



**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, May 13, 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, May 13, 2019 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 Skippis
Mayor Welch

Absent/Excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Welch

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mr. Walley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Isaacson moved to approve the agenda of May 13, 2019

Seconded by Mr. Skippis

DISCUSSION

Mr. Isaacson moved to consent the following items:

New Business:

- a. Request to Approve Gifting of Retirement Pistol to Sgt. Stevenson.**

Seconded by Mr. Cromer

Discussion

None

On the amendment

PASSED

Yes: 7 – Skippis, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Walley, Welch, Welch
No: 0
Absent: 0

On the Agenda as amended

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 7 – Skippis, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Walley, Welch, Welch
No: 0
Absent: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Isaacson *moved to* approve the Minutes of May 06, 2019

Seconded *by* Ms. Welch

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 7 – Skippis, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Walley, Welch, Welch
No: 0
Absent: 0

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR (Audio 3:33)

- May 10th – Signed proclamations at the Borough and met with the Planning Division and discussed everything from JeriKo's property to Pagoda.
- Working on getting all the requirements down for a possible selection for someone on the Planning Commission from the City of North Pole. We have a citizen who wants to see what's required of him before he commits.
- We will be appointing Mike Miller to the IGU.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Finance, Tricia Fogarty (Audio 11:07)

- Our collateral at Mt. McKinley Bank was increased from \$4 million to \$5 million due to the fact that we have an average balance of \$4.5 million and that is expected to increase with the Moose Creek project. It does not cost the City anything to increase the coverage.
- On April 30th, we turned our books over to KSH which means they are starting to do our audit and are drafting our financial statement. We have a meeting with Gary and Charles on Thursday.
- We received a bank statement in the mail while I was gone last week so I will email financials to you probably early next week.
- **Mr. Isaacson** asked if everything was turned over to the auditors early. Ms. Fogarty replied that every year, she tries to get everything in earlier and earlier, but this year is about 10 days later than last year. However, there were more entries on our side. Ms. Fogarty also stated she was able to set Charles up with Connect Online so he can view anything he needs to view.
- **Mayor Welch** asked if anything attributed to the smoothness of the audit this year. Ms. Fogarty replied that it has been helpful having the temporary assistant take on payroll and the bank reconciliation.

Fire Dept., Chief Coon (Audio 15:05)

- The Department donated some radios to be surplussed to the Glen Rich Fire Department.
- This year's open house will be May 18th from 10-4.
- Burn Permits are required. They are available online at www.forestry.alaska.gov/burn
- Dry windy conditions have kept the fire danger at a "HIGH" level in the North Pole area.
- On May 9th, the Interior Fire Chiefs, Rotary Club of Fairbanks, and Foundation Health Partners launched the community app, Pulsepoint. www.pulsepoint.org
- Training:
 - EMT III class finished last weekend.
 - Fire Officer II started today.
- Maintenance Report:
 - The third out ambulance is in the shop for a major oil leak. Estimate on the repairs are \$1500.
 - No additional work has been done on the replacement vehicle for the Suburban. We expect to get quotes in July.
 - Hose testing continues.
- **Mayor Welch** asked if there was any objection to Sommers in Alaska videoing everyone in action during the open house. Chief Coon replied there was no objection and that it sounded great.

Police Dept., Chief Dutra (Audio 20:40)

- I sent in a letter of support so that we can get the senate to pass the crime bill that's currently circulating.
- Funding for the interior training facility is still in the budget and is only one of two projects for the interior.
- I want to officially welcome Chief Reeder to the chief ranks in the interior.
- We had an attempted abduction last weekend and have suspect vehicles and information.

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

None

Borough Representative

None

City Clerk's Office, Judy Binkley

None

ONGOING PROJECTS (Audio 25:15)

- On Thursday the 9th at 6:00 pm, I was at the Mt. McKinley Bank with the North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce. I'm trying to engage them to do things with us and let us know what they're trying to do. On May 23rd, at the Borough, we are going to be putting a committee together of how we are going to welcome Eielson Air Force to this community next summer. The North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce will open their visitor's cabin on Memorial Day. I've also asked them to help us with the North Pole parade. The festival committee will meet again in Council Chambers at 6:00 pm on the 20th of May.

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

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

Public Comment

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consented

Public Comment

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

Mr. Isaacson *moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.*

Seconded *by Ms. Welch*

The regular meeting of Monday, May 13, 2019 adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, June 03, 2019.

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy L. Binkley, City Clerk