



**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, August 2, 2021 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, August 2, 2021 to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were present:

**Michael Welch – Mayor
Thomas McGhee – Mayor Pro Tem
Aino Welch – Dep. Mayor Pro Tem
Perry Walley – Alt. Dep. Mayor Pro Tem
DeJohn Cromer
David Skipps
Santa Claus**

Absent/Excused

**Absent
Absent**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Welch

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Welch

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McGhee *moved to* approve the agenda of August 2, 2021

Seconded *by* Ms. Welch

DISCUSSION

None

Mr. McGhee *moved to* consent the following items:

Old Business:

- a. Ordinance 21-13 An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend the 2021 Fire Department Fleet Fund.

- b. Ordinance 21-14 An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to Amend the Police Department Grant Fund.

New Business:

- a. Approval of the Hughes Fire Equipment Inc. proposal and purchase agreement to purchase one (1) Pierce fire apparatus.
- b. Approval of up to \$150,000 for the removal and treatment of stockpiled sewer sludge at the wastewater treatment plant by US Ecology
- c. Ordinance 21-15, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to fund removal, treatment and disposal of stockpiled sewer sludge by US Ecology

Seconded by Ms. Welch

Discussion

None

On the amendment

PASSED

Yes: 5 – McGhee, Cromer, Walley, A. Welch, Mayor Welch

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Claus, Skipps

On the Agenda as amended

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 5 – McGhee, Cromer, Walley, A. Welch, Mayor Welch

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Claus, Skipps

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McGhee moved to approve the Minutes of June 5, 2017

Seconded by Mr. Isaacson

Discussion

None

PASSED

Yes: 5 – McGhee, Cromer, Walley, A. Welch, Mayor Welch

No: 0

Absent: 2 – Claus, Skipps

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

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COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

Fire Dept., Chief Coon

- B shift and I attended the ceremony at the memorial park on Tuesday July 27th. Would like to thank the Police Dept admin staff for putting together another successful ceremony.
- Lt Beckley attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg Maryland last week. This was her first trip to the Academy and we look forward to her being able to use the knowledge received to help her and other carry out the departments fire prevention program.
- The Fire Department and Police Department had a recruitment booth at the Eielson airshow over the weekend. Lt Crane represented the Fire Department several applications to volunteer where handed out during the event.

Police Dept., Chief Dutra

None

Finance, Tricia Fogarty

None

Director of City Services, Bill Butler

Building Department

Since my last report on July 6:

- Five single family home permits issued.

- Three 4-plexes permits issued.
- Safeway remodel permit issued.

Public Works

- Preparing an Invitation to Bid for excavator. Hope to release it tomorrow.
- Working with property owner and realtor to purchase the two lots in the Ford Subdivision.
 - City and seller have come to understanding of contingencies that will be part of the sale.
- Working on either an Invitation to Bid or direct purchase of air handling equipment to address COVID-19 air filtration.
 - Mobile unit may negate the need to go to bid—purchase on line and “plug & play.”
 - Air handler in the ceiling is a larger problem that is unlikely solvable within COVID purchasing deadline—or available budget.
 - Council Chamber is 100% heated by the air handler. Cody and I, along with two consulting engineers, agree that simple baseboard heating in the Chamber with a simple thermostat can resolving the heating issue.
- By next Council meeting, Public Works may lose all their temporary summer hires—staff will be heading to school.
- Majority of Public Works activities remain landscaping.

Utility Department

Utility Department

- Utility has filled one of its Utility Assistant position and is recruiting for a second.
- Engaged in routine activities (service locates, laboratory sampling, lift station cleaning, equipment maintenance). No emergencies.

Moose Creek Water System Expansion Project.

- Water service connections in Moose Creek are still proceeding at two to three per day.
- Pressure testing of the southern loop distribution water mains was completed last Friday. Pressure testing may occur this week—depending upon HC’s pressure testing plan.
- After successful pressure testing, bacteria testing and ADEC approval, the project will be able to begin installing service lines on the southern loop.

Borough Representative

I attended the borough assembly meeting on July 22, 2021. Via zoom.

I made my report based on the previous two meetings and information from the mayor.

Mayor Ward reported that there was not a change to the covid precautions.

FNBSD reported that school district is gearing up to start school in person. Options will still be available to learn from home or home schooling. Please check with your individual schools for starting times, as many schools have changed their starting and ending times, due to bussing. Registration is open, and as always there is details on the website www.K12northstar.org.

Assembly passed on consent agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24 Ratifying The Monetary Terms Of The Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Fairbanks North Star Borough Employees Association (FNSBEA) Local #6125, APEA/AFT (AFL-CIO) And The Fairbanks North Star Borough. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

*RESOLUTION NO. 2021-27 A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2017-34, Authorizing A Utility Easement On Borough Land Within Section 2, T.1S., R.2W., F.M., To Change The Grantee To MTA Fiber Holdings, LLC (Little Shot Road/Parks Hwy). (Sponsor: Mayor Ward)

*ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05 An Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 61 Acres, From Rural And Agricultural-5 To Rural Estate-2 Or Other Appropriate Zone (Located On Gilmore Trail Northeast Of Flat Rabbit Road) (RZ2021-002)
(Refer to the Committee of the Whole on August 5, 2021; Advance to August 12, 2021 for Public Hearing)

*ORDINANCE NO. 2021-15 An Ordinance Amending FNSBC Title 22, Animals, And FNSBC 1.20.070 (E), Fine Schedule, Including Adding A Definition For Animal Facilities, Clarifying Responsibilities Of Caretakers, Requiring Proof Of Immunization And Registration In Certain Circumstances, Removing Mandatory Warnings, Adding An Animal Ownership Section, And Other Related Changes. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Cash) (Refer to the Committee of the Whole on August 5, 2021; Advance to August 12, 2021 for Public Hearing)

*ORDINANCE NO. 2021-26 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21.28 FNSBC To Modify FNSBC 21.28.040, Enhanced Voluntary Removal, Replacement And Repair Program, To Be Consistent With Federal Grant Requirements, Adding A Bounty Program To The Enhanced Voluntary Removal, Replacement And Repair Program And Adding A New Section FNSBC 21.28.046, Voluntary No Other Adequate Source Of Heat (NOASH) Reduction Program. (Sponsor: Mayor Ward) (Refer to the Committee of the Whole on August 5, 2021; Advance to August 12, 2021 for Public Hearing)

*ORDINANCE NO 2021-20-1b

An Ordinance Amending The FY 2021-22 Budget By Appropriating \$10,367,822 In Federal Pass-Through Grant Funding To The Transit Enterprise Projects Fund For The Voluntary

Removal, Replacement, Repair, And Bounty Program And The Voluntary No Other Adequate Source Of Heat (NOASH) Reduction Program (Collectively Referred To As The Wood Stove Change Out Programs). (Sponsor: Mayor Ward) (Refer to the Finance Committee on August 5, 2021; Advance to August 12, 2021 for Public Hearing)

I have included the link to the agenda if anyone wants further details.

https://www.fnsb.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07222021-1405?packet=true

City Clerk's Office, Kathy Weber

None

ONGOING PROJECTS

None

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

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consented Agenda
Comments - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Skipp –

Mr. Cromer-

Mr. Claus –

Ms. Welch –

Mr. McGhee –

Mr. Walley –

Mayor Welch -

Mr. McGhee *moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.*

Seconded by Ms. Welch

The regular meeting of Monday, August 16, 2021 adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, September 7, 2021.

Michael Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathryn Weber, MMC
North Pole City Clerk