



**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, February 04, 2019 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, February 04, 2019 to order at 7:01 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***

**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 February 04, 2019**

**Seconded by Ms. Welch**

**DISCUSSION**

**Mr. Isaacson moved to postpone the following items:**

**New Business:**

- a. Request to Approve the Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation Planning Inter-Governmental Operating Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation and Air Quality Planning in the Metropolitan Area of the Fairbanks Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- c. Ordinance 19-03, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council Amending Title 10 Vehicles and Traffic by Adding Chapter 10.03 Restrictions on Certain Vehicles.

- d. Ordinance 19-04, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend Title 1, by Updating General Penalties and Including a Surcharge Section and a Minor Offense Fine Schedule.

**Seconded by Mr. Skipp**

**Discussion**

None

*On the amendment*

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipp, Thompson, Isaacson, Welch, Cromer, Walley, Welch

No: 0

Absent: 0

*On the Agenda as amended*

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipp, Thompson, Isaacson, Welch, Cromer, Walley, Welch

No: 0

Absent: 0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Ms. Welch moved to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2019**

**Seconded by Mr. Isaacson**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED/FAILED**

Yes:

No:

Absent:

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR** (Audio 4:29)

- January 23, 2019 – FNSB Council of Economic Development was briefed by Mr. Jeff Stepp that it would not be feasible to build up an Economic Development District for the

Interior.

- Launched the CNP Finance Committee under Chairman Perry Walley. CNP citizens Rollie Miranda and Benny Williams were in attendance. Kathleen Thompson, CPA was there in an advisor capacity, and CFO Tricia Fogarty attended as well.
- January 24, 2019 – Shadowed Officer Phil McBroom at NPHS as the SRO. Then followed Evidence Custodian, Rachel Wing, to see the technical aspects of her job. Followed up on 2 plus hours of traffic patrol with Officer Phil McBroom. There were 6 pulled over from speeds of 81mph to 74mph in a 60mph zone and 1 vehicle doing 55 in a 40mph zone.
- January 30, 2019 – Visit to FNSB Planning Department concerning a permit for the Pagoda concerning its expansion beyond the setback limit.
- January 31, 2019 – Shadowed Paul in the CNP Utility Department. Visited the new CNP water pump station on Peridot.
- February 1, 2019 – Shadowed CFO over payroll. There were many corrections that were needed, mostly due to overtime in the Fire Department. This took 7 hours.
- February 2, 2019 – Joined by Mayor Pro Tem, Doug Isaacson at KJNP “Over the Coffee Cup” explaining my first 100 days in office and personal objective to have worked in every department by that time frame. Also spoke with Representative Tammy Wilson as she called in for over the air from Juneau. Came back to City Hall to finish up checks and purchase orders with Tricia.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR**

None

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

#### **Police Dept., Chief Dutra** (Audio 10:17)

- VFW – Award for Officer Phil McBroom. VFW National Law Enforcement Award presented by State Commander Dave Lemlin, NP VFW Commander Troy Eck, and Deputy VFW Commander Carol Kacal.
- Attended the APOA Legislative review in Anchorage.
- I put in for a DHS & EM Grant for 2019 in the amount of \$118,000.00. Includes exercise funding, equipment (radios fire and police), and a repeater for radio communications.
- ALiCE Presentation at Animal Control and NPHS. Both sessions were comprehensive 2 hours hands-on trainings in a room-to-room analysis. Excellent feedback from all parties involved.
- All the information has been sent to the leadership course. Should hear something shortly. LEO centric but applicable to all leadership. We will be doing this in phases of 6 months to complete 40 hours. All participants will proceed through process at same pace.
- We have finally received a tentative state bid for patrol vehicles and the cost appears to

have gone up \$4000 plus per unit so it is critical we get additional funds rolled over.

- Went over monthly stats.
- Guys Read – I read for Midnight Sun Elementary, Tikasuk Brown, and North Pole Elementary on Friday. I always encourage other folks to sign up to encourage 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys to read.
- I met with the new Project Manager at Chena Lakes. Good discussions about this year’s contract.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> – myself and AST, FPD and other LEO’s will be at FNSBSB meeting for presentation on ALiCE project.
- We have moved our award presentation to our employees to the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm at City Hall if any of you are interested in attending. We would love to have you.

**Fire Dept., Deputy Chief Heineken** (Audio 29:21)

- Chief Coon and Captain Haywood are in Juneau for the Alaska Fire Chief’s Leadership Summit.
- We have been giving advice to the lower 48 on how to deal with the cold temperatures when fighting fires.

**Director of City Services, Bill Butler** (Audio 31:31)

**Building Department**

- Permit issued for emergency generator replacement at the North Pole Middle School.
- Anticipate permit application for IGU storage facility; \$9 million project.

**Public Works**

- Conducted a City-wide plowing last week.
  - Hubbard Excavation is proving the best snow plow contractor since I have been with the City.
- Graveling intersections is an on-going activity.
- Hiring one of last summer’s temporary hires to assist Public Works for seven weeks while Cody is on an extended leave followed by Tom being on extended leave; otherwise Public Works would have just a single staff member for a seven-week period.
- **Mr. Isaacson** asked what the department’s policy for clearing sidewalks was. Mr. Butler replied that it depends on staff availability for how quickly after a snow event it happens. Sometimes, if there’s a forecast coming, they will wait until after the event. With limited staff and resources, Cody has to make the calls as he sees best fit.
- **Utility Department**
- Sulfolane Settlement.
  - Water System Expansion work is still addressing warranty and ongoing technical “tweaking” of the operational and electronic controls.

- Construction re-start will be weather dependent, but I do not expect to see serious water main installation until May.
- Moose Creek Water System Expansion Project.
  - Planning charrette held on January 24 winnowed possible flood control crossings from 10 to 3 options.
  - Follow up to charrette on January 31 winnowed possible crossings of the flood control to three options and the Utility has selected its preferred and alternative crossing options.
  - USAF funding limitations prevent USAF funds being used for “property interests” or purchasing permits. There are possible options to work through the USACE, but if this issue cannot be resolved to pay for these expenses, I will recommend that the City Council not proceed with the project.

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

- IGU is still engaged in negotiations with Siemens Government Technologies, Inc. for an alternative means to supply LNG to the Interior.
  - Siemens has changed its proposal. Whether the change is substantial, I hope to learn at the IGU meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, February 5.
  - I am becoming frustrated with Siemens’ repeated changes of its negotiated terms.

#### **Finance, Tricia Fogarty**

None

#### **Borough Representative, Ms. Welch** (Audio 54:21)

- There is a “Cabin Fever Reading Program” at the libraries for adults.
- The human resource department is putting on a job fair that will be held at Pioneer Park in March.
- The Mayor is supposed to turn in the budget and there was a lot of conversation about small changes to this and that and to the wording.

#### **City Clerk’s Office, Judy Binkley** (Audio 57:35)

- Please don’t forget to complete you APOC POFD filings. The due date is March 15<sup>th</sup>! Please make sure that you provide a copy of your filing to me once you’ve completed it. I have paper copies available if you prefer that method over the online filing.
- The January Letter to Council is on the dais for you this evening. I will continue to provide those monthly if Council would like me to.

#### **ONGOING PROJECTS**

None

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

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 19-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA TO AMEND TITLE 13, PUBLIC SERVICES CORRECTING CODE LANGUAGE IN SECTION 13.28.010 LIEN RIGHTS.** (Audio 59:28)

Mr. Isaacson introduced the ordinance.

**Public Comment**

None

**Mr. Isaacson *moved to* Introduce and Advance Ordinance 19-02, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend Title 13, Public Services Correcting Code Language in Section 13.28.010 Rights.**

**Seconded *by* Ms. Welch**

**Discussion** (Audio 1:02:39)

**Mr. Thompson *moved to* Amend Ordinance 19-02, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend Title 13, Public Services Correcting Code Language in Section 13.28.010 Rights by Replacing “see C below” on line 18 with “as defined in 13.28.020(C).”**

**Seconded *by* Ms. Welch**

**Discussion on the amendment** (Audio 1:03:12)

**Mr. Thompson** stated that this just helps clarify the ordinance and makes it a little less confusing.

***On the amendment***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipps, Thompson, Isaacson, Welch, Cromer, Walley, Welch

No: 0

Absent: 0

**Discussion on the motion as amended**

None

***On the motion as amended***

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 – Skipps, Thompson, Isaacson, Welch, Cromer, Walley, Welch

No: 0

Absent: 0

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** (Audio 1:04:09)

**Mr. Thompson** – None

**Mr. Skipps** – Be aware of the snowplows and stay back. It's slick out there so slow down.

**Mr. Walley** – We had our first finance meeting and it was a good history lesson. I learned a lot and we have our next meeting set. We have good people on the committee.

**Mr. Cromer** – I noticed that Amazon was charging us for taxes so I hope we learn more about that.

**Ms. Welch** – Our snow plowing has been very nice. I was able to drive right over the little berm and by and it was totally cleared up by the time I got home.

**Mr. Isaacson** – I do appreciate the snow plowing efforts in the City. We should start thinking and preparing for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

**Mayor Welch** – The Mayor Pro Tem and I will be at the legislative session of AML during the next Council meeting. Pray that Doug and I have a safe and productive trip when we go to Juneau.

**Mr. Isaacson** *moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.*

**Seconded by Ms. Welch**

The regular meeting of Monday, February 04, 2019 adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

**These minutes passed and approved** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

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Michael W. Welch, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Judy L. Binkley, City Clerk