

City of Aniak
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Teleconference
Thursday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Meeting Information:

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

- I. Call to Order-**DB makes a motion to call order of the meeting at 7:05pm
- II. Roll Call-**AMorgan, ALeary(phone),Mayor NKameroffJr-Excused, CErik, DBonanno, CMorgan
-Staff Present: LKiana, LKameroff, RHill(phone), MSimeon
- III. Approval of Agenda-** CE makes a motion as amended to approve CDBG Grant Project Update-Library & Elder Center Close Out for Design Phase 1 from old business, CM 2nd, all approve, motion passes.
- IV. Public Participation**
- A. Alaska State Troopers Discussion-Chris Werschey Stated Bootlegging/Drugs, want to understand questions, from the valley, bootlegging is new to him, what are our concerns and questions, CM upset about the incident in Kalskag, asked for council to put troopers on the agenda, what can be done, we have to make an ordinance of no alcohol without a permit, whenever we report or bring up bootlegging with troopers, we have to have proof, anonymous reports are okay. Also stated that they get a lot of third-party calls. WAANT teams phone number is 18004783325 Anchorage Phone number to report is 9072696299 Bethel Area 9075432294
- B. CDBG Grant Project Update-Library & Elder Center Close Out Design Phase 1 with Mike Castro, apologized for not having the drawings of phase 1 in hand, they will be on the way tomorrow with RAVN freight. Point out almost a million dollars in mobilization, then having temporary shelter for the people who are working on the building, it's a big part of the cost, the remoteness of where we are, depending on the market we are in a position where they are all double or tripling. Not sure what lower end will be, 1.8-1.9 million is estimated. Unfortunately, we won't know until later, they may come back lower or high, very challenging time for everyone, some contractors are getting hungrier, so prices may be lower. LKiana concern is if it gets lower, value of product will be lower. A shock to all of us, \$2000 a square foot, is massive. LKiana-your product here is at 95% and that's where CDBG wanted us to be before we can submit final acceptance of design phase, will be going to Fairbanks on the 27th, will stop by to pick up the printout and thumb on the 22nd. CM-It'll go out to bid and contractors will build it, will they do local hire? Not sure...it is something that might be able to write in. May need local labors to clean up jobs. Will follow up with Leon about that thought. Cannot put our RFP until we get approved which will most likely be a year from now, must be let out for contractors to bid on the work. Applying for block grant, we don't apply for the next phase until November of 2023, then will be Feb/mar of 2024 if we are approved for the grant. Extended to March 2023 of this year, closing out the design phase currently. LKiana-are we getting anymore invoices on his work, MC don't have anything to do with the billing so something HR and Andy must deal with. LKiana will get with Andy tomorrow or Monday. Thank you for your time, we will get thumb drive and digital drawings tomorrow. Now for the council to accept the project is complete.
- AL-in a previous meeting, talked about the location of the elder center, will it ease the cost. Ease cost of sewer/water to have the library/elder center next to City Office, initial recommendation was by the high school, would take a lot of fills, sewer line, drill a well, then run electricity to it. LKiana understanding there's a low line and a lot of fill, top cost is 150,000. Site was selected here by the council. Other site we looked at was by Youngblood, they wanted us to purchase the houses along with the land. LK was told by Youngblood that he's willing to let go of one acre lot that has sewer, water, and electricity on it. AL says she recommends purchasing land, to use house for housing, shed, feels like that property would give the city more opportunity, even not being on downtown. He wants 350,000 for the whole thing. DB says if we got it for X amount would we be game for that. His wife

works here, still lives in the home. Since we are talking about this, don't know what thoughts are on Omar's old city hall, no one agrees on Omar Estates. LK -Audrey what other thoughts did you have, AL what is our budget to purchase a land or a house, we don't have funding to purchase anything. Denali Commission and Rasmussen for funding for Library and Elder Center. Do we accept or reject this phase with Architects Alaska? Do it and get funded one way or the other. AM- I believe this would have to be a go, we need this library and elder building, to benefit Aniak and our elder's, we don't have anything here that ties us to our elders. LK adds Missy and him went to Tribal Meeting last week on Thursday, mentioned to them that this building is on final phase as being finished as for the design, last opening was 850,000 if we can get the max, tribe has IGCBG. Had a meeting with Laura and Daisy at the City office, had a good first meeting, the tribe is willing to work with us, The City. AM-believes the tribe and city can work together, to make things happen, always believed in that, need to get along for the benefit of Aniak. Our population is 487. Last year 498. AL- Leon have you tried to approach TKC too if they want to partner up on projects, only mentioned renting space or city hall. Planning stage as of now, haven't talk to council as that option, did get a call from TKC asking if we'd like to look at that possibility. Megan will get back to Leon as far as space to the City and for how much. While they are constructing here, we will have to move our office. Napaimute plans on moving, our building next door could possibly be open. Sounds like we've been able to go over a lot of information.

CM makes a motion to approve to move the CDBG Grant Project Update-Library & Elder Center Close out for Design Phase 1 from Old Business, CE second, All approve, motion Passes.

V. Previous Meeting Minutes

A. February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

AM makes a motion to approve meeting minutes, AM 2nd. All approve, Motion passes.

