



# CITY OF NORTH POLE *Alaska*

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, October 19, 2015

Committee of the Whole – 6:30 p.m.  
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

### MAYOR

Bryce Ward 888-4444

### CITY CLERK

Kathy Weber, MMC 488-8583

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michael Welch- <i>Mayor Pro Tem</i>	488-5834
Thomas McGhee- <i>Deputy Mayor Pro Tem</i>	455-0010
Preston Smith – <i>Alt. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem</i>	488-8824
Elizabeth Holm	488-6125
Sharron Hunter	978-5591
Kevin McCarthy	590-0800

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag
3. Invocation
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes
6. Communications from the Mayor
  - Proclamations  
59<sup>th</sup> Annual United Way of the Tanana Valley Campaign Kick-Off  
Extra Mile Day
  - Students of the Month  
Connor Zelrick – NPMS  
Tim Markie – NPHS
  - Certification of the October 6, 2015 Elections

- Oath of Office for newly elected officials
- Community Reception

**7. Council Member Questions of the Mayor**

**8. Communications from Department Heads, Borough Representative and the City Clerk**

**9. Ongoing Projects Report**

**10. Citizens Comments (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen)**

**11. Old Business**

- a. Ordinance 15-16, an Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to modify Chapter 8.04.080 – Nuisances, Unwholesome Wells or Ground Water.

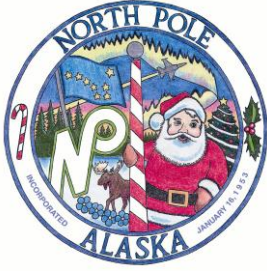
**12. New Business**

- a. Appointment of Bed Tax Committee
- b. Resolution 15-17, A Resolution of the City of North Pole's position on water and sewer utility expansion inside and outside of its boundary's for the purpose of providing water to properties affected by groundwater contamination or to those who desire piped water or sewer services

**13. Council Comments**

**14. Adjournment**

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**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, October 5, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ward called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, October 5, 2015 to order at 7:00 p.m.

***There were present:***

**Ms. Holm  
Ms. Hunter  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mr. McGhee  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. Welch  
Mayor Ward**

***Absent/Excused***

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ward called the regularly scheduled meeting of the North Pole City Council to order on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7:10 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG**

Led by Mayor Ward

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Holm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. McGhee moved to approve the Agenda of October 5, 2015**

**Seconded by Mr. Welch**

**Discussion**

None

**Mr. McGhee moved to amend by consenting the following items:**

**New Business**

- a. Resolution 15-15, A Resolution of the City of North Pole, Alaska urging the U.S. Air Force F-35A Operational Bed Down – Pacific Environmental Impact Statement, which

is to base up to 54 F-35A aircraft at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska as an additive operational mission to the 354<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing.

c. Ordinance 15-16, an Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to modify Chapter 8.04.080 – Nuisances, Unwholesome Wells or Ground Water.

**Seconded by Mr. Welch**

**Discussion**

None

**On the Amendment**

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 –Holm, Smith, McCarthy, Hunter, McGhee, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**On the agenda as amended**

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 –Holm, Smith, McCarthy, Hunter, McGhee, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Welch *moved to* Approve the minutes of September 21, 2015**

**Seconded by Mr. McGhee**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 –Holm, Smith, McCarthy, Hunter, McGhee, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

Every third Friday of the month is Muffins with the Mayor, Please mark your calendars and come have some muffins and coffee to start your day, we can and do talk about anything important to in the community.

The Festival Committee is calling on all organizations and community groups that do events in North Pole to participate in a planning effort to identify all of the wonderful activities that our community does each year. The idea is to sort all events by calendar quarter and put together an annual events agenda for each year. The second part of this effort is to see where organizations can assist or help each other out to make our community events even better. The next meeting will be October 6<sup>th</sup> at Mt McKinley Bank They will be every first and second Tuesday of the month until the end of the year, all of the next meetings will be at City Hall and start at 6pm. .

September 24<sup>th</sup> was the homecoming parade for the High School, I was asked to judge this year and it was great to see the excitement from the high schoolers. Ms. Atkins, the student council advisor commented that it was getting hard to find support for the homecoming floats. Materials and trailers have increasingly been difficult to find. If you are interested in helping next year please let me know, I would like to try and couple class years with members of the community who can help in this iconic tradition.

October 12<sup>th</sup> Congressman Don Young will be in North Pole to address local issues. As part of the congressman's statewide trip he would like to reach out to local communities to address the local issues. Please help Give Don Young a warm Welcome to North Pole on October 12<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers at 2:30pm.

Budget Season is upon us and we are diligently working on the 2016 budget. Mark your calendars the 2016 proposed Budget will be released on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and work sessions will begin Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> with Revenues, Admin, Professional Services and other funds. Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> will be Utility Department, Building Dept, and Public Works. Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> will be Public Safety, Police and Fire. All workshops will begin promptly at 6:00 pm and are open to the public.

Red Cross opened up a warming station at the North Pole Fire Department Annex during the power outage last week.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR**

Ms. Holm asked when the new council would be sworn in.

Ms. Weber stated that they would be sworn in on October 19<sup>th</sup> and will take office on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK**

**Finance, Tricia Fogarty**

- Received \$53,000 from the state for PFD garnishments.
- Renee, Stephanie, and Tricia will be out of the office next week for the Caselle conference.
- The Improvement Districts module has been fixed.
- There is a meeting set up with Kohler, Schmitt, & Hutchison to set a date for updating the chart of accounts.

**Police Department, Lt. Rathbun**

None

**Fire Department, Deputy Chief Coon**

None

**Borough Representative**

Mayor Ward said there was a zoning ordinance that went late into the night and there is still work to be done on it.

**Director of City Services**

**Building Department**

- Petro Star Refinery began construction of asphalt plant without necessary permits.
  - Did apply for and received permits of a driveway and an electrical switching building.
  - Drive-by inspection revealed significant construction was started without permits for other structures and facilities.
  - State Fire Marshal issued a stop work order on Friday because of the lack of permits
  - Working with Petro Star and State Fire Marshal to support permitting the project within legal limits.
- Petro Star's preliminary estimate of the project's value is \$30 million.
  - Have received an initial contact by a realtor associate with property purchases within City for a Fred Meyers and building permitting process.
  - There appear to be some bright spots that may help offset the loss of property taxes from the shutdown of the Flint Hills Refinery.

### **Public Works**

- Conducted first snowplowing last week for this winter season.
  - DOT did plow state roads within the City as part of the recent snowfall.
- New Public Works truck originally scheduled for delivery last week has not arrived, but received a call from dealership that delivery date is Thursday.
- All summer hires have now left employment with the City for this season.
- Roundabouts—dead flowers removed and preparing the Christmas trees for display

### **Utility Department**

- Power outages affected lift stations around the City beginning last Tuesday at 5:00 pm.
  - Two lift stations had their power restored within a day.
  - Two lift stations were without power until 1:00 pm on Friday—3 days.
  - Utility staff had to work around-the-clock using generators to keep lift stations operating.
- Sewer outfall and Notice of Violation
  - As of Council meeting, no feedback from ADEC.
  - The two alternatives—a new extended sewer main and a discharge pond—both seem equally feasible.
  - Discussions with ADEC and other permitting agencies critical to making a final decision.
- Utility continues to prepare for winter—cleaning lift stations, winterizing fire hydrants, etc.

### **Natural Gas Utility Board**

- In final negotiations with candidate for the IGU General Manager position.

Mr. McGhee asked about the plowing of snow that the we had.

Mr. Welch asked about Petro Star and permits and if they were penalized for getting those permits.

Mr. Welch asked about the generators and what type of generators that the lift stations have and if the City should have permanent generators at those locations.

Mr. Butler said there were portable generators and that the permanent generators were very expensive. They are looking at generators for the water circulation pumps.

Ms. Holm asked who to contact for snow removal.

Mr. Butler said they can contact himself or Cody Lougee.

Ms. Hunter asked how big 100,000 sq. feet compares to the stores in town. Ms. Hunter also asked about the Eagle Landing Community and how it was going.

Mr. Butler said that there has been no further work done.

Mr. Smith asked about the new service truck and if a plow would be put on it.

Mr. Butler said there were no funds to do that this year but possibly next year.

**City Clerk, Kathy Weber**

- Election Day is Tuesday, October 6th.
- Please stay behind after the meeting to help set up for tomorrow. I will be at City Hall along with our elections workers tomorrow morning at 6:00 a.m.
- Holiday Heights has requested me to vote those residents who cannot come to City Hall. If you know anyone in the City limits of North Pole that would like to vote and is unable to get out please have them contact my office.
- The bed tax grant application is online for organizations to apply for the 2016 discretionary funds. Applications will be accepted until the last business day of October in the clerks office.
- Congressman Don Young will be at North Pole City Hall on Monday, October 12, 2015 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Coffee and cookies will be provided.
- In case of inclement weather conditions on election day, look for signage on the entrance of the polling place providing the new polling place location or go to another polling place that is open. If you are unable to vote at your designated precinct, voters may vote a questioned ballot.
  - Borough Voters may cast a questioned ballot for the Borough Mayor, Borough Assembly, School Board, IGU Board and FNSB Proposition 1 at any Borough Precinct, City of Fairbanks Precinct or City of North Pole Precinct.
  - City of North Pole Voters may cast a ballot for North Pole City Mayor, North Pole City Council, Borough Mayor, Borough Assembly, School Board, IGU Board and FNSB Proposition 1 at the North Pole Precinct.
  - Contact the Borough Clerk or City of North Pole Clerk or visit the Borough website at [www.fnsb.us](http://www.fnsb.us) for more information on polling place locations.



