



**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 21, 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 21, 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

Absent

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ward called the regularly scheduled meeting of the North Pole City Council to order on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Ward

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman McGhee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McGhee moved to approve the Agenda of March 21, 2016

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Discussion

None

Mr. McGhee moved to Consent under Old Business:

- a. **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**

Consent the following item under New Business:

- a. Request sales tax filing from monthly to annual for Paparazzi, LLC.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Discussion

None

On the amendment

PASSED

Yes: 6 –McGhee, Dawson, Claus, Holm, Smith, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

On the motion as amended

PASSED

Yes: 6 –McGhee, Dawson, Claus, Holm, Smith, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Smith *moved to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016*

Seconded by Mr. Claus

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 6 –McGhee, Dawson, Claus, Holm, Smith, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

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.

This last week the Arctic Council was in Fairbanks for their breakout sessions. 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. Next year the general council will be meeting in Fairbanks and present will be the heads of state for the 8 Arctic Nation States. If you are interested in more information visit their website at <http://www.arctic-council.org> This year marks the first year of two of Americas hosting of the Arctic Council, this opportunity only happens every 16 years.

The North Pole Strategic Plan is going live this next week, please check out the draft plan and take the short survey to help determine if we are on target with our vision, values and goals.

We are still in need of testimony and comment from residents and guest who have been affected by the sulfolane contamination. If you have comment contact Lisa at CSG attorneys: 452-1855 Reference- North Pole Sulfolane Contamination.

Cassel is here for training and assistance this week. We have now migrated out data from the old chart of accounts to the new chart of accounts. Staff is now being trained on expanding our ability to fully utilize the capabilities available through the software we are using.

Mayoral Engagements (attended)

Arctic summit banquet at Carlson Center

Tanana Chiefs Conference at the Westmark Hotel

Chamber of Commerce Special Business luncheon for Arctic Council

Tired Iron flag drops at Chena Lakes

Meeting with Lt. governor in Fairbanks

Proclamation

Shirley Zhu - NPMS

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

- None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Dept., Chief Lane

- None

Finance, Tricia Fogarty

- Working with Caselle.
- Will have budget for next agenda.
- Gave an audit update.

Police Department, Chief Dutra

- Usibelli donated \$500 to Memorial park
- We received \$585.76 from SOA Asset Forfeiture
- Vehicle has arrived is at autotrim getting decals.
- Just tested 8 people for open position. Lost 2 working on remaining.
- Working hard on SB91
- Statistical 2015 presentation to come.

- Chena Lakes contract is coming
- NIBERS vs UCR
- New wiring is being completed in building
- DHS authorized some unexpected funds and appropriated it to Laptops.
- Ordering new parts for the two new patrol cars expect them in next few weeks.
- MOU with Eielson AFB to use the range.
- MOY with UAF regarding sexual assault investigations. Coordination for student victims.
- Sgt. Bellant attended state DRE conference paid for by state.
- DOT campaign is up to 200 kits and Allstate and Statefarm are involved.
- Bill Butler and I are working on remodel project
- Video systems active in 2 patrol cars soon 3 and 8 by June
- Body Cameras are deployed and operational.
- Working on pricing for Class A uniforms.
- Guns traded in and upgrade coming.
- 23rd and 24th we have joint training funded by DHS for active shooter. Thank you Chad, Jeromy and Chief Lane
- AlasConnect IT backup solution is in the works.

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

- None

Borough Representative

- FNSB is looking at a marijuana tax.
- Discussion on sustainability budget for the State.
- Passed ordinance for \$50,000 exemption.

City Clerk, Kathy Weber

- Putting together Charter Committee – Hope to have 1st meeting by the end of the month.
- Working with Caselle to streamline payroll reports

ONGOING PROJECTS

- None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Rebecca Meyer, 3666 Helensdale Ave

Early Childhood Informational Forum

When: Saturday, March 26, 2016

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Where: North Pole Library

Featuring topics on Early Childhood Education, local community resource information, literacy, science, art, and future advocacy events.

- Dawn Murphy, Explore Fairbanks
Presented final budgeted figures for 2015.
She encouraged North Pole to continue to promote activities in the area.
Asked the council to add tourism to the Strategic Plan which will help with community grants.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 16-02, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 8, AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGULATION AND PRODUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP

Mayor Ward stated that City of Fairbanks passed a Resolution at their last council meeting. SB8 is sponsored by Senator Ellis and is attached to the Resolution.

Public Comment

None

Mr. McGhee *moved to Approve Resolution 16-02, a Resolution in support of Senate Bill 8, an act relating to the regulation and production of industrial hemp*

Seconded by Mr. Claus

Discussion

Mr. McGhee encouraged the council to pass this as this can be beneficial medically for animals as well as people.

PASSED

Yes: 5 – Dawson, Claus, McGhee, Smith, Ward

No: 1 - Holm

Absent: 1 - McCarthy

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Smith – great to see spring coming.

Mr. McGhee – thanked Ms. Meyer for her report on Early Childhood Development. Thanked Chief Dutra for his thorough report. He encouraged everyone to be careful on the roads and drive defensively.

Ms. Dawson – really enjoyed hearing from everyone. Roads are getting better and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Ms. Holm – was able to attend the DAR conference and said it was a wonderful event. She wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mr. Claus – have a great evening.

Mayor Ward – thanked everyone for a wonderful meeting and said he appreciates the interaction with

council and the public. He will continue to have Muffins with the Mayor every 3rd Friday of the month. If you have issues with your computer bring them in to the City Clerk and she will try and solve them for you.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGhee *moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.*

Seconded by Mr. Claus

The regular meeting of March 21, 2016 adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, April 4, 2016.

Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn M. Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk