



NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 04, 2019
NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
125 SNOWMAN LANE, NORTH POLE, ALASKA

Mayor Michael Welch called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, November 04, 2019 to order at 7:00 p.m with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Santa Claus
DeJohn Cromer
Thomas McGhee
David Skipps
Perry Walley
Aino Welch

Also Present: Judy Binkley, City Clerk/HR Manager
William Butler, Director of City Services
Tricia Fogarty, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Dutra, Police Chief
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 Welch.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McGhee moved to approve the agenda of November 04, 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Claus.

Discussion

Mr. McGhee moved to consent the following items:

New Business:

- b.** Liquor License Renewal for First Security Investment, LLC dba Pagoda Chinese Restaurant.
- c.** Liquor License Transfer for The North Pole Pub, LLC dba North Pole Alehouse.
- d.** Resolution 19-05, A Resolution of the North Pole City Council Designating City Officials Authorization to Sign on City of North Pole Accounts.

- e. Request to Approve the Purchase of a Silverado WT Model CC31044 Truck Body and the Purchase of a Service Body for the Vehicle for the Public Works Department with the Department's Fleet Funds.
- g. Request for Approval of Tuition Reimbursement for Melanie Swanson for Two Classes in Support of her Associates Degree in Applied Science in Business Not to Exceed \$1200.
- h. Request to Approve Travel for Council Member Claus to AML in November 2019.
- j. Request for Approval to Open a Moose Creek Project Fund.

And to remove the following item:

New Business:

- f. Request to Approve the Purchase of Two Model Ford F350XL, Model X3B Pickup Trucks for the Utility Department with a Combination of the Department's Fleet Funds and Utility Reserves.

Seconded by Ms. Welch.

Discussion

None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 04, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 7 – McGhee, Skipps, Cromer, Walley, Claus, 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 NOVEMBER 04, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 7 – McGhee, Skipps, Cromer, Walley, Claus, Welch, Welch

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McGhee moved to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Skipps.

Discussion

None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 7 – McGhee, Skipps, Cromer, Walley, Claus, Welch, Welch

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR (Audio 2:59)

- Re-organization of Council
 - Mayor Pro Tem – Perry Walley
 - Deputy Mayor Pro Tem – Santa Claus
 - Alt Dep Mayor Pro Tem – Aino Welch
- Attended the opening session of Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN).
- Former Councilman Isaacson and Mayor Welch attended the 354th Readiness Squadron. 10 Airman were pinned on new stripes. Former Councilman Isaacson was inducted as an honorary Commander.
- Went to the Food Bank for the Alaska Peace Officer Association challenge. Came home with the Empty Bowl award. The North Pole Police Department collected 2224 pounds of food.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR (Audio 10:48)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Department, Chief Coon

- We have made a conditional offer to fill the vacant firefighter position. It will still take until early December to have the position filled. We are only waiting on the Dr.'s physical to finish up the hiring.
- October was fire prevention month and we hosted dozens of station tours for elementary and day care kids. Last weekend when changing your clocks, you should have changed the battery in your smoke alarm.
- At the request of the Mayor I have participated with the other department heads in a training seminar with Confluence Consulting 49 LLC.

- I attended the “RESAC” regional emergency services advisory committee meeting. The committee is tasked with making recommendations to the Borough Assembly on improving emergency services.
- I completed the 1st quarter EMPG grant report.

Training:

- We have one member finishing up her firefighter 1 training and two members in EMT 1 class.
- Two members attended the EMS symposium in Anchorage last week.
- The Fire Department participated in a planning teleconference for a patient movement exercise in February.
- DC Heineken has been working with the staff on finishing up some training. Training is a big component in our ISO rating and one that the department takes very seriously.

Maintenance Report:

- The forced air furnaces in the annex were installed and are up and running without any issues.
- M-21 went into the shop for a recall but is back in service.
- B-shift is still working on oil changes apparatus inspections.

Finance, Tricia Fogarty

Police Department, Chief Dutra

- Swearing in of Officer Wages and Officer Werner.
- Retirement of Sgt. Bellant – December 9th is his last day. 20 years of service and we are thankful.
- APOA food drive – involved all interior law enforcement agencies. NPPD won with over 2000 lbs. of food. Topped next closes agency by 200 lbs. Great job everyone. Special shout out to Ron Rady and Benny Lin for their donations that helped put us over the top.
- Hiring – have one additional applicant in tonight’s packet. One more lateral and 3 additional new applicants. Academy is filling up fast so we need to make hire ASAP.
- Det. Tibbetts just accepted job offer with Seattle PD. Last day will likely be end of November.
- I will be doing presentation to North Pole Chambers on the 13th.
- Glow sticks was a popular event – 600 glow sticks handed out in about an hour. Incredible amount of kids trick or treating in NP. Thanks to Lions Club volunteers and Lt. Lindhag and family, my daughter and wife, Det. Milne and Ofc. Jim McBroom. It was a team effort.
- Police budget presented – please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Borough Representative

City Clerk, Judy Binkley

- We received 8 applications for the 2020 Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant. I'm preparing what is needed for the Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 26th at 6pm.
- We have a Council meeting next Tuesday as Monday is a holiday and the following week is AML. If any Council members would like to go, please let me know ASAP.
- I want to thank Council for the opportunity to have been your City Clerk for the last two and a half years. It's been an honor.

ONGOING PROJECTS

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Public Comment

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Skipp *moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m.*

Seconded by Mr. McGhee.

The regular meeting of Monday, November 04, 2019 adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, December 02, 2019.

Michael W. Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy L. Binkley, City Clerk