CITY OF UNALAKLEET
Emergency City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers/Teleconference
1-888-392-4560
Code: 30254571#
February 26, 2021 – 5PM
Approved Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Mayor Kira Eckenweiler called the meeting to order at 5:03PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call: Mayor Kira Eckenweiler, Louisa Paniptchuk, and City Clerk Kelly Otton were present in the Council Chambers. Robert Bolen, George Jackson Jr., Christopher Masters Jr., Kathleen Panzer, and Vice Mayor Frank Doty, Acting City Manager Stephen Lindsey, and City Manager Moe Zammron were all present on the teleconference line.

Quorum was established.

3. Approval of Agenda

AMENDMENT MOTION: Louisa Paniptchuk made a motion amendment to the agenda to remove C. Allocate Funds for CRW Engineering Response Plan. Motion seconded by Robert Bolen. Motion passed unanimously with all yes in a roll call vote.

4. New Business

A. Emergency Disaster Declaration
   • Mayor Kira Eckenweiler read the Emergency Disaster Declaration.
   • Input from Council Members and Entities were added to the Resolution.

MOTION: Christopher Masters Jr. made a motion to accept the Disaster Declaration. Motion seconded by Louisa Paniptchuk. Motion passed with all members voting yes in a roll call vote.

B. Drinking Water Relief
   • With recent events and the lack of water in town, and those who cannot get drinking water, the City would like to help provide drinking water.
   • Short term supply.
   • Suggestions: hire someone to fill water jugs and deliver to people in need.
     o Elders Facility as a possible sight to obtain water.
     o Set a funding limit to ship water.
     o Buckets were provided by Native Village of Unalakleet as well as Norton Sound Health Corporation when the pandemic first started.

MOTION: Christopher Masters Jr. made a motion to utilize Katie Panzers truck to gather water and deliver to residents who have no running water because of frozen pipes until further notice. Discussion: Christopher Masters Jr. mentioned that at this point anyone can have water delivered, right now there is no water running out of the tap. Anyone can be candidate to receive drinking water. Katie chimed in and rephrased to two or three days out of the week.
MOTION: Christopher Masters Jr. made a motion for Katie and Kirk to supply drinking water to the community two to three days a week until the boil water notice is lifted and our residents all have running water. Motion seconded by Robert Bolen. Discussion: Frank added that this is a quick, easy solution to the problem that we’re having. It may be a week before the boil water notice is lifted. Christopher is mentioned if we need to add a budget. Acting City Manager Stephen said that we have a gas dispenser pump. Also, he said that it doesn’t seem to be a large amount of money to make a budget and does not see a significant cost factor. Native Village of Unalakleet approved getting water from the Elder’s Facility. Motion passed with all members voting yes in a roll call vote.

C. NSEDC Emergency Grant Application
   • Moe discussed the application.
   • Recommends we apply for it, it is a $300,000.00 grant.
   • Would be going toward upgrading the service pipes to the home, specifically circulation pumps.

MOTION: Christopher Masters Jr. made a motion to pursue the emergency grant funding from NSEDC. Motion seconded by Robert Bolen. No discussion. Question called. Motion passed with all members voting yes.

E. COVID-19 Resolution
   • Resolution has been updated at the latest Tri-Org Meeting.


MOTION AMENDMENT: Louisa Paniptchuk made a motion to amend the resolution adding Updated February 22, 2021. Robert Bolen seconded the motion. No discussion. Question called. Motion passed with 6 yes and 1 absent.

5. Adjournment
MOTION: Robert Bolen made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Frank Doty. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:25PM.

DATE APPROVED: April 13, 2021

Kira Eckenweiler, Mayor

ATTEST: Kelly Otton, City Clerk