



NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, May 17, 2021
NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
125 SNOWMAN LANE, NORTH POLE, ALASKA

Mayor Pro Tem McGhee called the Monday May 17, 2021 regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present:

Santa Claus - Zooming In
Thomas McGhee - Zooming In
David Skipps - Zooming In
Aino Welch - Zooming In
DeJohn Cromer - Zooming In
Perry Walley - Zooming In

Absent:

Excused: Mayor Welch – Out on Leave

Also Present: Steve Dutra, Police Chief – Zooming In
Chad Heineken, Fire Chief – Zooming In
William Butler, Director of City Services– Zooming In
Tricia Fogarty, Chief Financial Officer – Zooming In
Aaron M. Rhoades, City Clerk/HR Manager – Zooming In

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Clerk Rhoades asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mr. McGhee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Walley moved to approve the agenda of May 17, 2021.

Seconded by Mrs. Welch

Discussion

Mr. Walley moved to consent the following items:

New Business:

- b. Request to sign MOA with Eielson AFB.
- c. Request to sign Public Safety Testing contract.

Seconded by Mrs. Welch

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO CONSENT NEW BUSINESS ITEMS A and B:

YES: 6 – Mr. Claus, Mrs. Welch, Mr. Cromer, Mr. Walley, Mr. McGhee, Mr. Skipps,

NO: 0

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Pro Tem McGhee declared the MOTION CARRIED

On the Agenda as amended.

Discussion

None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMMENDED:

YES: 6 – Mr. Claus, Mr. Walley, Mrs. Welch, Mr. Cromer, Mr. Skipps, Mr. McGhee

NO: 0

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Pro Tem McGhee declared the MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Walley *moved to approve the Minutes of May 3, 2021.*

Seconded by Mrs. Welch

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM May 3, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

YES: 6 – Mr. Claus, Mrs. Welch, Mr. Walley, Mr. Cromer, Mr. Skipps, Mr. McGhee

NO: 0

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Pro Tem McGhee declared the MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR PRO TEM

- Mayor Welch is out until May 18, 2021. Went out earlier than expected because the

- Doctor could get him early.
- Josiah Jones Student of the Month of May 2021

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

City Services, Bill Butler

Building Department

- 2 single family home permits issued.
- 7 single family home permits pending.
- 8 duplex permits issued.
- 3 four-plex permits pending.
- 2 commercial permits issued (Speedway and solar panels)

Public Works

- Public Works Assistant Mike Malitek will start May 24.
- Public Works has been recruiting for summer hires for two weeks and no applications submitted. If you know someone over 18 who is looking for a summer job, please encourage them to apply.
- Public Works pickup truck approved last year has arrived.
- Street sweeping is approximately half completed.

Utility Department

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- Engaged in routine activities (service locates, laboratory sampling, lift station cleaning, equipment maintenance). No emergencies.
- Stantec Consulting has begun assessment of Yukon lift station to generate recommendations how to increase discharge capacity.
 - Yukon lift station is a “choke point” for our commercial area.
 - The discharge main is only 4 inches in diameter.
 - The lift station is more frequently reaching its discharge capacity.

Moose Creek Water System Expansion Project.

- Third round of consideration payments (41) mailed to Moose Creek residents last week.

- Total of 215 payments released to date.
- Flushing stale water from water storage tank and northern distribution water mains in final stages.
- Pressure testing and flushing of the southern loop distribution water mains is scheduled to begin once water storage tank is filled and northern distribution water mains are approved for service (pass bacterial testing).

Contractor is planning to begin making service line connections this week.

Finance, Tricia Fogarty

- Emailed out last Friday Financial Statement for Month of April. Included Audit Letter.
- Auditors will be out at City Hall in the Morning.
- Tyler Technologies Project continue to move forward.

Police Department, Chief Dutra

None

Fire Department, Chief Heineken

- Fire Dept. Hiring update
- Update on Fire Apparatus Spec trip
- New Fire Hose has been testing and being placed into service
- Moto Cross Racing Lions have requested NPFDD provide medics again this year.
- Plans to replace fencing along the North side of the fire station.

Borough Representative

- Met with Borough Council
- School District is going to be discussing masks.
- Budget discussion. Take comments from Public and defer to next Thursday.
- Passed the Budget the following Thursday.

City Clerk

- Benefit Survey 30 Participants – Great Participation
- Posted City Clerk Intern about 30 responses

ONGOING PROJECTS

None

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

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Request to Appeal Cease and Desist Order Benjamin Roose – 1ST Stop Shop.

MOTION TO APPROVE APPEAL AND ALLOW BENJAMIN ROOSE – 1ST STOP SHOP TO HAVE TWO MONTHS TO GET CAUGHT UP ON HIS BACK TAXES.

Mr. McGhee *moved to Approve Appeal.*

Seconded by Mrs. Welch

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE APPEAL AND ALLOW BENJAMIN ROOSE – 1ST STOP SHOP TO HAVE TWO MONTHS TO GET CAUGHT UP ON HIS BACK TAXES:

YES: 6 – Mr. Skippis, Mr. Claus, Mrs. Welch, Mr. Cromer, Mr. McGhee

NO: 0

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Pro Tem McGhee declared the MOTION CARRIED

Council Comments

None

Mr. Skippis *moved to Adjourn*

Seconded by Mrs. Welch

The meeting of May 17, 2021 adjourned at 7:34p.m.

Michael Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aaron M. Rhoades, City Clerk