

**City of Aniak**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**Teleconference**  
**Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Virtual Meeting Information:

*To Participate please call 1-800-315-6338  
Conference Code- 54481#*

- I. Call to Order-** CE made a motion to call the meeting at 713pm
- II. Roll Call-** AM-Called-in 7pm, AL, CE, CM, DB-came in late @812pm  
Staff Present- MS, LKiana, LKameroff, SL-absent. Members of the public:Shandila Adkins
- III. Approval of Agenda** CM makes a motion to approve the agenda, AL seconded.
- IV. Public Participation** Shandila Adkins called in. I would like to voice my concern regarding the blockage of the old drainage culvert that DOT blocked when they built the new runway. With the old drainage, it went through 3<sup>rd</sup> road, and dispersed to the tundra. Now, with the breakup we just had, it filled up the ditch around the runway and crossed the road on Boundary Avenue at the Post Office. I was wondering if the council can look into starting a petition to DOT with residents, homeowners, and businesses to get that old drainage restored. We are now more susceptible to flooding when we did not have this issue in the past. This should be looked into before anything more catastrophic happens where houses are possibly damaged because of this new system. Thank you.  
LKiana-Asked to receive a memo from Shandila, regarding the blockage of the old drainage culvert.  
CM- have a comment for public, church sewer has a lot of problems, haven't had downstairs bathroom working at the church all winter, what can sewer crew can do to help, CE water pipes were froze, LKameroff have someone call from the Church we can see if the guys can do something, the guys maintain the sewer lines, they don't fix sewer pipes.
- V. Election of Officers-** AL makes a motion to table Election of Officers until the June regular meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AM  
**Mayor**  
**Vice Mayor**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**
- VI. Previous Meeting Minutes**  
A. April 20, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes of April 20, 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AL  
LKiana comment; on section 9,says DB makes a motion to retain or remove Nicholas Kameroff, rather than retain, should be removed. So it says, DB makes a motion to retain Nicholas H. Kameroff Jr as Mayor and Council Member of the City of Aniak due to Violations of his Oath of Office.  
CM renews motion to accept the minutes as amended with the correction on page 3, seconded by AL
- VII. Reports**  
A. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department- L. Kiana- There haven't been any calls for fire.  
B. Public Works- G. Hager- MS read report. Sure glad that our dike system held up to that push of ice yesterday. I'm sure there was some erosion to the face on the city portion after the concrete ends. This needs to be addressed as well as the bank erosion at the end of the runway. Another breakup like this

one could turn into a tragedy if the dike breaches. The landfill will need a lot of work this summer when it dries out. The crew will have to haul lots of cover dirt to decrease the amount of exposed trash. I have agreed to come back to work for several weeks in July to help administer the demolition and disposal of the Voc. Ed building. Charlie is currently putting the roads back into shape. I sure wish we had more gravel, but our supply is limited. This will probably be my last public works report. After seven and a half years I'm ready to turn the responsibility onto someone else. I will continue to advocate for Aniak's infrastructure and advise and assist in any way I can. It has been my pleasure serving the people of Aniak.

- C. Library- S. Lang- MS read report. I just got hired as the librarian on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Since I got hired both Leona and I have cleaned up and organized the library. She was able to help me with the basics I needed to know for running the movies and books. So far, we have a number of people coming in and using the library. It slowed down in the past 2 weeks. I'm hoping that our number will go up and we will have more turnaround now that school is coming to an end. We have so many ideas to do with the kids. We plan to do a reading night this month and hope to provide snacks and drinks. Things I've noticed since I started, we need to get our door fixed, don't stay closed and when it's windy it constantly blows open. I believe if we had a TV, we could also provide movie nights, it may be great for our children in the village. Need to figure out how to get more people to come to the library, so far, my children and their friends have been showing up. How can we get the newest movies/cartoons available for our library? CM mentioned that things are slow because everyone was getting ready for flood, graduation, end of the school year and Mother's Day. AL mentioned that maybe we can use ARPA funding for a TV, updated movies, other options she can do is get donations from Aniak Traditional Council, The Kuskokwim Corporations etc for snacks and drinks.
- D. City Clerk- M. Simeon- The month of April went by, but not as quickly as March did. Got to meet Fred Broerman & Nicholas Martinez, the local government specialists. The past few weeks have been very busy with meeting after meeting, Regular City Council Meetings, and SCERP meetings to prepare for late break-up and flood. This is my first-time gathering information and preparing for flood, working with the city. Sad to say I'll be having to make a move to Anchorage within a few months, which I wasn't planning to do until next year. I will keep everyone updated on that. Thank you all!
- E. Bookkeeper/Financial Statement- L. Kameroff-AL makes a motion to approve financial report for May 18, 2023, CM 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approve.
- F. City Manager-L. Kiana- The month of May has been busy in preparation for the potential flood. Several meetings were held including the public meeting at the Community Hall on May 2. From that, there were several update meetings out of the City Office with good results. I plan on sending out invitations to our representatives (Rep Edgmon & Sen Hoffman) to have a community meeting in Aniak after the 2023 Legislative Session. There will be an employee meeting to discuss the 2024 budget in early June. With the shorter workday, all employees need to understand that everyone will sacrifice shorter workdays in order to have a balanced 2024 budget, which we hope will not be for the whole year. We will monitor the expenses closely each month to determine that our expenses stay within the budget limits.

### **VIII. Old Business**

- A. Public Hearing on Ordinance #23-01 FY23 Budget Amendment-CM makes a motion to have a public hearing on Ordinance #23-01 FY23 Budget Amendment, AL seconded, all approved.
- B. Public Hearing on Ordinance #23-02 FY24 Budget Appropriations-AL makes a motion to approve a public hearing on Ordinance #23-02 FY24 Budget Appropriations, AM seconded, all approved.
- C. DCRA- Trip Report

### **IX. New Business- None**

### **X. Time and Place of Next Meeting-**

June 15, 2023, Regular Council Meeting @7pm

### **XI. Adjourn** AL makes a motion to adjourn the meeting @839pm, DB 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting adjourned.

Attested:

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Council Member                      *Signed: Date*

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City Clerk Morgan Simeon                      *Signed: Date*