



**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, August 6, 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, August 6, 2018 to order at 7:02 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**  
**Perry Walley**  
**Mayor Ward**

***Absent/Excused***

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

Led by Mayor Ward

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Ms. Welch

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Thompson** *moved to approve the agenda of August 6, 2018*

**Seconded** *by Ms. Welch*

**DISCUSSION**

None

**Mr. Thompson** *moved to amend the agenda by consenting:*

**New Business:**

- a. Resolution 18-09, A Resolution of the North Pole City Council Designating City Officials Authorization to Sign on City of North Pole Accounts.
- b. Ordinance 18-15, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend the 2018 Utility Budget by Transferring Funding From the Water Division Fund Balance to the

Water Division Professional Services to Fully Fund the Source Water Protection Plan and to Fund Operations Plan Updates.

**and removing:**

**New Business:**

- h. Resolution 18-10, A Resolution Accepting Ownership and Maintenance Responsibility for War Eagle Court and the Sewer Main in Lot B5 Eagle Estates Subdivision.

**Seconded by Ms. Welch**

**Discussion**

None

***On the amendment***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipps, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

***On the Agenda as amended***

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipps, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Thompson *moved to* approve the Minutes of July 16, 2018 and July 23, 2018**

**Seconded by Mr. Skipps**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipps, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0  
Absent: 0

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR** (Audio 3:43)

- Mr. Claus read the 65 Degrees North Team Denali Day Proclamation.
- Council has been invited to the luncheon on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. The secretary of the air force will be visiting.
- I am a member of the team that's looking to put together the housing task force with the Borough, FEDC, and other folks in the community.
- The senior games are starting this next week. The Moose Lodge always does a great job with the horseshoes here at Terry Miller Park.
- This Saturday is the open house and ribbon cutting for the Senior Center.
- School starts soon and the School District has their kickoff for the staff and faculty on Friday.
- I was able to give two awards to airman from Eielson who helped out with the ball fields for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR** (Audio 11:21)

- **Mr. Thompson** asked for details about the school kickoff. **Mayor Ward** replied that it is Friday, at the Hering Auditorium at Lathrop High School starting at 8.

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

**Police Dept., Chief Dutra** (Audio 12:00)

- Councilman Walley – welcome – sorry I missed your appointment. Mayor allowed me to take a vacation.
- While on vacation, my daughter's soccer team took 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lt. Lindhag's son is a state champion.
- Working on SA kits from years gone by sending to the crime lab.
- Completed ALiCE training for approximately 160 principals, teachers, and crises teams. I spoke to 2 classes for 6 plus hours. We did practicals and got excellent feedback. This was a collaborative effort by FNSBSD, AST, FPD, and NPPD.
- Vehicles at auction – appears our base bid of \$2000 each may have been too high as they are still sitting there. I will check on the status tomorrow.
- I hear there are asset forfeiture funds coming but I don't know how much yet.
- Heard there may be a flood event at Chena Lakes – stay tuned.
- We have 3 applicants in a secondary testing phase – one is for reserves.
- Working with the Foodbank CEO, Anne Weaver, to get them to be one of the 1<sup>st</sup> certified ALiCE organizations in the area.

- We have our official SRO meeting next Monday. Everyone is excited to move forward and even though this is not a fulltime SRO, it is a great step.
- Kotzebue PD has officially challenged us to a Lip Sync Challenge. Officially working to answer that with a Christmas theme – stay tuned.
- We just received our check from APOA for \$3500 for ALiCE sponsors. They felt really bad about the delay and personally delivered it to us.
- Tasers have arrived and we are at 90% deployment. We have a couple lefty draws to resolve.
- We have been officially scanning documents and have started reversing course on paper backlogs. I will be vigilant in pursuing every document reduction I can until we are at zero or close to it.
- Our Police One subscription is paying off in spades as we are now tracking policy reviews for each employee as well as mandating monthly quotas so we can benefit from the enormous treasure trove of training for a small yearly fee.

**Director of City Services, Bill Butler** (Audio 18:50)

**Building Department**

- No new building permits issued.

**Public Works**

- Dog Park has been graded and staff is putting in mulch and will be seeding the bare soil.
- Rain has broken the dry spell that was stressing the City's plantings, but the excessiveness of the rain has had negative effects on some plantings.
- Annual asphalt patching has been completed – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue by Beaver Springs Slough; Finell (problem areas that have settlement problems), and cul-de-sac on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
- Plan to install before end of summer a swale by Dog Park to address flooding on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- **Mr. Isaacson** asked for a definition of swale. Mr. Butler replied that it's a big ditch for draining water that can help percolate it into the ground directly as opposed to it collecting.

**Utility Department**

- Sulfolane settlement
  - Pipe installation on schedule – tentative completion date for installation of all water mains in Zones 1 & 2 is end of August.
    - Approximately 80% of the HDPE pipe installed in Zone 1 (12 Mile Village and surrounding area).
    - Approximately 80% of the HDPE pipe installed in Zone 2 (section of City north of Richardson Highway).

- Peridot Pump House – steel framing and wall panels being installed on the pump house building; base of 750,000 storage tank being installed.
- Directional drilling:
  - Pipe jack and bore under Richardson Highway completed.
  - Horizontal direction drilling in Zone 1 – the two water mains were successfully installed.
  - 16 inch pipes horizontally drilled under drainage channel in Zone 2 – project has submitted a request for an amended permit to the Army Corps to allow emergency excavation in the drainage channel to bury the water mains that migrated to the surface.
- Contractor has begun flushing and pressure-testing the installed water mains as functional sections of the system are completed.
  - Next step will be chlorinating the mains after they pass these tests in preparation for applying for a conditional authorization to operate.

#### **Natural Gas Utility Board**

- No major developments at this time to report.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, August 7 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Key Bank Building in downtown Fairbanks (5<sup>th</sup> Floor).

#### **Finance, Tricia Fogarty** (Audio 24:20)

- We received final reimbursement payments on two of our grants:
  - Archival system grant
  - Police Department and City Hall redesign grant
- Melanie and I will be attending a two day Caselle user group at the end of August. They are going to go over a few of our modules such as utility billing and budgeting.
- We budgeted this year to replace one computer and now Melanie's computer needs to be replaced as it's going down at least once, sometimes twice a day. We have a replacement on the way and I don't see it affecting the budget due to the fact that Melanie's position is split between several departments.
- We had a work comp audit with Alaska National last Thursday. We had some issues last year that have been cleared up. Our work comp rates are lower this year.
- I processed payroll today and had a couple issues we haven't had before and I think they may have something to do with a recent update. I'll call tomorrow and try to figure out where they are coming from and how we can avoid them in the future.

#### **Fire Dept., Coon** (Audio 26:42)

- Hose testing is complete.
- Hydrant bushing and testing have been completed. We did find both minor and major issues with some of the old hydrants. The Utility department gave assistance and did on the spot repairs to the hydrants that needed it. A list of maintenance items has been given

to the Utility department with 30 hydrants that still need some attention.

- Staff members will be taking a state test for Fire Apparatus Driver Operator (FADO). All of the staff will now be certified in driving, pumping, aerial, and mobile water supply.
- Department members are providing medic services to the Moto Cross track throughout the summer.
- Engineer testing is complete and the department has a conditional offer to the number one candidate. He still has to complete the background check, drug test, and Dr. physical. We hope to have him on line by early September.
- The third live-in position has been filled and our new member will start later this week. Our live-ins are an important part of the Fire Department operation. Each live-in is assigned to a shift and they are expected to be on duty the 10 days a month that their shift is working. Absences are only excused for school and work.

#### **Fleet Maintenance Report:**

- The command truck has developed a severe oil leak and the guys are trying to get the repairs done.
- Squad 24 still has the forestry pump out of it and it will be a winter project to retrofit a modern forestry pump in it. Squad 24 also has significant off-road time on it and it has taken its toll on the entire truck. Squad 24 is a 1993 Chevrolet.
- The department is cycling some of the older ambulances into the rotation in order to keep miles off of the newest ambulance. The current miles on our ambulances are:
  - 97,593 miles – 2013 ambulance
  - 120,446 miles – 2007 ambulance
  - 135,886 miles – 2002 ambulance
- I just wanted to remind Council that the current amount going into the Fire Department fleet fund will only allow for one ambulance every 5 years and will not replace fire engines, ladder trucks, or command vehicles at this rate. The Fire Department has nearly 4 million dollars' worth of apparatus (replacement value) and only 1.2% is being allocated to the fleet fund. This must be addressed this year during the budget process.
- **Mr. Isaacson** asked how the payroll module is working for the Fire Department. Chief Coon replied that it's not awesome yet and it takes longer but the Fire Department will do whatever it can to make Tricia's job easier in this aspect. **Mr. Isaacson** asked when the Fire Department does things like motocross, is it a revenue generator or is it public goodwill training? Chief Coon replied that while we have made money on it this year, that wasn't the intent. The Fire Department does it because they need us and they are in our ambulance service district.
- **Mr. Skipps** asked how many fire hydrants are within the City that we maintain. Chief Coon replied we have over 200 now. **Mr. Skipps** asked what the life span of the hydrants are and Chief Coon replied he wasn't sure but that the 100 or so hydrants that have been here for the 27 years that he was been at North Pole are all still here.
- **Ms. Welch** asked about the course that City Council Members are supposed to take for emergency readiness. Chief Coon replied that they are the ICS 100 and 200 class and will send out the information again.

**Borough Representative – Ms. Welch** (Audio 39:02)

- Discussion took place on the new rules regarding keeping livestock within the Borough.

**City Clerk’s Office, Judy Binkley** (Audio 41:12)

- The candidate withdrawal deadline was today at 5pm. None of the candidates withdrew so we have 2 running for Mayor and 3 running for Council. I will be working on the ballots beginning tomorrow.

**ONGOING PROJECTS**

None

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

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 18-16, AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE 12 STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND PUBLIC PLACES CHAPTER 03 MARIJUANA USE IN PUBLIC PLACES.** (Audio 42:10)

Mayor Ward introduced the ordinance.

**Public Comment**

None

**Mr. Thompson *moved to* introduce and advance Ordinance 18-16, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places Chapter 03 Marijuana Use in Public Places.**

**Seconded by Mr. Claus**

**Discussion**

**Mr. Thompson *moved to* amend Ordinance 18-16, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places Chapter 03 Marijuana**

**Use in Public Places by:**

- Amending all Title References from 8.4 to 12.3.
- Amending all language stating ‘a person or corporation’ by removing the words ‘or corporation’ to state ‘a person’ only.
- Amending 12.03.100 (B) by removing all language and changing it to ‘Any person may file a complaint under this chapter with the Mayor or Police Chief and request enforcement of the alleged violation’.
- Amending 12.03.110 (A) by removing all language and inserting the language in (C) and changing the language in (C) to read ‘Fines for violations are separate from and in addition to all other remedies authorized by law or equity’.

Seconded *by Ms. Welch*

**Discussion on the amendment**

None

*On the amendment*

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skippis, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**Discussion on the motion as amended**

None

*On the motion as amended*

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skippis, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**ORDINANCE 18-17, AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE 12 STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND PUBLIC PLACES CHAPTER 04 OBSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF STREETS, ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY, SIDEWALKS OR CITY PROPERTY.** (Audio 45:20)



Mayor Ward introduced the ordinance.

**Public Comment**

None

**Mr. Thompson *moved to* introduce and advance Ordinance 18-17, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places Chapter 04 Obstruction or Alteration of Streets, Road Rights-of-Way, Sidewalks or City Property.**

**Seconded *by* Ms. Welch**

**Discussion**

**Mr. Thompson *moved to* amend Ordinance 18-17, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places Chapter 04 Obstruction or Alteration of Streets, Road Rights-of-Way, Sidewalks or City Property by:**

- **Amending all Title References from 8.4 to 12.4.**
- **Amending all language stating ‘a person or corporation’ by removing the words ‘or corporation’ to state ‘a person’ only.**
- **Amending 12.04.100 (B) by removing all language and changing it to ‘Any person may file a complaint under this chapter with the Mayor or Police Chief and request enforcement of the alleged violation’.**
- **Amending 12.04.110 (A) by removing all language and inserting the language in (C) and changing the language in (C) to read ‘Fines for violations are separate from and in addition to all other remedies authorized by law or equity’.**

**Seconded *by* Mr. Skippis**

**Discussion on the amendment**

None

***On the amendment***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skippis, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**Discussion on the motion as amended**

**Mr. Isaacson** *moved to amend line 29 of Ordinance 18-17, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places Chapter 04 Obstruction or Alteration of Streets, Road Rights-of-Way, Sidewalks or City Property by deleting “water” and adding “or other delivery vehicles”*

**Seconded by Mr. Thompson**

**Discussion on the amendment**

**Mr. Isaacson** stated the reason for doing this is because there are a lot of other types of delivery vehicles now such as a septic vehicle.

***On the amendment***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skippis, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**Discussion on the motion as amended** (Audio 50:28)

**Mr. Isaacson** stated that lines 32 through 37 deal with unlawful signage and a lot of it is a good idea but it might be going too far. Maybe we need an exception for garage sale signs.

**Mayor Ward** stated this has come up previously and Council has voted the issue down. There is also state law that prohibits signs from being in public right-of-ways.

**Mr. Isaacson** stated that in 2015, one of the specific prohibitions was to never put signs in the roundabouts.

Mr. Butler stated that of the signage that goes up, garage sale signs create the most litter. They don't dome down unless we pick them up and take them down and take them away. So it ends up being trash in the roads that we deal with on an ongoing basis.

**Mr. Isaacson** asked if Mr. Butler was proposing if crews go out there every weekend and pick up the signs and then fine each of the people \$50. Mr. Butler replied that in the past, we have just taken them down. They blow into the streets so it's a contribution of litter. **Mr. Isaacson** asked how Mr. Butler would feel about enforcing this if the City was ever sued by people who did get fined saying they shouldn't get fined because the City isn't fining the garage sale sign people. Mr. Butler replied that he's not saying we go out and fine people. He would only request fining someone if they were blatantly and continually putting up signs and not taking them away. The intention is not to send public works employees out on the weekend for

overtime to pick up signs, but if they come in Monday morning and signs are taped to the poles on the roundabouts, on the light poles, or on the overpass, maybe we should fine them because we're having to pay people to clean litter they otherwise wouldn't have to.

**Mr. Skipps** asked how much it cost for a permit for signs. Mr. Butler replied that there is no permit for putting up signs.

**Ms. Welch** stated it looks like we are trying to find a way of promoting responsible usage of temporary signs.

**Mayor Ward** stated that this has been debated in the past and the public has come out and Council has said that signs are not allowed in the public right-of-ways. There's a pretty good pile of signs over at the public works shop. The intent is we don't want our town looking like a trash pile.

**Mr. Isaacson** asked Mayor Ward to ask the lawyer if we could clarify this section for garage sale signs.

**Mayor Ward** replied that if Mr. Isaacson had specific language for the attorney, he would run that through them. He also provided an analogy stating that this is similar to speeders or running stop signs. You can't catch every single one but you do what you can. It doesn't negate the law so if our law is no signs, we do our best to enforce that. If we want to address someone who may be unaware of the law, maybe instead of changing the ordinance, we look at the fee schedule.

**Ms. Welch** stated she agrees with the Mayor.

**Mr. Isaacson** stated he would come up with some language for the lawyer to review.

**Mr. Thompson** stated it doesn't matter if somebody puts a sign up. It's littering and that's a violation. It's against state law. I don't know that we can write the ordinance in a way that it's okay for people to have a certain size or certain color sign. It makes it more convoluted and more complicated.

**Mr. Isaacson** stated he is concerned about line 25 regarding a parade or event and how that works with the first amendment to the constitution of the United States.

**Mr. Walley** stated that the problem is not the signs themselves, but the cleanup after. Some ideas might be a standardized sign with the North Pole theme that could be purchased at the City and include some kind of incentive to pick up the sign, like getting a free coffee.

**Mr. Thompson** *called the question*

**Mr. Isaacson** *objected*

**Mr. Isaacson** asked if Mayor Ward could ask the attorney if this language would constitutionally hold up under the first amendment. **Mayor Ward** replied that he would.

***On the motion as amended***

**PASSED**

Yes: 6 – Skippis, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Welch, Ward

No: 1 - Isaacson

Absent: 0

**ORDINANCE 18-18, AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL  
AMENDING TITLE 12 STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES CHAPTER 08  
EXCAVATIONS.** (Audio 1:17:50)

Mayor Ward introduced the ordinance.

**Public Comment**

None

**Mr. Thompson *moved to* introduce and advance Ordinance 18-18, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places Chapter 08 Excavations.**

**Seconded *by* Ms. Welch**

**Discussion**

**Mr. Thompson *moved to* amend Ordinance 18-18, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places Chapter 08 Excavations by:**

- **Amending all Title References from 8.4 to 12.8.**
- **Amending all language stating ‘a person or corporation’ by removing the words ‘or corporation’ to state ‘a person’ only.**
- **Amending 12.08.100 (B) by removing all language and changing it to ‘Any person may file a complaint under this chapter with the Mayor or Police Chief and request enforcement of the alleged violation’.**
- **Amending 12.08.110 (A) by removing all language and inserting the language in (C) and changing the language in (C) to read ‘Fines for violations are separate from and in addition to all other remedies authorized by law or equity’.**

**Seconded *by* Mr. Skippis**

**Discussion on the amendment**

None

***On the amendment***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipps, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**Discussion on the motion as amended**

**Ms. Welch *moved to* amend Ordinance 18-18, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places Chapter 08 Excavations by replacing wherever there is language stating ‘Mayor or ~~his/her~~ their authorized representative’ with ‘Mayor or the Mayor’s designee’.**

**Seconded *by* Mr. Isaacson**

**Discussion on the amendment**

None

***On the amendment***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipps, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**Discussion on the motion as amended**

None

***On the motion as amended***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipps, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**ORDINANCE 18-19, AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE 12 STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES CHAPTER 12 SNOW REMOVAL AND CHANGING THE CHAPTER TITLE TO MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, ROAD RIGHTS OF WAY, SIDEWALKS OR CITY PROPERTY.** (Audio 1:23:33)

Mayor Ward introduced the ordinance.

**Public Comment** (Audio 1:30:31)

**Steve Dutra**, 125 Snowman Lane: Stated this was his first exposure to the ordinance and it sounds like a nightmare. This would be extremely difficult to enforce. State law that is currently written is sufficient so let's give this more thought.

**Mr. Thompson** *moved to* introduce and advance Ordinance 18-19, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places Chapter 12 Snow Removal and Changing the Chapter Title to Maintenance of Streets, Road Rights of Way, Sidewalks or City Property.

Seconded *by* Ms. Welch

**Discussion**

**Mr. Thompson** *moved to* amend Ordinance 18-19, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places Chapter 12 Snow Removal and Changing the Chapter Title to Maintenance of Streets, Road Rights of Way, Sidewalks or City Property by:

- Amending all Title References from 8.4 to 12.12.
- Amending all language stating 'a person or corporation' by removing the words 'or corporation' to state 'a person' only.
- Amending 12.12.100 (B) by removing all language and changing it to 'Any person may file a complaint under this chapter with the Mayor or Police Chief and request enforcement of the alleged violation'.
- Amending 12.012.110 (A) by removing all language and inserting the language in (C) and changing the language in (C) to read 'Fines for violations are separate from and in addition to all other remedies authorized by law or equity'.

Seconded *by* Mr. Claus

**Discussion on the amendment**

None

***On the amendment***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skippis, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**Discussion on the motion as amended**

**Ms. Welch moved to amend 18-19, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places Chapter 12 Snow Removal and Changing the Chapter Title to Maintenance of Streets, Road Rights of Way, Sidewalks or City Property by replacing wherever there is language stating ‘Mayor or ~~his/her~~ their authorized representative’ with ‘Mayor or the Mayor’s designee’.**

**Seconded by Mr. Thompson**

**Discussion on the amendment**

None

***On the amendment***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skippis, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**Discussion on the motion as amended** (Audio 1:37:35)

**Mr. Thompson** stated that the City of Fairbanks has almost the exact same ordinance in place and has seen this in play a lot. It allows vehicles to be impounded and moved and is really for junked cars, abandoned vehicles, and snow removal. That’s the only time I’ve seen this enforced, at least in the City of Fairbanks. This is a mechanism that allows removal of vehicles if they are in the way.

**Mr. Isaacson** stated he appreciates the reason for this. However, has seen different iterations of enforcement come and go. A reasonable interpretation of this might look at this as abandonment but a strict literal interpretation could be different.

**Mayor Ward** stated that he thinks streets are for driving and it's not appropriate to be parking on the street. There are complaints about not only the streets, but the right-of-ways. There have been a number of complaints this year about alleys and in fact there are currently issues right now with people parked in alleys. I am talking with people who have complaints and they think it's unreasonable for someone to use the street for long term parking.

**Mr. Thompson** stated he supports what Mayor Ward just said. This is a utility ordinance that allows for snow removal or other issues where we get complaints to have a mechanism in place to address them.

**Ms. Welch** stated she thinks this is good as it is.

*On the motion as amended*

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skippis, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**ORDINANCE 18-20, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA TO AMEND TITLE 1, BY UPDATING GENERAL PENALTIES AND INCLUDING A SURCHARGE SECTION AND MINOR OFFENSE FINE SCHEDULE.** (Audio 1:48:40)

Mayor Ward introduced the ordinance.

**Public Comment**

None

**Mr. Thompson** *moved to introduce and advance Ordinance 18-20, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend Title 1, by Updating General Penalties and Including a Surcharge Section and Minor Offense Fine Schedule.*

**Seconded** *by Ms. Welch*

**Discussion**

**Mr. Isaacson** *moved to amend the fine amount for 12.04.020 in Ordinance 18-20, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend Title 1, by Updating General Penalties and Including a Surcharge Section and Minor Offense Fine Schedule as follows:*

- **\$0 for 1<sup>st</sup> offense**



- \$50 for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense
- \$150 for 3<sup>rd</sup> offense
- \$300 for 4<sup>th</sup> offense

**Seconded by Ms. Welch**

**Discussion on the amendment** (Audio 1:53:53)

**Mr. Thompson** stated the ordinance should be left as written because it's very consistent right now. It costs the City money to enforce the laws and there's no money if the first offense is only a warning.

**Ms. Welch** stated she agrees with Mr. Thompson that if too many options are available, that could be pretty complicated, even for the person who has to go enforce it. Plus, we leave it up to the police to have judgement. They don't give every guy a ticket for speeding. The ordinance is okay as it's written.

**Mr. Isaacson** stated he appreciates the sound objections. However, this complies more with the way the state treats litter. Give people the opportunity to learn the law before prosecuting them.

**Mr. Walley** stated that this is a tool in your chest and it doesn't mean you have to use them but you have the ability to get a matter across the finish line.

**Mr. Thompson** stated that he echoes what Mr. Walley said. It's simply an enforcement mechanism. There's nothing that mandates any of this but it gives the ability to do so.

**Mayor Ward** stated he doesn't mind if there's a warning. This is a tool given to law enforcement. The idea is to correct bad behavior.

**Ms. Welch** stated she thinks we have well educated people out here that are taught how to make judgement on things and we shouldn't take away their opportunity to give a ticket.

***On the amendment***

**FAILED**

Yes: 2 – Isaacson, Ward

No: 5 – Skipps, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Welch

Absent: 0

***On the motion***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipps, Walley, Thompson, Claus, Isaacson, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** (Audio 2:04:30)

**Mr. Isaacson** – I am the Assembly rep this week so if there are items from the City, please email me. I appreciate the work that has gone in on these ordinances and title revisions. Mayor, please keep us updated on the status of the military facility zone application.

**Mr. Claus** – School is starting soon. I'm sensitive to bullying so if your child comes home and reports bullying, please take it to the next step with the administration and encourage your child to sit with people who may be bullied or need a friend.

**Mr. Thompson** – Since school is starting next week, there's going to be a significant increase in the amount of traffic in the morning so please slow down.

**Mr. Walley** – I survived my first meeting here and thank you for being gentle on me. Things are a little different from what I am used to from the Fairbanks Council but I'm going to catch on very quickly.

**Mr. Skipps** – None

**Ms. Welch** – I look forward to meeting the Secretary of the Air Force. If you have time, I suggest you go hear what they are doing at the School District on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, be careful with the increase to traffic for school.

**Mr. Thompson** *moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.*

**Seconded by Ms. Welch**

The regular meeting of Monday, August 6, 2018 adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

**These minutes passed and approved** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, August 20, 2018.

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Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Judy Binkley, North Pole City Clerk