VI. Reports

- A. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department – L. Kiana-No Calls for Fire CM- with Youngblood coming for summer will he be willing to work with the Fire Department, he will warm and check the vehicles. LKiana mentioned looking for funding to get a paid fire chief, FEMA-grant proposals and funding, filling out paperwork, it is due tomorrow, hoping to have completed, also to help with fuel and electricity bill at the fire station.
- B. Public Works – S. Simeon/F. Vaska-Report read by M. Simeon, AL wanted to add that Francis took the Grader Training and it just wrapped up. L Kameroff, we had all our guys on leave, wants to thank ATC, thank Charlie for coming in when he was on-call, ATC helped with mainly around the river front area, too narrow for the grader to go through, got all the guys to clear the whole section. DB report they brought a front-end loader, that was good.
- C. Library – R. Hill-Would like to thank the crew for turning water on and fixing it able to use the restroom and wash hands, a bunch of zoom meetings and on the phone, or video chat. Gone for 3-31/2 weeks due to the weather. Participated in 4 zoom meetings.
- D. City Clerk Report- M. Simeon- Mainly learning the meeting agenda and minutes, where all our documents and paperwork gets sent to, keeping busy with separating files for each department.
- E. Finance Director/Financial Statement - L. Kameroff- CDBG & ARPA weren't incorporated in our budget, so they were moved, next month our LGS from Bethel will come to Aniak to help with next year budget, working on FY24 insurance, includes employees, building, vehicles and workers compensation, getting to the end of fiscal year, having to draw funds from certain accounts, like savings or sewer to keep our accounts above 0, usually happens towards end of the year. Now our income is over our expenses, right now were almost 1000-1500 over budget. Watch how we're spending our funds. 3 different budgets to look at next month. Still waiting to hear back from state of Alaska for water assistance program, they were submitting our application as a vendor. CM- how are we doing on travel, with Leon's workshops and travel. All travel and

training, over 2000 over budget, also have reimbursement coming back, Admin 7000 over budget just for administration. Have training funds in sewer that hasn't been used yet, 4000. ARPA is a little over 78,000 left, fuel is 1300 gallons left for equipment, using Crowley to fill fuel tanks, because of the cost of the fuel from the pump. CM-donations, the Seniors always want for them that graduate, are we good on that? The city has never given donations to Graduating Seniors. Each family we donate to is 300 a family. AL-we have until December 2024 to spend our ARPA funds, how do we plan on spending the 78,000 before 2024 ends. Purchased calcium chloride 31000, not sure if it's here or still coming. Purchase was a dump truck and the bob cat. No budget for the ARPA funding, whenever someone wanted to purchase, bring to council, council would decide if using ARPA to purchase. For the CDBG grant, is there a timeline- close out is March 31. CM ATC used some of their ARPA funds to Elementary for their school trip to Sealife Center, also to the kids going on the Washington DC trip.

Motion to approve LK financial statement report CM, AM 2nd, all approve, motion passes.

- F. City Manager – L. Kiana-Have a listing for revenue dollars for fiscal year coming up, initially Aniak would get 75,052.10 thank God for AK municipal league, along with dept of commerce, found an error on the states budget, that revenue sharing was based on 20 million dollars, supposed to be at 30 million. Our revenue sharing may go up to hopefully 90,000. Get a list of what each community will get. Went to FEMA training in Anchorage. City has been member of the National Flood Insurance program since May 2, 1975, long standing with FEMA Flood Insurance. We need equipment to reduce some of the flooding. Looking at Employee bonus, was brought up by council, that they should get bonus as well, got help from LGS in Bethel to additional research, there is no way we can set up council bonus with Title 29. Also thinking rather than bonus for employees, we should raise employees' wages, if we pay higher then now, give more incentive to keep working, instead of looking for a bonus. Submitted grant proposal to village safe water for planning grant, for about 75000 dollars, should help determine what services we should also be working on. We have only sewer system in Aniak, not water. CM mentioned that some houses put filters to help to have drinkable water. Submitted before deadline last Friday. ATC EPA willing to work with the City on our water system, dump etc.

VII. Old Business

- A. CDBG Grant Project Update- Library & Elder Center Close Out for Design Phase 1

Moved up to Public Participation

VIII. New Business

- A. FY24 PILT Agreement-LK for the council to approve us to apply for the payment, verification due May 31, 2023. All we do is fill out the form and send it in and its completed, revenue sharing needs the financial reports.

DB requests motion for FY24 PILT agreement-DB makes the motion to approve, CE 2nd, all approve.

- B. Village Safe Water Planning Grant-B/C We need a public meeting, or public work session. Depends on if we get the grant or not. Once we are approved, we need to start public process.
- C. Planning & Infrastructure Discussions-
- D. Flood Watch Discussion- We have contacts for evacuations, who we need to contact in our community. In the office we have a briefing report for flood watch, we can make copies for the community.
- E. Executive Session-Personnel Matter
Call to meeting back to order at 935pm.

IX. Time and Place of Next Meeting-

Regular Meeting- April 20, 2023 @ 7:00p.m. LKameroff-Is the council okay without having to have virtual meetings since Covid is over, ALeary mentions she travels, would like to call in. If you are traveling you can call-in the meeting.

X. Adjourn-

CE makes a motion to Adjourn, CM 2nd, all in favor, Meeting Adjourn at 937pm.

Attested:

Mayor Nicholas H Kameroff Jr. *Signed: Date*

City Manager Leon Kiana *Signed: Date*