising is really broad.

**PASSED**

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

No – 1 – Hunter

Absent – 0

**Discussion**

Ms. Hunter wondered about lines 13 and 14 and the transportation of marijuana. She wants to retain the use of drug detection dogs to aid in the prevention of illegal shipping of marijuana in and out of the state.

Mr. McCarthy stated that the feds would continue to use drug detection dogs and that they would

be the ones responsible for marijuana coming in and out of Alaska.

Mr. McGhee said this falls under homeland security and borders and it's not for the cities to be concerned with.

Mayor Ward said this resolution is meant to give guidance or ask for clarification for the state. It pertains to issues of the municipality, but also to the state as a whole.

**PASSED**

Yes – 7 – Hunter, Welch, McGhee, McCarthy, Smith, Holm, Ward

No – 0 –

Absent – 0

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ms. Holm – Wanted to say that it's Heart Awareness Month and she hopes everyone is staying healthy, eating healthy and exercising.

Mr. Welch – He noticed that TV history was made with 114.4 million people viewing the Super Bowl and thought it would be nice if they could get 14 people in here to discuss what goes on in the city.

Mr. McGhee – He appreciates the ordinances that are coming up and the open discussion and hopes that after February 24<sup>th</sup> the state can come up with something. He wants council to be careful to not regulate business and encumber what the majority voted for and allow them to do what they're going to do. He appreciates the council and all their input. The roads are still bad and he asked the public to be careful.

Mr. McCarthy – He's talked with people about the 65 mph and they are all for it. The people he's asked, who say they voted yes on Proposition 2, say they voted yes for personal 1 ounce use and not for opening up a new industry and that people didn't realize that was part of the proposition.

Mr. Smith – Thanked all the young men coming out and getting their merit badges. He wants everyone to dress warm and to drive careful and sees a lot of good things coming out of the meetings and workshops. Thank you to the council for putting together a nice proposal for the community.

Ms. Hunter – On a personal note she's had a two week long migraine headache after not having any for 5 – 6 years. She's thankful to get a copy of the meeting she missed. Overall the perspective she is coming from is she would like to be more conservative and more



restrictive in the regulation at the beginning and loosen them up as necessary because it will be more difficult to do it later. She's concerned about North Pole being associated with marijuana retail sales. She appreciates the discussions they are having and people have been very good at expressing their views.

Mayor Ward – He thanked everyone for a productive meeting and reminded everyone that they are not to talk about items they voted on and looks forward to putting his best leg forward down in Juneau. This will be his second time going to Juneau and it will be a wonderful experience. He hopes to have a great report to bring back to the council and please mark down on your calendar that there is a meeting on Thursday. The next council meeting is on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

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Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kathryn M. Weber, MMC  
North Pole City Clerk