

**City of Aniak**  
**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Aniak City Office**  
**Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM**

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**I. Call to Order** by Mayor D. Bonanno at 607pm

**II. Roll Call**

D.Bonanno-P, S. Charles-P, A. Folz-P, N. Kelila-P, A. Morgan-called in, C. Morgan-called in, L. Seavey-called in     Staff Present: LKameroff-P, MSimeon-P, FVaska-Absent, MMorgan-P

**III. Approval of Agenda-** NKelila makes a motion to approve the agenda, SCharles seconded, all approved.

**IV. Public Participation**

- A. Native Village of Napaimute-C. Pequeno OVC Program would like to request more information on City's decision not in support of a Resolution for a Shelter in Aniak by the Native Village of Napaimute. N. Kelila mentioned that they must have sufficient members for them to have this program. They would be using Aniak Traditional Council members, unnecessary for them to attempt this program. Majority of the members are enrolled with the Aniak Traditional Council Tribe. Council member mentions that conflict of jurisdiction, this is Aniak, not Napaimute.
- B. Kuskokwim River Fiber Optic Feasibility Study- Barbara Combs- Feasibility study. Consulting company, reason we're here, get an idea of broadband, analysis and desktop studies. It would be the span between Aniak & McGrath. Putting a proposal and recommendations on areas where more research will be needed. We want to contact the villages and make sure everyone is aware that we are doing this study. The villages we focused on reaching out to are Aniak, Chuathbaluk, and McGrath. Council thanked B. Combs for answering questions they all had and hoped to hear more about it.

**V. Election of Officers**

Mayor/Vice Mayor- N. Kelila proposed A. Folz to be the Mayor, A. Folz denied.

A. Folz nominated D. Bonanno as Mayor, and N. Kelila as Vice Mayor.

D.Bonanno accepted. N. Kelila Accepted.

Council requested a roll call vote, which resulted with 5 yes, 1 absent, and 1 abstain. A. Folz made a motion to approve D. Bonanno as the 2025/2026 Mayor, N. Kelila seconded, all approved.

Council requested a roll call vote, which resulted with 5 yes, 1 absent and 1 abstain. A. Folz made a motion to approve N. Kelila as Vice Mayor of 2025/2026, S. Charles seconded, all approved.

**VI. Previous Meeting Minutes**

- A. August 20, 2025 Amended Meeting Minutes
- B. September 3, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- C. September 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

N. Kelila made a motion to approve August 20, 2025, Amended Meeting Minutes, September 3, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes, and September 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes in one motion, A. Folz seconded, all approved.

D. October 10, 2025 Special Meeting Amended Minutes- Certification of Election Results

S. Charles made a motion to approve the October 10, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes as amended, N. Kelila seconded, all approved.

## VII. Reports

A. Mayor Report-D. Bonanno-October 8 Missy and I attended the Tribe meeting (ATC) We expressed needs concerning 1) Should Fire Station be closed? 2) Tank farm-review proposal/needs/involves Denali Commission, Alaska Energy Authority [will have meeting Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>] October 10- (Friday) 6pm, reviewed election results- votes were counted and verified October 12- (Sunday) WIND STORM \*If we were in colder season- many trees would have snapped instead of bending \*should look at other trees that are potential hazard \*Pagoda for city (by old library) was picked up and hurled against building \* Shooting range structure has collapsed. Did the monthly drawing for customers who pay their bill on-time monthly. Pumpkin: Terry Hoffman, \$30 Ac. Co. Gift Certificate: Dalton Simeon, Smoke Alarm & Mug: Margaret Pohoja

B. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department – No fires reported. Lumber at Fire station for ceiling-used some for funerals and library exit steps. Safer grant update, Fed Government shut down no news yet. N. Martinez our LGS stated that we would need a Resolution to close the Fire Station if that was the direction of the council. More information on Old Business.

C. Public Works – M.Morgan/F.Vaska- Good evening I started this new position with an open mind and to get an understanding how things run around here. My first week I was helping the guys with the dump, buildings, roads, lift stations, such as replacing the old stairs at the office and getting a list of what all needs to be ordered. They showed me what their morning routines were at the shop and gave me their input on what they would expect out of me as the new city director. I observed and spoke with community members to make Aniak a better place. Starting with concerns from the public and as a long-time Aniak resident, my main objective to assess is the roads and the dump. I am carefully choosing my words to inform the crew how I would like to accommodate Aniak's expectations. As my supervisor is back in the office, she is setting me up with emails, passwords, and office space. I have plans to get the levee up to its requirements to access funding. We have plans to work with the tribe on the fire station so it can continue to be open in the office. I place orders, submit invoices, reorganize the folders and files, catch up on orders, gain access to accounts, and set up my computer. This month I got a feel for how operations are run at the City of Aniak and would like to start moving forward with my duty to show improvements. Thank you, Matthew-George Morgan

Break at 744pm, back at 749, no motions made

D. City Clerk- M. Simeon- Good evening, everyone. This passed month has been so crazy busy, with my schedule at work and at home. I've slowly been catching up on all my meeting minutes, the amended minutes, and current September minutes, since I missed the September meeting it is kind of difficult to complete. Other than that, Elections went well, Welcome New Council Members! Next, we will be sending all Certifications of Elections, then at the end of the year filing, updating all documents for the New Year. I am constantly busy, as I said in my previous report, I was unable to complete the financial training. I'm not very interested in Financial/Bookkeeping. I'd like to stay more towards my City Clerk duties in the office and focus more on learning how to do

my job duties. It is hard to concentrate on one thing while trying to take on another task such as QuickBooks and Finance. Thank you all and have a good evening!

