CITY OF UNALAKLEET
Regular City Council Meeting
Council Chambers/Teleconference
1-888-392-4560
Code 30254571#
December 14, 2021 – 5PM
Approved Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Mayor Kira Eckenweiler called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call: Mayor Kira Eckenweiler, Vice Mayor Frank Doty, Council Members George Jackson Jr., Chris Masters Jr., Karen Nanouk, and Thomas Simonsson, Financial Manager Kaitlin Turner, Public Works Director George Turner Jr., Fire Chief Sony Mashiana were present on the teleconference line. Police Chief Chara Blatchford called in late. Public attendance on the teleconference line were Paul “Bebucks” Ivanoff III, LA Commack and Perry Burress. City Manager Moe Zamarron and City Clerk Kelly Otton were present in the Council Chambers. Council Member Robert Bolen absent.
Quorum was established.
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: Mayor Kira Eckenweiler made an amendment to the agenda to add E. Distribution Center Clarification in 9. New Business. Motion seconded by Council Member Chris Masters Jr. Motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0.
   MOTION: Council Member Karen Nanouk made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Vice Mayor Frank Doty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
   A. Regular City Council Meeting – November 9, 2021
   B. Special City Council Meeting – November 29, 2021
   MOTION: Vice Mayor Frank Doty made a motion to approve the Regular City Council Meeting November 9, 2021, and Special City Council Meeting November 29, 2021. Motion seconded by Council Member Chris Masters Jr. Discussion: Council Member Thomas Simonsson mentioned the November 9th meeting minutes are a mess and recommend administration have more structure. Motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0.
6. Public Comments: Council Member Karen Nanouk recommend giving Isabelle Ryan an appreciation for her work at NVU.
7. Department Reports
   A. Public Safety Reports
      1. Police Chief
         • Police Chief Chara Blatchford submitted her report
         • Cookie exchange cancelled
         • John will be going to training
         • Looking for Dispatch subs
         • Dispatch meetings are held monthly
2. Fire Chief
   - Fire Chief Sony Mashiana submitted his report
   - No meetings were held
   - New Fire Truck froze; damages were assessed
   - A suggestion to purchase new batteries for the old fire truck
   - Heat at the Fire House is still not adequate
   - New heaters caused fuel fumes
   - 37° in the back corner of the fire house
   - Requesting to forfeit the Quonset Hut grant funds
   - By Jan 15 applying for a grant for $300,000 for a new fire house
   - Buying 3 heaters, $4,500
   - 75% drawing completed for the new fire house
   - Bob Dickens work as project manager for the new fire station
   - Recommendation for the heaters is Outside Entity Funding grant

B. Public Works Director Report
   - Public Works Director George Turner Jr. submitted his report
   - Half of the diesel left, about 16/17 thousand gallons
   - Heat exchanger is running
   - 6 1/2 feet water level
   - Keeping machines warm
   - VSW Dave Murphy arriving end of the week to help pull in water
   - Have entities lined up to help with fuel
   - Water pump average: 42 average, 44 max

C. Administration Staff Reports
   1. City Manager Report
      - City Manager Moe Zamarron submitted his report
      - Attended AML Local Government Conference
      - Back Up Generator is dismantled and ready to ship
      - Freeze ups: 1 freeze up crew through the weekends, freeze ups are being addressed 7 days a week

   2. City Clerk Report
      - City Clerk Kelly Otton submitted her report
      - Had a meeting with Tracey at Municode for the new website
      - Working on ordinances, getting them organized in an excel sheet

      - Financial Manager Kaitlin Turner submitted her report
      - Delinquent accounts down to the $4,000
      - Audit is January 10, 2022
      - QuickBooks training this week

   4. Committee Reports
      - Large Infrastructure
8. Old Business

A. Street Name Ordinance No. 21-05 – First Reading
   • Ordinance submitted
   • City Manager Moe Zamarion added a note, page 2, 12.20.030, Southwest Corner of the City is the starting point
   • Some point in the future will have a contest for changing the street names

B. Selection & Decision of New Fire Hall
   • Forfeit the funds for the Quonset Hut
   • Recommend picking the project back up and store the fire trucks
   • The plans are drawn up

MOTION: Council Member Karen Nanouk made a motion to relinquish the funds under the NSDEC Quonset Fire Hall grant. Vice Mayor Frank Doty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 6 to 0.

9. New Business

A. Ordinance 21-06 – Title 13 Public Service, Chapter 13 Water and Sewer System, Section 13.04.240 Rate Schedule Amendment
   • Ordinance amendment submitted

B. NSDEC Community Benefit Share 2021
   • Suggestions submitted
   • Paul “Bebucks” Ivanoff suggested for to repair the road from the bridge to First Hill or the turn off at the NVU road, purchase crushed gravel
• Karen Nanouk suggested for Guard Rails
• Perry Burress suggested to raise the road where snow drifts occur up the road below First Hill

C. Discussion Concerning Tri-Org Authority
• Discussed in Committee Reports
• Consider Special Meeting or ad hoc committee

D. 2021 Community Awards
• Public Service Award
• Parent(s) of the Year
• Citizen of the Year
• Bravery & Valor Award
• Elder of the Year
• Waiting for one council member nomination vote to break a tie for the Parent(s) of the Year and Public Service Award

E. Distribution Center Clarification
• Reference to Kotzebue’s center
• It would increase funds for the City, about $400,000 a year
• Revenue to use to cover additional costs with the new water system
• Community Meeting would have to be held as a Special Meeting

10. Correspondence
• Letter submitted from NSDEC regarding the $3,000 Thanksgiving Dinner
• Recognize entities for their generosity of donations

11. Public Comments
• Sony Mashiana appreciates Moe for wanting to save the assets and is asking that the terminology of the use of the NSDEC funds is not related to the UVFD, for example Asset Storage.
• Perry Burress agrees with Sony and best to be kept separate to allow UVFD to move forward with finding more funding.
• Paul “Bebucks” Ivanoff III appreciates the work and thought put into an Alcohol Distribution Center. Will this have to go for a vote to the Unalakleet voters? A Special Election can be held. Alcohol is a disease, and it should be treated as such, it’s a treatable disease. He’s against a Distribution Center, money can be acquired through grants. It also defeats the purpose. Awaits the Special Meeting.
• Sony Mashiana stated Kira is doing a wonderful job on the subject (Distribution Center). It should be an all-out approach from all different angels. Recommends the council look into the other elements such as intervention.

12. Executive Session: Finance
• Did not go into Executive Session

13. Council Comments
• Thomas Simonsson – Wanted to bring up a financial matter; wanted to recognize our hard-working staff by rewarding a Christmas Bonus. Full-time employee would receive a certain amount and would decrease based on employment type.
• Chris Masters Jr. - $500 for a full-time employee, $250 for a part-time employee. Agrees with Thomas that it's a great idea.
• Karen Nanouk and Frank Doty agree as well.

14. Next Tentative Meeting Date: Regular City Council Meeting January 11, 2022 - 5PM. Committee Meetings January 3-5, 2022 - 12PM.

15. Adjournment: Vice Mayor Frank Doty made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Thomas Simonsson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.

DATE APPROVED: January 18, 2022

Kira Eckenweiler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Otton, City Clerk