



**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, July 3, 2017 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, July 3, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were present:

Mr. McCarthy – Alt Dep Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Isaacson - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Thompson
Mr. McGhee - Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Claus
Mr. Skipp
Mayor Ward

Absent/Excused

Excused

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 July 3, 2017*

Seconded *by Mr. Skipp*

DISCUSSION

None

Mr. McGhee *moved to consent the following items:*

New Business

- a. Approval of professional services agreement with Design Alaska for the Santa's Senior Center Remodel Project
- b. Authorization for Mayor to sign utility easement agreements for the water system extension project

Seconded by Mr. Skipps

DISCUSSION

None

On the amendment

PASSED

Yes: 7 – McGhee, Skipps, Claus, Thompson, McCarthy, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1-Isaacson

On the Agenda as amended

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 7 – McGhee, Skipps, Claus, Thompson, McCarthy, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1-Isaacson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McGhee *moved to* approve the Minutes of June 19, 2017

Seconded by Mr. Skipps

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 6 – McGhee, Skipps, Claus, Thompson, McCarthy, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Isaacson

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

We have a very special thing this year we are calling Citizen of the Year, previously called the Grand Marshall. Dr. Peter Marshall is this year's Citizen of the Year. Dr. Marshall was presented

with a proclamation from Mayor Ward, proclaiming Dr. Marshall the 2017 Fourth of July Citizen of the Year recognizing him as the official Grand Marshall of the Fourth of July parade.

Fourth of July is tomorrow this is a pretty big event here in city we put a lot of time and energy into it. Special thanks to the committee members, especially the Skipps family, Katy Englund and her boyfriend as well as all the participants and everyone involved. The schedule of events for the Fourth of July Parade and the new parade route were discussed.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

Mr. McGhee- Where is the ballgame?

Mayor Ward- It is field 3 located at the back of the High School by the automotive shop.

Mr. McGhee- Who is the favorites?

Mayor Ward- The home team is the Police Department and then Eielson Fire Department.

Mr. McGhee- So it's not the Police Department vs. the Fire Department because you just mentioned Eielson?

Mayor Ward- It was police and fire then Eielson mentioned that they had the whole team. I do believe we have some firefighters playing on our team. It started off that we worried we weren't going to have enough people to play and now we are over twenty people. We have plenty of people to play.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Dept., Chief Coon

- Look at the fire department – trailer is gone just a fuel tank left
- Guys finished driver operator testing and did a great job

Police Dept., Chief Dutra

None

Finance, Tricia Fogarty

None

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

None

Borough Representative

- One property going to auction (end of August) all others have essentially been paid.

City Clerk's Office, Judy Binkley

- Upcoming Municipal Election
 - Candidate open house on July 8, from 10am – Noon at the FNSB office
- AML Summer Conference August 16-17 in Haines, AK
- Introduced, Jennifer Sabinash, the new records manager/archivist for the City of North Pole

ONGOING PROJECTS

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS – (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen)

- Karen Lane, 2265 Flight St. North Pole.
- Since the late 80s we have had a relationship that is ongoing with our sister city which is located in Itadori, Japan.
- This year there are thirteen people coming three adults and ten students arriving on August 4th and leaving on August 10th.
- There will be a welcome party on August 4th in the evening, and a good-bye party on August 9th also in the evening.
- The Sister City visit costs about \$1,500 so donations would be greatly appreciated.
- There is a Japanese troll doll fundraiser that is going on. The Trolls are \$10
- The Schedule of events is going to be emailed to all the council members.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consented

Public Comment

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Isaacson - None

Mr. Skipps - None

Mr. Claus - None

Mr. Thompson - None

Mr. McCarthy - None

Mr. McGhee - None

Mr. McGhee *moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.*

Seconded by Mr. Thompson

The regular meeting of Monday, July 3, 2017 adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, July 17, 2017.

Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Binkley
North Pole City Clerk