- A group of us will be going in to the FNSB tomorrow night to count write-in votes. This will be a late night as we have to wait until the election has been transmitted and ballots delivered to the Borough.
  - New council members and Mayor will be sworn in on October 19<sup>th</sup> and will take office on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The North Pole Community Health Fair will be held on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the North Pole Plaza Mall. They will be doing health education & screenings for blood pressure, vision, glaucoma along with other screenings. They do not accept health insurance but to accept cash, check and Visa/MC only. For more information call 374-6853 or [ahfrur@gci.net](mailto:ahfrur@gci.net).

## **ONGOING PROJECTS**

- None

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- Santa Claus – 350 S. Santa Claus Lane, North Pole, AK

Mr. Claus said he would like to see growth in North Pole. He gave an update on his credentials and said he was a write-in candidate for City Council.

- Aino Welch – 941 Les Rogers Turnaround

Ms. Welch said she had the opportunity to help out with the Emergency Preparedness Expo that was held in Fairbanks. She gave kudo's to the NPFd for doing a good job.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCE 15-15, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA TO AMEND TITLE 4, REVENUE AND FINANCE, CHAPTER .09, HOTEL-MOTEL ROOM TAX, SECTION .025 BED TAX GRANT DISTRIBUTION**

Mayor Ward stated that this was the final reading of this ordinance and that this was brought forward to give clarification to the process. He went over the changes and hoped to move forward.

### **Public Comment**

None

**Mr. Welch *moved to* adopt Ordinance 15-15, an Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to amend Title 4, Revenue and Finance, Chapter .09, Hotel-Motel Room Tax, Section .025 Bed Tax Grant Distribution**

**Seconded by Mr. McCarthy**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 –Holm, Smith, McCarthy, Hunter, McGhee, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 15-16, A REOLUTION PETITIONING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO ADOPT AN OFFSITE CLEANUP STANDART FOR SULFOLANE IN NORTH POLE THAT IS THE LOWEST PRACTICAL LEVEL OF CONTAMINATION BASED ON THE PROTECTION OFHUMAN HELATH, SAFETY, WELFARE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Mayor Ward gave the introduction to this resolution and updated the public and council.

**Public Comment**

None

**Mr. McGhee *moved to* Adopt Resolution 15-16, A Resolution petitioning the State of Alaska to adopt an offsite cleanup standard for sulfolane in North Pole that is the lowest practical level of contamination based on the protection of human health, safety, welfare, and the environment**

**Seconded *by* Mr. Welch**

**Mr. McGee *moved to* amend to substitute Resolution 15-16a A Resolution petitioning the State of Alaska to adopt an offsite cleanup standard for sulfolane in North Pole that is the lowest practical level of contamination based on the protection of human health, safety, welfare, and the environment**

**Seconded *by* Mr. Welch**

**Discussion**

Mayor Ward went over some of the changes in the Resolution that he made.

Ms. Hunter asked if the City should wait for the State to develop a cleanup standard and if that would affect the City's ability to respond to the lawsuit and would it be a compelling reason to try and get them to forward.

Mayor Ward said that this goes back to the title of the ordinance, the health, safety & welfare, and environment of the City.

Mr. Smith said that this has taken over six years and he liked how the Mayor put this together.

**PASSED**

Yes: 7 –Holm, Smith, McCarthy, Hunter, McGhee, Welch, Ward

No: 0

Absent: 0

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. McGhee – encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He gave kudo's to GVEA as his power was only off for 1hr 45 minutes. Over the years he has only lost his power a maximum of 3 hours at one time. The Knotty shop was out for 6 days. He is grateful for the support system in our community.

Ms. Holm– have a good night

Ms. Hunter – was in Fairbanks when the power outage happened. There were a lot of horns at the intersection of college and Steese. She asked everyone to be extra patient of other drivers when in a situation where the power is out and lights are not working. Ms. Hunter reiterated what has been said, that this is a great community to live in and when a disaster happens when we pull together and that says a lot. She reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

Mr. Smith – thanked everyone for coming out and to drive cautiously as there are lots of kids out.

Mr. McCarthy – no comment

Mr. Welch – lost power for a little more than 3 days. What was nice was the neighbors had them over for dinner and it was great to have a place to sit down for dinner and that speaks well of our community. He had stem cells put in his shoulder today and will be in a lot of pain for a couple of weeks. He said it takes months to grow cartilage and hopes that this works out. He said he will find a way to get out and vote tomorrow and did not seek to run again because of health issues. Congratulations to all the write-in candidates tomorrow.

Mayor Ward – applauded the community on the winter storm and it was great seeing the community come together. It was nice to see neighbors came together and helped each other. It says a lot of a community when they come together in times of trouble and difficulty.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. McGhee** *moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.*

**Seconded by Mr. McCarthy**

The regular meeting of October 5, 2015 adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

**These minutes passed and approved** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, October 19, 2015.

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Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kathryn M. Weber, MMC  
North Pole City Clerk

The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention will be back in Fairbanks in October 2016. The AFN Convention, along with the immediately preceding Elders & Youth Conference, is a week-long event that brings approximately 4,000 visitors to our community and contributes more than \$4 million to our economy. The first AFN Convention was held in Fairbanks in 1966. It is fitting that AFN will be returning to Fairbanks for their 50th Annual Convention celebration.

After decades of this gathering being hosted only in Anchorage, the communities of Fairbanks and North Pole worked together to bring the AFN Convention back to Fairbanks in 2005. Since AFN's return to Fairbanks, Fairbanks has had the honor to also successfully host AFN in 2007, 2010 and 2013.

The decision on where to hold AFN conventions after 2016 has not yet been made. When weighing the choice between Anchorage and Fairbanks, it is Fairbanks' financial, logistical and hospitable support of AFN that will play a large part in the AFN Board's decision to choose Fairbanks again for future conventions.

The AFN Convention, Elders & Youth Conference and affiliated meetings throughout that week offer an immediate financial impact for the Fairbanks area. In addition, there is also the long-term goodwill gained for Fairbanks from our neighbors in Interior and northern Alaska and throughout the state.

Although it is more than a year before AFN returns to Fairbanks, we ask you to include financial support for the convention in your 2016 budget. For budgeting purposes, attached are the levels of support and recognition that have been offered for the last few years. A formal solicitation will be sent your way next year.

Please feel free to contact us directly with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support of the AFN Convention in Fairbanks!

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deb Hickok".

Deb Hickok  
President and CEO  
459-3770  
[dhickok@explorefairbanks.com](mailto:dhickok@explorefairbanks.com)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Helen Renfrew".

Helen Renfrew  
Director of Meetings & Conventions  
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[hrenfrew@explorefairbanks.com](mailto:hrenfrew@explorefairbanks.com)

## **2015 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **DENALI SPONSOR | \$50,000**

30-second television commercial during live statewide broadcast – 2 per day  
One full-page, four color ad in the AFN Convention Guide  
Featured company logo in TV broadcast opens and breaks  
1-minute maximum welcome video message shown at Convention during breaks, on TV, posted on AFN website and app.  
3-minute speaking opportunity at Convention banquet  
Acknowledgement on agenda and from podium  
Opportunity for an in-depth interview (taped or live) that will be aired during Convention's TV broadcasts  
Sponsor page link on AFN Website with full logo and AFN Facebook Page  
Listing in Convention Guide, Banquet Program and Quiana Program  
Listing on Sponsor display during Convention  
Prominent Denali Sponsor Display in the Exhibit Hall  
Listing in "Thank you" Ad  
Two Premium 10x10 exhibit booths in the Dena'ina Center Foyer  
Two VIP Banquet tables seating 20 total  
Organization name on AFN stage banner  
Twenty tickets to Quiana evening events (40 tickets total)  
Reserved Sponsor VIP section during Quiana events  
Organization's logo on event tote bags  
Banner ad on the 2015 AFN App (Denali Sponsors only)  
A branded gift in 1500 delegate tote bags (gift provided by sponsor)

### **KATMAI SPONSOR | \$25,000**

One half-page, four color ad in the AFN Convention Guide  
3-minute speaking opportunity at Convention Banquet  
Featured company logo in TV broadcast opens and breaks  
1-minute maximum welcome video message shown at Convention during breaks, on TV, posted on AFN website and app.  
Acknowledgement on agenda and from podium  
Sponsor page link on AFN Website, AFN Facebook Page  
Listing in Convention Guide, Banquet Program and Quiana Program  
Listing on Sponsor display during Convention  
Listing in "Thank you" Ad  
One Premium 8x10 exhibit booth in the Dena'ina Center Foyer  
One VIP Banquet tables seating 10 total  
Organization name on AFN stage banner  
Twelve tickets to Quiana evening events (24 tickets total)  
Organization's name on event tote bags  
A branded gift in 1500 delegate tote bags (gift provided by sponsor)

### **SUSITNA SPONSOR | \$10,000**

- One quarter-page, four color ad in the AFN Convention Guide
- Banner ad (listing of name, logo & link) on live webcast page
- Sponsor page link on AFN Website, AFN Facebook Page
- Listing in Convention Guide, Banquet Program and Quiana Program
- Listing on Sponsor display during Convention
- Listing in "Thank you" Ad
- One premium 8x10 exhibit booth in the Exhibit Hall
- Organization name on AFN stage banner
- Six tickets to Quiana evening events (12 tickets total)

### **TAKU SPONSOR | \$5,000**

- Listing of name and link on AFN web page
- Sponsor page link on AFN Website, AFN Facebook Page
- Listing in Convention Guide, Banquet Program and Quiana Program
- Listing on Sponsor display during Convention
- Listing in "Thank you" Ad

### **KOBUK SPONSOR | \$2,500**

- Listing of name on AFN web page
- Sponsor page link on AFN Website, AFN Facebook Page & Host location website
- Listing in Convention Guide, Banquet Program and Quiana Program
- Listing on Sponsor display during Convention
- Listing in "Thank you" Ad

### **FRIENDS OF AFN | UNDER \$2,500**

- Listing in Convention Guide
- Listing on Sponsor display during Convention
- Listing in "Thank you" Ad



**Office of the Mayor**  
**Fairbanks North Star Borough**  
**Alaska**

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS;** the Fairbanks North Star Borough in Fairbanks, Alaska recognizes that all of its citizens deserve to enjoy healthy, meaningful lives; *and*

**WHEREAS;** United Way of the Tanana Valley inspires community giving to expand opportunities for healthy and productive lives by mobilizing and uniting people, ideas, and resources; *and*

**WHEREAS;** United Way focuses on education, income, and health, which are the building blocks for a good quality of life; *and*

**WHEREAS;** United Way identifies and resolves pressing community issues through partnerships with schools, government agencies, businesses, organized labor, financial institutions, community development corporations, voluntary and neighborhood associations, the faith community, and others; *and*

**WHEREAS;** last year Fairbanks North Star Borough citizens generously contributed their volunteer energies as well as more than \$1.2 M to the United Way of the Tanana Valley, thereby investing in programs and agencies that improve lives and build stronger communities; *and*

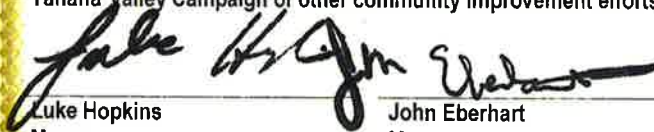
**WHEREAS;** United Way kicks off its Annual Campaign every fall in order to support those efforts; *and*

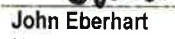
**WHEREAS;** Meadow and Bill Bailey will serve as Campaign Co-Chairs for the 2015 United Way of the Tanana Valley;


**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** Mayor Luke Hopkins of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, Mayor Bryce Ward of the City of North Pole, and Mayor John Eberhart of the City of Fairbanks, do hereby proclaim September 22nd, 2015 as the

**59<sup>th</sup> Annual United Way of the Tanana Valley Campaign Kick-Off**

We commend this observance and encourage all citizens to participate in the United Way of the Tanana Valley Campaign or other community improvement efforts.

  
Luke Hopkins  
Mayor  
Fairbanks North Star Borough

  
John Eberhart  
Mayor  
City of Fairbanks

  
Bryce Ward  
Mayor  
City of North Pole



Attest:

  
Nanci A. Ashford-Bingham, MMC  
Borough Municipal Clerk



Office of the Mayor  
City of North Pole

# Proclamation

## *"Extra Mile Day"*

*WHEREAS, the City of North Pole is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively "go the extra mile" in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of North Pole is a community which encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and community; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of North Pole is a community which chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who "go the extra mile" in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and*

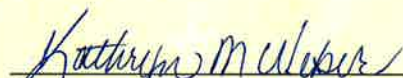
*WHEREAS, the City of North Pole acknowledges the mission of Extra Mile America to create 500 Extra Mile cities in America and is proud to support "Extra Mile Day" on November 1, 2015.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of the City of North Pole, Alaska do hereby proclaim November 1, 2015 to be Extra Mile Day. I urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to not only "go the extra mile" in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country, or world a better place.*



Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathryn M. Weber, MMC  
North Pole City Clerk





Office of the Mayor  
City of North Pole

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Connor Zelrick is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at North Pole Middle School and is the son of James & Dáche Zelrick of North Pole; and*

*WHEREAS, Connor is a talented musician in his ability to play all different types of percussion instruments. He is a member of the band and jazz band; and*

*WHEREAS, Connor is a gifted math student and takes advanced math classes. He also enjoys sports and the outdoors and is a member of the cross country club; and*

*WHEREAS, Connor is an amazing big brother with his new baby sister, voluntarily carrying her around when she is fussy; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of North Pole desires to recognize the outstanding students in the community.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bryce J. Ward, Mayor of the City of North Pole, do hereby proclaim Connor Zelrick the:*

*North Pole City Council  
Middle School Student of the Month  
for of October 2015.*



Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kathryn M. Weber, MMC  
North Pole City Clerk



Office of the Mayor  
City of North Pole

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Tim Markie is a senior at North Pole High School and is the son of Michael Markie of North Pole; and*

*WHEREAS, Tim is active in his school and is a member of the Ignition program, Student 2 Student, and the Homework Club; and*

*WHEREAS, Tim is a compassionate, trustworthy, and faithful young man who shows concern for others and is always willing to lend a helping hand; and*

*WHEREAS, Tim is a member of the baseball team and was chosen as "Citizen of the Year" his junior year at North Pole High School; and*

*WHEREAS, Tim believes that successful people build each other up and motivate, inspire, and push each other. Unsuccessful people just hate, blame and complain; and*


*WHEREAS, the City of North Pole desires to recognize the outstanding students in the community,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I Bryce J. Ward, Mayor of the City of North Pole, do hereby proclaim Lucas Acker the:*

*North Pole City Council  
High School Student of the Month  
for Month of October 2015.*

  
Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kathryn M. Weber, MMC  
North Pole City Clerk





## REPORT OF ELECTION CANVASS BOARD

### October 6, 2015 Municipal Election

We, the undersigned, served as canvass board judges in the Municipal Election of October 6, 2015, do hereby certify that we have examined in detail all absentee and questioned ballots, original and questioned registers, for the one precinct of the City of North Pole.

Upon completion of the canvass, it is our opinion that the attached summary of election returns, as compiled by the City Clerk, accurately reflects the total shown on the Certificate of Election Returns by the election board of each voting precinct.

<u>Cynthia Cook</u>	<u>Deanna Rhymis</u>
<u>Patricia (Jackie) Mitchell</u>	<u>Lorice A. Bonford</u>
<u>Michelle Lee</u>	<u>Nancy D. Dwyer</u>
<u>Cathy Mustard</u> Canvass Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>

Election Summary Report  
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Summary For City of North Pole, All Counters, City of North Pole

Registered Voters 67654

Num. Report Precinct 3 - Num. Reporting 3 100.00%

North Pole City Mayor	CNP	Total	
Number of Precincts		3	
Precincts Reporting		3	100.0 %
Times Counted	300/1562	19.2	%
Total Votes		270	
<b>Bryce Ward</b>		254	94.07%
Write-in Votes		16	5.93%

North Pole City Council	CNP	Total	
Number of Precincts		3	
Precincts Reporting		3	100.0 %
Times Counted	300/1562	19.2	%
Total Votes		181	
Write-in Votes		181	100.00%

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Summary For 03-175 North Pole, All Counters, City of North Pole

Registered Voters 1562

Num. Report Precinct 1 - Num. Reporting 1 100.00%

North Pole City Mayor	CNP	Total	
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	100.0 %
Times Counted	284/1562	18.2	%
Total Votes		259	
<b>Bryce Ward</b>		244	94.21%
Write-in Votes		15	5.79%

North Pole City Council	CNP	Total	
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	100.0 %
Times Counted	284/1562	18.2	%
Total Votes		177	
Write-in Votes		177	100.00%

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Summary For Absentee, All Counters, City of North Pole

Registered Voters 67654

Num. Report Precinct 1 - Num. Reporting 1 100.00%

North Pole City Mayor	CNP	Total	
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	100.0 %
Times Counted	16/1562	1.0	%
Total Votes		11	
<b>Bryce Ward</b>		10	90.91%
Write-in Votes		1	9.09%

North Pole City Council	CNP	Total	
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	100.0 %
Times Counted	16/1562	1.0	%
Total Votes		4	
Write-in Votes		4	100.00%

