



**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, March 7, 2016 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, March 7, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were present:

**Mr. McCarthy – Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Smith – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Holm – Alt. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Dawson
Mr. McGhee
Mr. Claus
Mayor Ward**

Absent/Excused

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem McCarthy called the regularly scheduled meeting of the North Pole City Council to order on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Ward

National Anthem sung by NPMS Choir – Serinity Wright, Katie Hembree

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Holm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McGhee moved to approve the Agenda of March 7, 2016

Seconded by Mr. Claus

Discussion

None

Mr. McGhee moved to consent the following items on the agenda:

- a. Request from Origami Owl to change sales tax filing from monthly to annual.
- b. Approval of quote from AlasConnect in the amount of \$17,190 for wiring of the NPPD to

include the EOC (Emergency Operations Center)
c. Ordinance 16-01, an Ordinance of the North Pole City Council amending Title 3, Elections, Chapter 3.16.020, Declaration of Candidacy and 3.16.080 Filling Vacancies

Seconded by Mr. Claus

Discussion

None

On the amendment

PASSED

Yes: 7 –McGhee, Dawson, Claus, McCarthy, Holm, Smith, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

On the motion as amended

PASSED

Yes: 7 –McGhee, Dawson, Claus, McCarthy, Holm, Smith, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2016

Seconded by Ms. Dawson

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 7 –McGhee, Dawson, Claus, McCarthy, Holm, Smith, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

I was able to travel to Juneau with the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce last month and had a very productive trip. The Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce has many of the same priorities as

outlines in the City's 2016 capital priorities. Legislators were appreciative of the legislative packets we provided that outline the resolutions we have passed in the past several years that pertain to State legislation. Many were very glad we had the packet available for download on our new website. I have included some of the presentations in email for your information.

I also participated in the marijuana meeting held at the Fairbanks North Star Borough Chambers the 22nd and 24th of February. The meeting was planned and orchestrated by the FNSB Planning department. Unexpectedly there was standing room only each night. I was able to go over the City's requirements for establishments and share a draft version of our application.

As many of you may have heard the AIDEA review board has signaled that they are looking at the Cook Inlet for a supply of gas for the FNG and IGU systems. This is an exciting development and the next step to getting gas in the lines that were installed last summer.

The F-35 EIS is out and available at <http://www.pacaf-f35aeis.com/> The final decision regarding the F-35's is anticipated to be mid spring 2016. Eielson AFB is slated for over 200 million in military construction (MILCON) in the Presidents 2017 budget.

I have been working with the FNSB Mayor's Air Quality Working Group to help address some of the issues we are dealing with in regards to Air Quality. The group is simply advisory, however, there has been good discussion on ways to address the issues where they are needed and relay a consistent message about ways we can and cannot improve our air.

This week and next week the Arctic Council will be meeting in Fairbanks. The Arctic Council is an intergovernmental forum promoting cooperation, coordination and interaction among the Arctic states, Arctic Indigenous communities and other Arctic inhabitants on common Arctic issues, in particular on issues of sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic. There are meetings and seminars throughout the week. If you are interested in attending please visit their website at <http://www.arctic-council.org>

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

- None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Dept., Chief Lane

- Narcan bill passed both House and Senate.
- Be extremely careful as it is very icy.
- The NPFD will be doing a dinner for the Red Cross and Fire Department next month.

- Active Shooter class will be on April 2nd.
- Saturday is Shave your Head for Kid Cancer. They have raised over \$500,000 over the last few years in the Interior.
- Sunday, March 13th is change your clock and change your batteries.

Finance, Tricia Fogarty

- None

Police Department, Chief Dutra

- None

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

Building Department

- Dental practice inquiry for former Key Bank building
- Building addition permit application submitted today (3/7)
- Expect acceleration of permit applications to begin in April

Public Works

- Low snowfall combined with weather conditions may make a spring hardpack removal unnecessary except in a few limited locations—money saving development
- Wayfinding map project
 - Directions maps planned for grassy space at Santa Claus Lane roundabout at interchange (also planned location of a Welcome to North Pole sign where visitors can take pictures). Second sign will be at City hall.
 - Other signs planned for 2016: Replace framing for signs on Beaver Springs Trail; Fitness trail directional signs; and if funds and time permit begin building and installing identification signs at City's parks and facilities.
 - Hoping to fund all services and materials with the \$10,000 Borough beautification grant.
- Expecting release of ITB for 2016 FMATS project (Resurface Dougchee Road from Badger Road to bridge; resurface 5th Avenue, Blanket Boulevard and 8th Avenue pedestrian paths; pave Snowman Lane pedestrian path 3rd Avenue to Kevin's Way; crack sealing throughout City as needed.)
- FMATS voted to make the construction of a pedestrian path along Homestead Road from Old Richardson Highway to Perimeter Road—funding to be determined.

Utility Department

- Notice of Violation Update: March 1 the engineer conducted a site visit with ADEC and DNR to narrow the location of the path for the sewer main extension
- Lift Station Phase 3 Update
 - Engineer continues to develop the engineering and design documents with a planned ITB in spring 2016 with planned construction in summer 2016.
 - As part of the project the engineer has “thrown in” engineering the specifications for mobile generators that are funded with an existing ACWF loan

Natural Gas Utility Board

- March 3, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority announced selection of Salix Inc. of Cook Inlet as the natural gas supplier for the Interior Gas Project.
 - Estimated at customer meter cost of gas \$15.74/mcf (thousand cubic feet)
 - IGU is discussing mixture of funding strategies to get cost to \$15.00/mcf at the customer meter.

Borough Representative

- Assembly did approve the tax exemption from \$20,000 to \$50,000 to put on the ballot in October 2016.

City Clerk, Kathy Weber

- Fairbanks Water & Soil Conservation will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, March 8th at City Hall from 6 – 8 pm on eradicating Elodea, an invasive aquatic weed in Interior Alaska and why it is a threat to our waterways.
- Congressman Don Young will be at City Hall on Thursday, March 10th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to meet with constituents to give an update and answer any questions they may have. Coffee and cookies will be served. He will be at the North Star Council on Aging on Friday, March 11th starting at 1:30 p.m.
- Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR will be holding there conference at Pikes Waterfront Lodge on March 12th starting at 9:00 a.m.
- Robin Schmitt from the Social Security Administration will be in Fairbanks and North Pole on Thursday, April 14th to hold a workshop and answer questions regarding social security. These workshops will be held at the Noel Wein Library from 11:00 – 12:30 and at the North Pole Library from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
- The Harlem Globetrotters will be in Fairbanks on Sunday, May 1st. A flyer has been inserted in the packet for your convenience.
- There are 293 days until Christmas.

ONGOING PROJECTS

- None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM ORIGAMI OWL TO CHANGE SALES TAX FILING FROM MONTHLY TO ANNUAL

Consent Agenda

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Claus – thanked everyone for showing up tonight and have a safe trip home.

Mr. Smith – thanked the Scouts for coming out. Spring is here and looking forward to more daylight.

Mr. McGhee – thanked the Scouts for showing up and working on their badges.

Ms. Dawson – good night and be safe.

Ms. Holm – thanked clerk for representing the City at North Pole High School.

Mr. McCarthy – happy to see that NPF is moving ahead with AlasConnect.

Mayor Ward – thanked everyone for coming out. You can call any of the council members if you have questions. Muffins with the Mayor is the 3rd Friday of every month.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGhee *moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.*

Seconded *by Mr. Claus*

The regular meeting of March 7, 2016 adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, March 21, 2016.

Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk