



**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, December 10, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Welch called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, December 10, 2018 to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were present:

Doug Isaacson – Mayor Pro Tem
Avery Thompson – Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Perry Walley – Alt Dep Mayor Pro Tem
DeJohn Cromer
Aino Welch
David Skipps
Mayor Welch

Absent/Excused

Excused

Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Welch

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mr. Isaacson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Isaacson moved to approve the agenda of December 10, 2018

Seconded by Ms. Welch

DISCUSSION

Mr. Isaacson moved to consent the following items:

Old Business:

- a. Ordinance 18-32, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend the 2018 Building, Public Works, Utility, Administration, and Fire Departments Budgets.

Seconded by Ms. Welch

Discussion

None

On the amendment

PASSED

Yes: 5- Thompson, Isaacson, Welch, Cromer, Welch

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Skipps, Walley

On the Agenda as amended

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 5- Thompson, Isaacson, Welch, Cromer, Welch

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Skipps, Walley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Isaacson *moved to* approve the Minutes of December 03, 2018

Seconded by Ms. Welch

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 5- Thompson, Isaacson, Welch, Cromer, Welch

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Skipps, Walley

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR (Audio 5:02)

- Proclamation: December 2018 Student of the Month, Jacob Blanchard.
- December 4, 2018 – Visited State Senator John Coghill’s office to review and sign as the Mayor of the City of North Pole our input for the establishment of Military Facility Zone(s) for the North Star Borough to include Ft. Wainwright. This document will be presented to the 31st Alaska State Legislature when it convenes in January 2019.
- December 4, 2018 – Attended the IGU Board at Key Bank Building on Cushman Street. What I learned was the technical complexities that this board faces in the detailed

preparation of liquefied natural gas to be brought to the FNSB. The survivability of the Titan I complex following the earthquake at Port McKenzie was discussed. Siemens may bring a technical and a financial package to the table.

- December 7, 2018 – Attended the FEDCO Holiday meeting. Exchanged ideas concerning our Legislative Priorities for the 31st Alaska State Legislature session when I attend in February 2019. Met with many key program managers that are part of FEDCO that are working on our Air Quality Initiatives, liquefied natural gas, FAI airport expansion of their Master Plan for 2019-2020. Mr. Jim Dodson discussed his visit to the Wilson Center in Washington, D.D., especially concerning the strategy of the Arctic, especially concerning our security posture in light of Russia and China's involvement.
- December 8, 2018 – KJNP Over the Coffee Cup radio talk show with Mr. Dick Olsen.
- December 8, 2018 – Attended the 354th Fighter Wing's Holiday Party at Eielson, AFB as a guest of Wing Commander Benjamin Bishop and his wife, Erin. Made extremely valuable contacts with Colonel Bishop's staff to give me guidance to establishing a dynamic, enhanced video welcoming package for the new airmen to be stationed here between September 2019 and April 2020. Learned directly from Colonel Bishop that nearly half of the new wing will be in place by the end of September 2019.
- December 10, 2018 – Hosted Mr. Chris Maggio, a freelance photographer of Vogue, Inc. around the City of North Pole. We visited with Administration, Police, Fire, as well as various neighborhoods and businesses. A great sense of appreciation goes to Mr. Dick Olsen of KJNP for giving us an hour-long tour of the radio and television studio. We also toured Pagoda and Hotel North Pole, to include the Santa Claus Suite.
- Confirmed with the Hotel North Pole that the City of North Pole has reserved the engagement room to hold approximately 100 for our Christmas Party for Saturday, December 22, 2018 from 1800-2200. The meal will be catered by Benny Lin of Pagoda. Please confirm by 12/12/2018 by called me at 488-8584 the number in your party, and do include your children and their ages as toys are to be given away for their enjoyment this Christmas of 2018.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Dept., Chief Coon (Audio 14:45)

- The North Pole Fire Department is pleased to announce that Dr. Robinson will be our physician sponsor. Dr. Robinson will be only the fourth physician to sponsor us since we started doing EMS. The department would like to welcome Dr. Robinson to our department and look forward to working with him.
- Maintenance Report:
 - Engine 21's power steering leak was repaired.

- Scheduling repairs on leaking pump valves. This is done in house as time and parts allow.
- A-shift completed the shower install in the live-in facilities.
- Several of the light and medium duty vehicles will be undergoing “B” inspections and repairs.
- We continue to have paramedic students ride along with our medics and it seems to be working out well. The students are getting some good training and our medics enjoy the process.
- The department will begin preparations to decorate Squad 21 for Christmas Caroling. Caroling will start on the 15th at 1800hrs and run through Christmas Day.
- With the earthquake still fresh in everyone’s mind it is good reminder to everyone to have an emergency plan that would include a week work of supplies. These supplies should include at least:
 - Food and water
 - Medications
 - Gas/diesel
 - Approved heating device
 - Communications
- Visit www.ready.alaska.gov

Finance, Tricia Fogarty (Audio 20:30)

- Thanks to Council for passing the 2019 budget at the last meeting. If you leave your budget books, we will reprint the final for you and have them ready at the next meeting. I will work to get the approved budget on the website this week.
- I’m working on payroll and since there are no more meetings this month, Council will be paid this Friday.

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

None

Police Dept., Chief Dutra (Audio 22:00)

- I attended the Anchorage Executive Development conference. We learned a ton.
 - Met new AG for DPS (complete disassemble of SB 91).
 - Class on Police Officer Fatigue and how to fight it.
 - Use of Force – changes on horizon.
 - I also was part of the APSC board and AACOP, both an honor.
 - Leadership – learned it is all about me and plan on bringing this training to all.
- My budget is now back in balance – one minor change needed in professional services. Thank you and I hope we have been fiscally responsible.
- Thank you all for passing the budget in my absence and I would like to thank Sgt. Binkley for sitting in.
- Stats.

- New water lines have been put in so we can now wash cars in new bays.
- Det. Gibson has asked to step down from Major Crimes Detective and Det. Milne has applied to take her place and leave the SDEU. This position is open and closes on Monday next week. We are also about to hold Sgt. Testing so we can establish a list for next year's departure of Sgt. Stevenson. Lots of ball juggling.
- Tracstar evaluation program has now gone up to \$1880. We have been paying \$750 - \$1000 for over 10 years. I am not convinced it is enough of a value to continue.
- I attended the APOA Christmas party last night – it was well attended.
- Completed a student internship the other day for Eielson High School kid.
- Merry Christmas and thank you for all your support.

Borough Representative

None

City Clerk's Office, Judy Binkley (Audio 38:46)

- I will be swearing in the new officers for Santa's Senior Center during their monthly birthday lunch on Wednesday, December 19th at 11am. If anyone would like to join me, please let me know ASAP so I can RSVP.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Years! We have a little break as our next Council meeting won't be until January 7th, 2019.

ONGOING PROJECTS

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS – (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen) (Audio 39:44)

- **Santa Claus**, North Pole, Alaska: Stated he was happy that City Council was able to present a proclamation to the Secretary of the Air Force for NORAD Tracks Santa and also to the postmaster general. Offered his annual Santa blessing to everyone – may each of you have a lifetime that's filled with happiness, peace, good health, prosperity, and most of all, love, which is the greatest gift. Merry Christmas.

OLD BUSINESS

Consented

Public Comment

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 18-16, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY OF NORTH POLE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 31ST LEGISLATURE 2019 REGULAR

SESSION. (Audio 41:15)

Mayor Welch introduced the resolution.

Public Comment

None

Mr. Isaacson *moved to introduce and adopt Resolution 18-16, A Resolution Establishing the City of North Pole Legislative Priorities for the 31st Legislature 2019 Regular Session.*

Seconded by Ms. Welch

Discussion (Audio 42:30)

Mr. Isaacson *moved to amend Resolution 18-16, A Resolution Establishing the City of North Pole Legislative Priorities for the 31st Legislature 2019 Regular Session by:*

1. **Line 172 - Reprioritize #5 to #1 and re-number accordingly.**
2. **Line 175, after “solution.” add “A state that is energy rich must find sustainable solutions for affordable consumer energy costs to include heating, transportation, and electricity.**
3. **Add to the end of Line 181 “The City of North Pole requests the Legislature and Governor to incorporate into the plan and provide hook-up cost mitigation and assistance in order to encourage compliance with Federal EPA Clean Air Standards for PM 2.5 emissions. The North Pole area is considered the worst air quality in the State of Alaska, largely due to the high numbers of wood burners who defray the high cost of diesel oil to heat their homes. The FNSB has been designated as a “serious non-attainment area” by the EPA, prompting the development of a serious state implementation plan, which may collectively cost the community over \$100 million, further adding additional costs to our already high energy rates and may worsen the PM 2.5 emissions by driving more people to burn wood to heat their homes.**

Seconded by Mr. Thompson

Discussion (Audio 49:42)

Mr. Thompson stated that he absolutely agrees with Councilman Isaacson and with the way he presented the amendment, would like to co-sponsor the resolution.

Ms. Welch stated she would also like to co-sponsor the resolution.

Mr. Cromer agreed to co-sponsor the resolution as well.

On the amendment

PASSED

Yes: 5- Thompson, Isaacson, Welch, Cromer, Welch

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Skipps, Walley

Discussion on the motion as amended (Audio 51:46)

Mr. Isaacson stated he would like to co-sponsor the resolution too.

On the motion as amended

PASSED

Yes: 5- Thompson, Isaacson, Welch, Cromer, Welch

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Skipps, Walley

COUNCIL COMMENTS (Audio 52:40)

Mr. Isaacson – I really appreciate having serviced with the City of North Pole Council again for the last two years and am seriously looking at this as my last year. I’m thankful for this Christmas season and my family. I’m grateful for City employees who labor so diligently and so hard for us.

Mr. Thompson – It’s been a great year for the City of North Pole. I look forward to what 2019 will bring. Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.

Mr. Skipps – Absent

Mr. Walley – Absent

Mr. Cromer – I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas. I look forward to next year.

Ms. Welch – I’m very thankful for everything we have been able to accomplish this year. Just to promote the City a little bit, Christmas in Ice is in full swing.

Mayor Welch – I was privileged to attend the celebration of life for Terry Walley and I got a lot out of that. I think we should conduct ourselves in our life in such a way that people look forward to coming to our celebration of life. I’ve also been happy to be able to host different film crews and photographers and show them around the City. I would like to revisit the motto “where the spirit of Christmas lives year round” by bringing some happiness and cheer to other people. Merry Christmas to all.

Mr. Isaacson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Seconded by Ms. Welch

The regular meeting of Monday, December 10, 2018 adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Binkley, North Pole City Clerk