- E. Financial Report- L. Kameroff noted some of the transactions in the report for the council to review or take note of.

S. Charles made a motion to approve the Financial Report, A. Folz seconded all approved.

- F. City Manager - L. Kameroff- Welcome back to Nora and Council members returning to their respective seats. Library-Remove electrical equipment for winter this Thursday or next week. Council discouraged this, the library is shut down for the winter. I closed out and refunded OWL grant for unused funds (\$1825). All library reports are submitted and closed. AEA will be here Oct 22 for a meeting at the Community Hall at 2pm regarding the proposed bulk fuel tank farm for the community of Aniak. ATC Water truck is at the Fire station, should we write up a draft MOA with the Tribe? Yes. L. Kameroff will have a draft ready at the next meeting. We received our Community Revenue Sharing funds of \$77,059,90. Grant writing workshop, not at this time. Working on Quarterly tax reports due, 941 taxes and AK Dept of Labor Contribution Report. Office Door Replacement Options-Costs, admin office porch next spring/summer? Yes. Candy bags for school? Yes. Turkey and Hams will be purchased from Kuik. YKOEH Take over Kids Don't Float Program? We can put up and store them, but YKOEH can do the informational/notices and order supplies. C.Morgan mentions we are doing fine with how we're doing things. High performance Leadership Academy- \$1000- Reg fee, \$1000 Discount, leadership, organizations, Jan-March 2026- Online/distance course with graduation and certificate. Council approved LKameroff to register for the Leadership Academy. Rental Office space- November Meeting.

#### **VIII. Executive Session- Personnel Issues**

N. Kelila makes a motion to go into executive session at 825pm, S. Charles seconded, all approved.

S. Charles made a motion to continue with regular meeting at 838pm, A. Folz seconded, all approved. During the executive session N. Kelila left the meeting.

#### **IX. Old Business**

- A. Closure of Fire Dept & Discussion-Fed gov shut down- no news yet. Nicholas Martinez says the city would need a Resolution to close the Fire Station down. He also mentioned stress to the public and inform them what we're talking about and planning. Council directed L. Kameroff to schedule a public meeting to inform the public about the fire station's needs and what can be done for this winter.

#### **X. New Business**

- A. Finance Director/Job Positions Evaluation- In Dec/Jan I will have evaluation forms for myself, the staff and council to fill out.

No Finance Director is needed at this time; we have hired a Public Works Director and L. Kameroff will assume the financial duties until we can plan how to move forward.

- B. Partnership with Arviiq Training Center- Heavy Equipment /Approval-They are holding a Heavy Equipment Repair and Maintenance training and would like to work with us on what equipment we might have available for them to use during the training. Council discussed further with L. Kameroff and M. Morgan and approved of what equipment we can have available.
- C. Resignation Letter-W. Wilson- Read by D. Bonanno, motion made by N. Kelila to accept resignation, 2nd by A. Folz. Motion carries.

- D. Resolution 25-09 The Removal and Sale of Heavy Equipment from the City's Asset List- Council discussed equipment and vehicles with M. Morgan.
- A. Folz made a motion to approve Resolution 25-09 The Removal and Sale of Heavy Equipment from the City's Asset List, L. Seavey seconded, all approved.
- E. Resolution 25-10 Preliminary Engineering Reports-Water and Wastewater Alternatives- L. Kameroff informed the council about the additional funds remaining in the grant and the public works department would like to expand the original scope by adding fencing for the construction waste area and to perform maintenance on the water truck
- S. Charles made a motion to approve Resolution 25-10 Preliminary Engineering Reports- Water and Wastewater Alternatives, A. Folz seconded, all approved.
- E. Grant Funding opportunities- DEC, Brownfields, Tribal Transportation Grant and the CDBG Program. LKameroff gave an overview of each grant funding announcements and what options the city may have at this time. Council discussed each grant and directed LKameroff to get more information on the Community Development Block Grant Program and hold a public meeting at our next regular scheduled meeting (Nov 19, 2025).
- F. New Door Repairs on Office 09-29-2025- Next Spring/summer the front stairs need to be replaced, and an arctic entry built to the main office entrance. Staff will work on estimates for repair costs in the meantime.

**XI. Council Comments-** None

**XII. Time and Place of Next Meeting-** November 19, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

**XIII. Adjourn** S. Charles made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm, L. Seavey seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

Attested:

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Mayor David Bonanno      *Signed: Date*

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City Manager Lenore Kameroff      *Signed: Date*