CITY OF UNALAKLEET
Regular City Council Meeting

Council Chambers/Teleconference
1-888-392-4560
Code 30254571#
November 9, 2021 @ 5PM

1) Call to Order. Mayor Kira Eckenweiler called the meeting to order at 503PM.
2) Pledge of Allegiance. All stood for Pledge.
3) Approval of Agenda.

Quorum Established.

5) Approval of Agenda. Karen made a motion to have a second public comment added to the agenda after item #10. Thomas Simonsson second. Questions called. Discuss. 1 No, 6 yes. Thomas moves to approve the agenda with amend. Frank Doty second.

Approval of Oct 15th, 2021 Meeting. Robert Bolen asked if we approved the minutes from the Oct 12th, 2021 meeting. City Clerk Ethel reminded everyone that those minutes were approved during the Canvass Meeting. Robert Bolen made a motion to approve Canvass Meeting. Chris Masters Jr second. Thomas Simonsson asked that it be added he was appointed to Seat A1. Motion passed.

6) Public Comment. No public Comment
7) Department Reports.
   • Police Chief. Chara Blatchford gave her report. 2 Troopers in and out. Looking for dispatchers and officers. Cookies for Christmas for kids during break. Loose dogs are still an issue. Structures are becoming a problem for teens. Court system is changing to trufile. CPR training for 11 people. Kira Eckenweiler likes the idea about cookies. Wants to hand them out during Christmas Tree lighting. December 1, 2021 Karen Nanouk asked if we’d be able to knock down the old buildings around town. City Manager Moe Zamarron replied that we are looking into talking with Public Works/Safety.
   • Fire Chief. Sony Mashiana was not present, but did send in his report for October 2021. Frank Doty asked if they had received any equipment. Chris Masters Jr replied that they had fit tests for masks. Thomas Simonsson says some bills were paid. Things are being bought. Working on bylaws for the Fire Department.
- **Public Works Director Report.** George Turner Jr gave his report. 3 loads of fuel were brought out to the pump station. Waste fuel heater at balor. Electrician is coming to put lights on outside of the building. Chris Masters Jr asked that the Public Works Dept. better block areas where we’ve dug up. Thomas Simonsson asked what is the capacity for the pumps, what is the maximum capacity. George Turner Jr replied. Frank Doty added that you can add as many pumps, but you’d blow the transmission. Moe Zamarron added that there’s a process DEC has to properly put in a booster pump. Ice is going to be going through the beginning line to clean the pipes. George Turner Jr is going to talk to the school or igloo about ice. Chris Masters Jr asked if it would be tested on a section of the line. Moe Zamarron replied that the pipe is stout. Kira Eckenweiler asked that this only be done when there isn’t a storm or too cold. Karen Nanouk asked when they going to start laying new pipes. Frank, Kira & Moe thanked George Turner Jr.

- **City Manager Report.** City Manager Moe Zamarron gave his report. Chris Masters Jr had a question about established easements. Moe replied that there are. Karen Nanouk asked about wind turbines for power. Thomas Simonsson stated that NSEDC CBS approved another round of funding for communities. Posters hung to inform the community. Lights at balor update. Moe replied that the lights are on the same breaker as the inside lights. Chris Masters Jr asked about quintillion lighting. Moe said that they dropped it themselves. Karen Nanouk asked, burning barrels up at the landfill. Kira replied there shouldn’t be any burning up there. Moe replied that it’s a waste oil heat. Karen Nanouk asked about garbage bins around town. Moe stated that we don’t have the vehicles to do that.

- **City Clerk’s Report.** City Clerk Ethel Ivanoff gave her report. Letters sent out to renters. City Manager, Finance Manager and City Clerk will be out of town. Kira Eckenweiler commented that it is nice that we have this position because we need it badly. Chris Master Jr asked who is taking care of our web page. Moe replied that MuniCode is. Posted on facebook about pictures for the web page. Kira suggested that maybe a contest. Thomas, Frank & Kira thanked.

