Mayor Welch called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, June 1, 2020 to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Council Members in attendance:

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

Absent: DeJohn Cromer

Excused:

Also Present: Tricia Fogarty, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Dutra, Police Chief
Kim Kiehl, City Clerk/HR Manager
Geoff Coon, Fire Chief
Chad Heineken, Deputy Fire Chief
Kurt Lockwood, Detective

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 Mr. Walley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mr. McGhee moved to approve the agenda of June 1, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Walley.

Discussion
Mr. Walley moved to consent the following items:

Old Business:
   a. Ordinance 20-12, An Ordinance of the North Pole City Council to Establish the Rate of Tax Levy of 2020 Real Property of the City of North Pole.
New Business:
   a. Request to Approve the ALMR FY21 Membership Agreement for the City of North Pole.
   c. Request to Approve the Fire Mutual Aid Agreement.
   d. Request to Approve the Forestry Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Skipps.

Discussion
Remove New Business Agenda Item “e.” Ordinance 20-13, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska Amending Title 2, Administration and Personnel, Section 2.36.400 Holidays.

On the amendment.

PASSED
YES: 6 – Mr. McGhee, Mr. Skipps, Mr. Claus, Mrs. Welch, Mr. Walley, Mayor Welch
NO: 0
ABSTAIN:
Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

On the Agenda as amended.

Discussion
None

PASSED
YES: 6 – Mr. McGhee, Mr. Skipps, Mr. Claus, Mrs. Welch, Mr. Walley, Mayor Welch
NO: 0
ABSTAIN:
Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mrs. Welch moved to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2020

Seconded by Mr. Skipps.

Discussion
None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2020 AS FOLLOWS:
YES: 6 – Mr. McGhee, Mr. Skipps, Mr. Claus, Mrs. Welch, Mr. Walley, Mayor Welch
NO: 0
ABSTAIN:
Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

b. Explore Fairbanks request for CARES Act funds.
c. Meeting with FNSB Mayor Ward regarding CARES Act.
   a. Common Contract Service Provider without abrogating our rights as a political subdivision.
   b. FNSB Assembly meeting June 11th.
   c. Mr. Claus discussed liability matters.
   d. Mr. McGhee indicated he will have questions at the June 15th Council meeting regarding how much participation we might anticipate from businesses and residents under our utilities within the City.
   e. Request for Board members to be on a committee.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

a. Mr. McGhee requested the Mayor pay Madam CFO for the reimbursement he was provided for a computer he purchased on his personal card and then returned.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Police Department, Chief Dutra
- Department is doing well – below budget projections.
- Hired one officer, will start June 10th. Second officer should start in a couple days.
- RFP – ITF has been awarded and Notice to Proceed has been given.
- Long has started wiring installation for camera systems in City Hall and NPPD.
- Stats ending May 31st.
  - Total Calls – 366
- RFP for range is complete and initial site locating has begun. DOWL from Anchorage has won the bid.
- June 6th from 10-1 we will be working on dirt and grass at NP Memorial Park. Please join us with a shovel and rake if you would like to help. Please RSVP if you plan on helping.
- Replaced water heater since the on-demand system went down again.
- Skateboard park – working to see about a camera set-up to help keep lid on things.

Finance, Tricia Fogarty
- Uploaded Sales Tax for April, YTD this year over last up $79,000.00.
- Onboarding call with Clear.Gov
  - Set up timeline, up and running by mid to late July.
• KSH here tomorrow for second time.
  o Looking at grant files and Moose Creek project.
  o Please answer email.
• Sorry to see City Clerk to leave.

Fire Department, Chief Coon
• Fire danger is moderate and burning is allowed.
• 557 emergency calls this year, average of 3.6 per day.
• Alaska has had 467 COVID-19 cases with 368 total recovered, 10 deaths.
  o FNSB are has had 85 total cases (unchanged from last report).
• Please continue to work on the ICS classes.
• The Command truck is scheduled to be done in August.
• NPFD is fully staffed at this time.
  o Request the Council to look at and revise the pay scale.
• Training – One member completed their FF-2 testing and is awaiting results.
• Maintenance Report – Half way done with testing over 200 fire hydrants.

Mr. McGhee – Task Chief Coon and Chief Dutra to bring pay recommendations to next meeting.

Borough Representative
• Mrs. Welch – No Borough meeting attended since first meeting of the month.
• Gave report for the Economic Development Commission meeting attended on May 19th.

City Clerk
• Open enrollment June 1-20, 2020.
  o Email to all staff May 27, 2020 providing information and required forms.
  o Changes go into effect July 1, 2020.
• Mr. Claus – Reads letter addressed to Madam Clerk into the record.

ONGOING PROJECTS
• Mayor Welch discussed IGU regarding gas line.
  o IGU representative here for July 6th meeting.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen)
• Steve Dutra, 125 Snowman Ln North Pole AK 99705
  o Thank you to City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS
  b. Request to Approve the Borough Ambulance Contract.

MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE BOROUGH AMBULANCE CONTRACT.

Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the Request to Approve the Borough Ambulance Contract.
Seconded by Mrs. Welch.

Discussion
• Discussion was held regarding the request to approve the Borough ambulance contract.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO APPROVE THE BOROUGH AMBULANCE CONTRACT.

YES: 3 – Mrs. Welch, Mr. Walley, Mayor Welch
NO: 3 – Mr. McGhee, Mr. Skipps, Mr. Claus
ABSTAIN: Mayor Welch declared the MOTION FAILED.

Council Comments
Mr. McGhee, Mr. Skipps, Mr. Walley, Mr. Claus, and Mrs. Welch thanked the outgoing City Clerk.

Mr. McGhee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Walley.

The regular meeting of Monday, June 1, 2020 adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Michael W. Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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, City Clerk