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Summary For Question, All Counters, City of North Pole

Registered Voters 67654

Num. Report Precinct 1 - Num. Reporting 1 100.00%

North Pole City Mayor	CNP	Total	
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	100.0 %
Times Counted		0/1562	0.0 %
Total Votes		0	
Bryce Ward		0	N/A
Write-in Votes		0	N/A

North Pole City Council	CNP	Total	
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	100.0 %
Times Counted		0/1562	0.0 %
Total Votes		0	
Write-in Votes		0	N/A



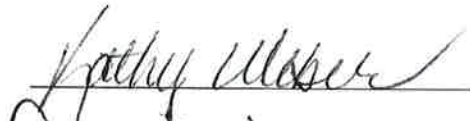

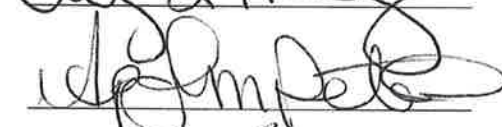



## REPORT OF ELECTION COUNTING BOARD

### October 6, 2015 Municipal Election

We, the undersigned, served as the election write-in counting board in the Municipal Election of October 6, 2015, do hereby certify that we have counted all ballots cast at the precinct and all absentee and questioned ballots canvassed by the Canvass Board for the North Pole City Council.

Upon completion of the counting board, it is our opinion that the attached summary of write-in votes cast for the North Pole City Council, as compiled by the City Clerk, accurately reflects the tabulations of this board

  
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Counting Board Chair

**WRITE-IN  
UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY  
City of North Pole Council  
Regular Election, October 6, 2015**

	North Pole Precinct Votes Cast	Questioned Ballots Votes Cast	Absentee Ballots Votes Cast	Total Votes Cast
Declared Write-In Candidates:				
Santa Claus	<u>58</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>58</u>
Elyse Dawson	<u>29</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29</u>
La Nae Bellamy	<u>26</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26</u>
Other Write-In Candidates	<u>44</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>47</u>

\* 2 invalid

\* 11 blank ballots

**CITY OF NORTH POLE**

**ORDINANCE 15-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA TO  
MODIFY CHAPTER 8.04.080 UNWHOLESOME WELLS OR GROUND  
WATER, NUISANCES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Pole Municipal Code should be amended to conform to the requirements of the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City of North Pole strives to keep its citizens and guest safe, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of North Pole endeavors to protect its natural resources and assets for future generations, and

**WHEREAS**, giving clear guidance on what constitutes a nuisance is important for residents and responsible parties to ensure prompt response to nuisance situations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Pole has been a diligent advocate for a swift response to groundwater contamination in the City of North Pole and surrounding community; and,

**WHEREAS**, reasonable uncertainty regarding the health effects of any substance on the human body should be resolved in the favor of protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of North Pole, and

**WHEREAS**, some hazardous substances and or emerging contaminants do not have cleanup levels established by the State or Federal government; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City desires to establish guidance for what constitutes a nuisance under this section by using the screening levels as derived by the EPA; and,

**WHEREAS**, The *EPA'S Screening Level Users Guide* is the best guidance available regarding some substance contaminate levels being of concern to human health and safety; and,

**WHEREAS** 18 AAC 75.396 does not preempt local control that is as stringent as or more stringent than those requirements from the state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of North Pole:

**Section 1.** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified.

**Section 2.** Title 8 Chapter 4 Section .080 Unwholesome wells or ground water, is hereby added to the North Pole Code of Ordinances as follows [new text in *italicized red* font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font].

**8.04.080 Unwholesome wells or ground water.**

A. Any wells or ground water which is impure, contaminated or unwholesome, or which has been rendered impure, contaminated or unwholesome by reason of any defiling, hazardous substance, or poisonous substance, is declared a nuisance injurious to health; and no person or corporation shall cause, maintain or continue such nuisance.

