



NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 17, 2019
NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
125 SNOWMAN LANE, NORTH POLE, ALASKA

Mayor Michael Welch called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, June 17, 2019 to order at 7:00 p.m with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Doug Isaacson, Mayor Pro Tem
Avery Thompson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Aino Welch
David Skipps
DeJohn Cromer

Excused: Perry Walley, Alt Dep Mayor Pro Tem

Also Present: Judy Binkley, City Clerk/HR Manager
William Butler, Director of City Services,
Tricia Fogarty, Chief Financial Officer,
Geoff Coon, Fire Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Welch asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Council Member Isaacson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Isaacson moved to approve the agenda of June 17, 2019.

Seconded by Ms. Welch.

Discussion

Mr. Isaacson moved to consent the following items:

New Business:

- a. Request to Approve the ALMR FY 20 Membership Agreement.
- b. Request to Approve the Zoll Extended Warranty & Preventive Maintenance Contract.
- c. Request to Approve the Fairbanks North Star Borough and City of North Pole Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance Contract.

- d. Ordinance 19-09, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend the 2019 Public Works Budget to Increase Funding to Hire Additional Part-Time Employees.
- e. Ordinance 19-10, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend the 2019 Operating Budget and Other Funds.
- f. Request for Approval of the City Hall Copier Lease.

Seconded by Ms. Welch.

Discussion on the amendment

None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA OF JUNE 17, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 6 – Skippis, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Welch, Welch

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

Discussion on the agenda as amended

None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA OF JUNE 17, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 6 – Skippis, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Welch, Welch

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Welch moved to approve the Minutes of June 03, 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Discussion

None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 03, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 6 – Skippis, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Welch, Welch

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR (Audio 4:23)

- Colonel Shawn Anger, Vice Commander, 354th Fighter Wing, spoke to the water issue in Moose Creek.
- Kevin Thomas with the Air Force Civil Engineer Center was also present to discuss the Moose Creek project. On behalf of the Air Force and the Civil Engineer Center, he thanked the Council for their continued support and finding a solution for the PFOS contamination in Moose Creek.
- June 11 – Met with Colonel Ingram and Bert Somers to discuss ideas about a 2020 homecoming that is also being discussed once a month at the FNSB.
- On June 26 – I will be downtown to talk about the 2020 homecoming and from what I could gather, there are two areas that North Pole could do better, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- June 13 – Attended the change of command ceremonies for the 354th force support squadron.
- Met with Christopher Zimmerman for the contract we talked about with the Fire Chief.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Department, Chief Coon (Audio 30:25)

- The Captain position has closed and we have four applicants for the position.
- Hydrant testing started today. We should finish up on the 28th.
- Department is sending medics to the moto cross track for races.
- Burn permit are still required, they are available online at www.forestry.alaska.gov/burn
- We sold some items at the auction. Engine 23 did not receive a bid for the reserve amount and will remain at Great North Auction until the next sale.
- Training:
 - I just got back from a 6-day class at the National Fire Academy.
- Maintenance Report:
 - DC Heineken has completed repairs to the steering column of C-21.
 - We received a quote to replace our failing forced air furnace in the training annex. We received a quote for \$7705.60 from Rocky's heating. This is the contractor that has maintained all of the Fire Department's boilers and replaced our heating controls. We will bring forward a fiscal note at the next Council meeting because this is in excess of our building maintenance budgeted amount.

- There is a new “Stop the Bleed” kit at City Hall. We will do training at a future date.

Finance, Tricia Fogarty (Audio 41:43)

- We are continuing on the audit and the auditors will be out again on Wednesday.
- We will have to have a special meeting to present the audit and I guess I’ll get a feel for that on Wednesday as to what time they think they’ll wrap it up.
- I sent out financials so if you have questions, I’d be happy to answer them.

Director of City Services, Bill Butler (Audio 49:53)

Building Department

- Two new residential building permit applications submitted.
- Charter school project on path for at a minimum a foundation permit.
- Contractor has approached City about construction of a 14 unit apartment building.
- Petro Star has approached the City about permitting an above-ground fuel line to GVEA.

Public Works

- Request before the Council this evening to increase funding for temporary hires.
- PW’s predominate activities going forward are landscaping.

Utility Department

- Sulfolane settlement.
 - Over 85% of eligible property owners in Zones 1 & 2 have signed up for utility accounts as of today.
 - 46 new customers have been connected to the system to date.
- Moose Creek Water System Expansion Project.
 - 35% design documents were submitted on June 10 and PDC Engineers is moving forward to complete the 65% design documents by early August 2019.
 - The Record of Decision (ROD) – the formal approval by USAF, EPA, and ADEC of the plan to provide water to Moose Creek, has been signed by all required parties.
 - In the final stages of contract discussions with USACE for the construction phase cooperative agreement. I will bring a recommendation to the Council at the July 1st meeting about proceeding to construction. USAF is looking for a decision from the City by July 15 whether willing to construct the system. Approval from the City will require two affirmative votes from the Council. The USAF needs to know by July 15 so they have time to repurpose the project funding before September 30, 2019 if they City declines to proceed with the project.

City Clerk, Judy Binkley (Audio 1:44:54)

- I have much to share about what I learned at Professional Development 2 (aka PD 2) last week and will provide that in my next monthly letter to Council.
- The three local municipal clerks’ offices are preparing for the Candidate Open House that will take place Saturday, June 29th at the Borough Assembly chambers. It will run from

9-noon and the League of Women Voters will be doing presentations every hour. Thank you to Mr. Skippis who has agreed to be our City representative from 10-11.

ONGOING PROJECTS (Audio 1:45:38)

- Mayor Welch - you will start hearing from me about online sales tax.

CITIZEN'S 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 8:52 p.m.*

Seconded by Mr. Thompson.

The regular meeting of Monday, June 17, 2019 adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, July 01, 2019.

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy L. Binkley, City Clerk