



**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 16, 2018 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 16, 2018 to order at 7:01 p.m.

There were present:

Avery Thompson – *Mayor Pro Tem*
David Skipps – *Deputy Mayor Pro Tem*
Aino Welch – *Alt Dep Mayor Pro Tem*
Santa Claus
Doug Isaacson
Vacant
Mayor Ward

Absent/Excused

Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Ward

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mr. Isaacson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Thompson *moved to approve the agenda of July 16, 2018*

Seconded *by Ms. Welch*

DISCUSSION

None

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

Old Business:

- a. Ordinance 18-14, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend the 2018 Police Department and Fire Department Budgets.

New Business:

- a. Request for Approval to Enter into a Five (5) Year Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. to Purchase Thirteen (13) Tasers and Support Equipment for \$16,900.00,
- f. Request for Approval of the Developers Agreement with Northstar Developers.
- g. Request to Accept Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting, Inc. to Generate Operational Plans in Support of the Water System Expansion Project and Routine Utility Operations.

Seconded by Ms. Welch

Discussion

None

On the amendment

PASSED

Yes: 5 – Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Skippis

On the Agenda as amended

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 5 – Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Skippis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Minutes of July 02, 2018

Seconded by Ms. Welch

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 5 – Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Skipp

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR (Audio 3:20)

- The new KJNP tower supported by Council is up.
- This last week I got to participate as a judge the Golden Days River Regatta.
- Last week I met with FEDC and the Borough on the housing summit task force they are looking to put together.
- On Friday the 6th of July, I was able to participate in the change of command at Eielson.
- The Access Alaska kids will be back this Thursday.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Dept., Chief Coon

None

Police Dept., Chief Dutra (Audio 22:08)

- New cars – they are in Anchorage. We stripped down 3 old cars and salvaged radios, radars, gun locks, computer mounts, antennas, docking stations, and timers.
- Ofc. McBroom and I taught at the Ethics course at CTC. Hoping to shape new officers.
- Caselle is on my computer and Alison's. Thank you to Tricia for all her efforts on the computers/payroll/budget. Tricia is an unsung hero who deserves recognition especially with another audit under the belt with exceptional results.
- Some of you may know about the gun call at Safeway – drug seizures.
- Stats – definitely an uptick.
- Applications for Police Officer are trickling in. We have just now run our second ad.
- ALiCE update – preliminary meeting with our FNSBSD administration ahead of our Crises Team Training 2 weeks from today. As I stated in the last meeting, I will be doing primary instruction.
- Councilman Isaacson asked about some of the legislation that had passed affecting SB91 and how this may be impacting crime. I checked our stats and discussed the issue with several folks and it appears too early to tell. Responses from APOA and APSC was nothing to report yet but Anchorage isn't seeing a slowdown in theft related crimes. Pattern is consistent with other states with similar theft/drug changes. HB312 was the

only significant legislation to pass.

- 4th of July went well with no issues.
- Met with the new drug unit supervision. We are excited about the future.
- Budget is strong – no issues.

Finance, Tricia Fogarty (Audio 19:40)

- Financials have been emailed to everyone today.
- KSH has provided for us the final bound copies of our 2017 audit.
- We transferred the balance of \$165,170.00 from Time Value Investments to the AML Investment Pool.
- We have all the departments using the online time cards now. There have been a few issues but all and all, it is working well.
- Jamie came in last week and helped Melanie with the PFD garnishment process. As of today, we have confirmation that we have potentially matched \$139,600. We won't get all of what we have matched. We budgeted to get \$45,000 so I'm hopeful that we will get at least that.

Director of City Services, Bill Butler (Audio 9:01)

Building Department

- \$15.9 million of construction value permitted, in plan review, or planned for North Pole as of July 16.
- 4 residential building permits in plan review.
- 2 commercial building permits in plan review.

Public Works

- Cody Lougee is out on leave and one summer hire has taken employment elsewhere so most of Public Works' activities are focused on landscape maintenance.

Utility Department

- Sulfolane settlement.
 - Pipe installation on schedule.
 - Approximately 60% of the HDPE pipe installed in Zone 1 (12 Mile Village and surrounding area).
 - Approximately 60% of the HDPE pipe installed in Zone 2. Delayed delivery of the 16 inch pipe has caused some interruption in installation in this area.
 - Peridot pump house site work raising elevation to building and tank foundations.
 - Directional drilling:
 - Pipe jack and bore under Old Richardson Highway.
 - Preparation underway for jack and bore under the Richardson Highway.

- Horizontal direction drilling in Zone 1 scheduled to begin again next week (waiting for a part has delayed this restart).
- Both of the 16 inch pipes horizontally drilled under drainage channel in Zone 2 have migrated upward; one has broached surface and second is only several feet below surface.