B. "Hazardous substance" is defined as:

1. Any material, element or compound that is defined as a hazardous substance under the laws or regulations of the State of Alaska or the United States including, but not limited to, AS [46.09.900](#) or [46.03.826](#), [18 AAC 75.990](#), or [42 U.S.C. 9601](#) through [9657](#); or *29 CFR 1910.1200* *or*

2. Any material, element or compound that, when it enters into or on the surface or subsurface land or water, endangers the public health or welfare, or fish, animals, vegetation or any part of the natural habitat in which they are found; or

3. Any substance the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation considers a regulated contaminant under [18 AAC 75.325\(g\)](#); *or*

*4. Any substance not defined by AS 46.09.900 or 46.03.826, 18 AAC 75.990, or 42 U.S.C. 9601 through 9657; or 29 CFR 1910.1200 or listed as a regulated contaminate under 18 AAC 75 shall be considered a 'hazardous substance' when present in ground water in excess of tap water levels as defined by the Regional Screening Level User's Guide (U.S. EPA, 2011)*

C. A person or corporation whose well or ground water has been rendered impure, contaminated or unwholesome by a hazardous substance that originated from the property of another shall not be in violation of this section or subject to the provisions of NPMC [8.04.170](#). (Ord. 14-18 § 2, 2014. Code 1962 § 12-11)

**Section 3.** Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective on the first City business day following its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kathryn M. Weber, MMC  
North Pole City Clerk

Yes:
No:
Absent:

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North Pole, Alaska  
99705  
907-888-4444  
907-488-8584

**City of North Pole  
Office of the Mayor**

# Memo

**To:** North Pole City Council  
**From:** Mayor Ward  
**cc:**  
**Date:** October 14, 2015  
**Re:** Bed Tax Committee

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Council,

Please see attached nominations for the Bed Tax Committee. Per Ordinance 15-15 and the amendments to North Pole Municipal Code (NPMC) section 4.09.025(D)(7), the Mayor *shall* create a committee to review all applications and give a recommendation to council for allocation amounts.

NPCM section 2.12.070 *committees'* states that all committee members are subject to confirmation by the City Council. Please consider confirmation of my selection for the 2015 bed tax disbursement committee.

Thank you

Mayor Bryce J. Ward

## Bed Tax Committee

Council	Preston Smith	488-8824	Po Box 60882, North Pole, AK, 99705	<a href="mailto:preston.smith@northpolealaska.org">preston.smith@northpolealaska.org</a>
Council	Elizabeth Hom	347-3797	2454 San Augustine Dr, North Pole, Ak 99705	<a href="mailto:elizabeth87@live.com">elizabeth87@live.com</a>
public	Larnetia skipps	378-6635	2729 perimeter Drive, North Pole, AK, 99705	<a href="mailto:larnetiaskipps@gmail.com">larnetiaskipps@gmail.com</a>
Public	Joe Geese	699-4694	353 E 8th ave apt 301 North Pole, Ak, 99705	<a href="mailto:Geese@alaska.net">Geese@alaska.net</a>
public	Brenda Sadler	488-0655	PO Box 57045 North Pole Alaska 99705	<a href="mailto:basadler10@gmail.com">basadler10@gmail.com</a>

**CITY OF NORTH POLE**

**RESOLUTION 15-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE'S POSITION ON WATER AND  
SEWER UTILITY EXPANSION INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF ITS BOUNDARY'S  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING WATER TO PROPERTIES  
AFFECTED BY GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION OR TO THOSE  
WHO DESIRE PIPED WATER OR SEWER SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, natural and man-caused groundwater contamination is a concern in the North Pole area; and,

**WHEREAS**, groundwater contamination includes, but are not limited to levels of iron, arsenic, radon, nitrates, solfolane, benzene, and perflorinated compounds in excess of recommended drinking water standards; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sulfolane contamination, in varying concentrations affects approximately half of the City of North Pole; and,

**WHEREAS**, perflorinated compounds have recently been discovered 4 miles to the east of the City of North Pole; and,

**WHEREAS**, perflorinated compounds have contaminated approximately over 80% of the residential land in Moose Creek; and,

**WHEREAS**, piped water systems have been used to provide clean drinking water to areas of contamination with pronounced success; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Pole manages and operates a water and sewer utility within its city limits; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are properties inside the City of North Pole that are not connected to the City Utility System; and,

**WHEREAS**, in recent years new technology has developed and tested that allows piped water to be provided to customers for much less capital investment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the more customers a utility serves, the better chance that the utility will be able to operate more efficiently and lower utility rates; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City would consider selling water to another agency or entity to provide piped water and accept wastewater for residents outside the City boundary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Pole would consider operating and maintaining an expansion of water and sewer services to areas outside of the City boundary; and,

**WHEREAS**, under AS 29.35.020 the City can enact and enforce an ordinances to exercise the power necessary to provide the facility or service of utility services, including conscription of services and collection of debts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City may also consider annexation of properties desiring to be connected to our water utility system and or receive city services; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the North Pole City Council takes the above positions in regards to the potential expansion of the North Pole Utility

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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Bryce J. Ward, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kathryn M. Weber, MMC  
North Pole City Clerk

PASSED/FAILED

Yes:

No:

Absent