- **Finance Manager Report.** Finance Manager Kaitlin Turner gave her report. Working on getting Kaitlin & Moe on the bank account. Incentives for people to start paying bills. Thomas made a comment, drawing a free month water sewer. Kira suggested that we do an annual drawing. Frank asked how many end users we have. Moe replied 200. Frank asked if NVU is no longer funding for delinquent accounts. Kaitlin said that we have given out applications to people who are thousands of dollars behind. Thomas asked why Moe doesn’t have access to the bank accounts.
Committee Reports. Thomas Simonsson gave the report for Admin. Thomas made a motion to close out the $13,925.48 which is closed out accounts. 7 Yays 0 Nays. Motion passed. Thomas made a motion to start the process for ordinance council stipend. Robert Bolen second. 7 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion passed. Robert Bolen seconded. Public Safety report Robert Bolen gave the report. Thomas asked that the City offer an ATV Course. Kira commented that the driver's course would be great. Public Works Kira Eckenweiler gave the report. Karen commented that her daughter is a pretty good welder. Frank commented that Bruce Johnson is a welder too and an electrician. Thomas mentioned that Sikulik Johnson is a welder too. Chris Master Jr asked if we still have delineators going up the road. Moe replied that we have them. Thomas asked if we are prepared for any freeze ups. Moe replied we are expecting it. Going into a deep freeze early. Kira asked that we make sure if someone does freeze up to check, instill a pump. Tank Farm Frank Doty gave the report. Library & Boat Harbor Karen Nanouk gave the report. Chris Masters commented about past funding for the library. Karen replied that it was grants. Thomas asked about the budget for the library. Either all in or not at all. Chris asked in the near future to offer to build something more comfortable for the community. Kira stated that it'd be nice to have someone to apply, self funding. Frank stated there's a lot of potential in the library. Asking the DO isn't feasible. Chris offered maybe free wifi. Thomas stated that Heidi Ivanoff wanted to turn the old woodshop into a culture/historical center. Monderziated library. The Boat Launch mat is 20Wx66L, consult with NSEDC. Kira reminded the council that we haven't paid for the mats just yet. Moe stated that he went back to the vendor, the material was the same. Shipping went from $2300 to $500. Fish cutting table by point and by Steve's place on the ocean side. Frank commented he hopes people would use portable water and not slough water to wash their fish. Meeting consolidation Days Moe stated do we have too many committee meetings. Thomas said that we don't have to have all these committees. Chris is concerned with diversity and conflict of interest for council members.

8) Old Business
- A. Street Naming Moe stated that we are moving forward with the street naming. Kira commented that it looks great. Frank asked if we'd be able to change the names. Chris is concerned with "airport road", how it goes north-south and east-west. Karen asked maybe a contest for the street naming. Frank stated that he trusts Moe's judgement and to move forward with it. Frank asked if every house is numbered. Moe answered yes.
- Thomas Simonsson made a motion to approve Department Reports. Chris Masters Jr seconded. 7Y 0N motion passed
- B. boat mats. Moe asked the council to give him permission to move forward with purchasing mats. Thomas Simonsson made a motion for Moe to purchase said mats. Frank Doty seconded. 7Y 0N motions passed.
C. Selection and Decision of New Fire Hall. Letter from Court system will lease their part of the building back to us. Thomas would say yes, but the fire department needs to be included on plans. Chris asked if the initial drawing was that part of the public safety building. Moe stated that the building name is "UNK Community Services Center". Thomas asked what we'd be able to do with what was going to be the fire department. Frank stated that whatever decision we make will include both parties. Kira stated if we were to wait on moving forward the price would change. The Fire Department plans need to come through the office. Under Moe's close watch. Chris stated that maybe matching sizes. Thomas said that size seems small. Frank says that's what we seem to be doing. Taking a step back. Kira asked if the F.D. would they be able to come up with funding.

D. Enrollment for Retirement. Frank asked if everyone was able to look over Resolution 21-04, Kira asked what does out of area mean. Moe answered you're looking at one. Thmoas made a motion to vote for Resolution 21-04. Chris seconded. 7Y 0N motion passed.


A. Website & online access. Moe nothing new, getting up and running. Hopefully by the new year.

B. New Ordinance for Council Stipend. Moe put this here for "new Business" This was discussed early. Moving forward with this.

C. Reorganization of committees. Thomas made a motion that we have the following committee as follows Admin, Public Safety/Public Works, Large Infrastructures/Projects. Robert Bolen seconded. Chris asked how we were going to change the committees. Thomas stated that the council can reorganize any time. After elections. Thomas said that there's no ordinance for council committees. Frank asked if Thomas wanted to reorganize or add more committees. Thomas said that he would like to see them reorganize as follows. Bundle together the library, harbor and tank farm, call them large infrastructures/projects. Chris asked to amend the motion as just when we have new council members, to revisit the committee members. Robert Bolen seconded. Thomas stated that the motion is to reorganize committees Administration, Public Safety/Public Works, Large Infrastructures/Projects and revisited at the first council meeting after elections. 6Y 1N motion passed.

10. Correspondence: 2 letters from NSEDC, Letter of interest from Moe Zamarron. $3,000 From NSEDC for helmets and lifejackets. Another $3,000 community feed. Moe stated that we are taking this on. Distribution of hams and turkeys. Moe asked that the City open up the "Old PD" building for leasing. Thomas stated that there are liability issues. Need to look into before leasing. Chris asked if it might be a conflict of interest for Moe because he's an employee of the City.

11. Public Comment. Karen Nanouk commented that when her parents were going to a meeting, they let everyone talk.
12. Executive Session. Thomas made a motion to go into Executive session at 720pm. Karen seconded. Thomas withdrew motion.

13. Council Comments. Thomas commented thank you Admin for all your hard work. Kira stated that she enjoys seeing Admin doing their jobs. Frank commented thank you, people can see that the City is improving. Karen stated that there should be something going on.

14. Next Tentative Meeting Date. The Committee Meeting will be December 6-8. Regular Council Meeting Date December 14, 2021 @ 5PM.

15. Adjournment. Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 725pm. Chris seconded.

Kira Eckenweiler, Mayor

Kelly Oltion, City Clerk