Natural Gas Utility Board

- Bit-by-bit integrating Pentex into IGU to form a single utility.
- IGU considering a project concept offered by Siemens, a multinational corporation, to provide natural gas to Interior.
 - Siemens plan is a “turnkey” concept where they shoulder risk for processing and transporting liquefied natural gas to Interior.
 - Original concept – Titan 1 & 2, developed by Pentex & AIDEA is a horizontally integrated concept where IGU would purchase raw gas, liquefy it (including building at least one new liquefaction plant) and transporting it to the Interior. IGU would shoulder 100% of risk.

Questions:

- **Mr. Isaacson** thanked Cody and Tom for getting electricity at the park for the North Pole Masons and Lions.
- **Ms. Welch** gave kudos to the crew who were taking care of the overgrown ditches by her area.

Borough Representative

None

City Clerk’s Office, Judy Binkley (Audio 31:38)

- The candidate filing period opened this morning at 8:00am and closes 5:00pm on Monday, July 30, 2018.
- There will be a special meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 6:00pm for Council to appoint the vacant Council seat. Applications for the vacancy are due by noon this Friday.
- **Mr. Isaacson** asked if anyone has applied for the vacancy. Clerk Binkley replied that there has been one applicant so far.

ONGOING PROJECTS (Audio 32:44)

Chief Dutra provided an ALiCE Training presentation.

Mr. Isaacson *moved to suspend the rules for five (5) minutes*

Seconded by Ms. Welch

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

None

OLD BUSINESS

Consented

Public Comment

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 18-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE PLACING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF NORTH POLE CHARTER ON THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 BALLOT CONCERNING ARTICLE V THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE.

(Audio 1:23:12)

Mayor Ward introduced the resolution.

Public Comment

None

Mr. Thompson *moved to* introduce and adopt Resolution 18-05, A Resolution of the City of North Pole Placing an Amendment to the City of North Pole Charter on the October 2, 2018 Ballot Concerning Article V the Administrative Service.

Seconded by Mr. Claus

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 5 – Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 – Skipps

RESOLUTION 18-06, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE PLACING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF NORTH POLE CHARTER ON THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 BALLOT CONCERNING ARTICLE VI THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT. (Audio 1:25:50)

Mayor Ward introduced the resolution.

Public Comment

None

Mr. Thompson *moved to introduce and adopt Resolution 18-06, A Resolution of the City of North Pole Placing an Amendment to the City of North Pole Charter on the October 2, 2018 Ballot Concerning Article VI the Independent Audit.*

Seconded by Ms. Welch

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 5 – Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 – Skipps

RESOLUTION 18-07, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE PLACING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF NORTH POLE CHARTER ON THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 BALLOT CONCERNING ARTICLE VII TAXATION. (Audio 1:31:40)

Mayor Ward introduced the resolution.

Public Comment (Audio 1:33:08)

- **Jamie Butler**, 2194 Planters Lane, North Pole, AK: Spoke in support of Resolution 18-07 and stated it's a good idea to let the community vote on this issue.
- **Thomas McGhee**, 1152 North Star Drive, North Pole, AK: Spoke about his concern on putting a limitation of revenue in the charter.

Mr. Thompson *moved to introduce and adopt Resolution 18-07, A Resolution of the City of North Pole Placing an Amendment to the City of North Pole Charter on the October 2, 2018 Ballot Concerning Article VII Taxation.*

Seconded by Mr. Isaacson

Discussion

- **Ms. Welch** asked if Council did not adopt this, if it would remain “status quo” and that for it to appear on the ballot, would voters have to bring a petition forward every 2 years?
- **Mayor Ward** replied that is correct.

- **Mr. Isaacson** clarified that that Council could not touch an initiate act that was approved by voters for two years.
- **Ms. Welch** restated that if no action is taken on this, it remains the status quo. We cannot have marijuana businesses in North Pole unless Council takes action say that we are going to allow it.
- Spoke about his concern on putting a limitation of revenue in the charter.
- **Mr. Isaacson** spoke in favor of putting this on the ballot and agreed that this needs to go in front of the voters.
- **Mr. Claus** stated he will be voting no on this and understands why people have differing opinions.
- **Mr. Thompson** stated he will be voting in support of this because if the people of the City want to prohibit marijuana businesses in the City, this will just make the prohibition long-term.
- **Mayor Ward** stated that the industry should be aware of the position the City has taken in regards to the marijuana industry.

PASSED

Yes: 4 – Thompson, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 1 – Claus

Absent: 1 – Skipps

RESOLUTION 18-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE PLACING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF NORTH POLE CHARTER ON THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 BALLOT CONCERNING ARTICLE XIV REVISION AND AMENDMENT.

Mayor Ward introduced the resolution.

Public Comment

None

Mr. Thompson *moved to* introduce and adopt Resolution 18-08, A Resolution of the City of North Pole Placing an Amendment to the City of North Pole Charter on the October 2, 2018 Ballot Concerning Article XIV Revision and Amendment.

Seconded by Mr. Isaacson

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 5 – Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Skippis

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

Mr. Isaacson *moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.*

Seconded by Mr. Thompson

The regular meeting of Monday, July 16, 2018 adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, August 6, 2018.

Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Binkley, North Pole City Clerk