

City of Aniak
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order** Called to Order by Mayor DBonanno @ 601pm.
- II. Roll Call**
AMorgan-Absent, NKelila-P, RMorgan-Absent, FBrown-P, DBonanno-P, CMorgan-P
Staff Present: MSimeon, SSimeon, LKameroff
- III. Approval of Agenda** NKelila makes a motion to approve the Thursday, February 15, 2024, meeting agenda, FBrown seconded, all in favor, all approved.
- IV. Public Participation** None
- V. Previous Meeting Minutes-**
- A. January 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes
CMorgan makes a motion to approve January 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes NKelila seconded, all in favor, all approved.
- VI. Reports**
- A. Mayor Report- Missy and I met on February 2nd, went over things we have on our plate, that could be beneficial, spending 15-20 minutes, on what we need to zero out on, some of the reports will go into more depth, dump truck, Public works, mechanic coming out in the spring, specifically, grants for the sewer lagoon, looking over some of the recent subjects in January, lot next to vehicle dump and lagoon.
- B. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department – No fires reported this past month. Our emergency phone number is operational 676-0346. The state trooper sergeant stopped by the office, they are looking for housing for a VPSO, finding out from the community what each entity can assist with, he did ask about housing, I let him know our building is spoken for, last time we had a lease agreement was in 2008. We need to revisit the ambulance agreement, need to include heating fuel, or lease/rent space agreement, for storing their ambulance in the fire station. The ambulance does belong to the clinic since 2019. Clara and I attended first responders training with YKHC, to help us update our SCERP Plan, have been communicating with Laura about having a meeting. Need to get a list together for drivers for our equipment. Animal control, Jeanine Faulkner said she'd take unwanted dogs. Another thought I had was possibly finding 3 community volunteers to house dogs that are unwanted/taken care of, until we can send them out with Jeanine, will be a work in progress, have the 3 volunteers take them once a month and have a dog catcher, fine the customer, provide dog food/chains.
- C. Public Works - S.Simeon/F.Vaska-During the cold, we had problems with the Fire Station Heat, it froze the water pump. We got it working again. Some community members/business

sewer lines froze so we jetted them out and got them flowing. All the city's sewers are working, we keep up with the dump and roads as much as possible. In the cold weather, we check buildings and sewers every day.

Operator Training-SSimeon/FVaska are looking into retaking the Operator Training test. FVaska-Road Grader training this summer. 5 Yard Dump Truck Sale to ATC-discussion. 1st Service Water Grant-More responsibilities, new building to maintain and keep heated, monthly water samples etc. Location-Boundary Avenue by the City Office. Wastewater/Sewer Lagoon-lot next to current lagoon-need to research Vehicle Backhaul Programs. Cost Share Mechanic-No. Unless they have time when they are finished working on our equipment. One job/One travel pretty much. Quotes for 10-yard Dump Truck and Big Front-End Loader-SSimeon. Also, will be looking into a 150-200-gallon fuel storage tank for Public Works to deliver heating fuel to our buildings. Most likely for our next year's budget.

- D. City Clerk-M.Simeon-The month of January flew by. Continuing my daily tasks, accepting payments on the phone, entering payments that come through the mail, updating all our important paperwork and applications, working on dividing and filing 2023 Meeting Reports and Records. Doing tasks that come along or anything that my supervisor has for me to do, usually busy all throughout the day. I had one elder sign up for the Adopt an Elder Program, so now we have two participants for Elders, one family adopted one elder and Aniak Student Government adopted the second, if there's anyone you know that would like to sign up please let me know. Thank you! ☺
- E. Library – No longer have a Librarian. Need to post job position opening again. Plan to move Library to Office-start March-May possibly have a “Book Bundle” giveaway! ~ Reached out to Architects Alaska for more information, I haven't heard back from them. TKC-Elder room at their office-Revise our Library/Elder Center? FY24 IMLS Library Grant Application-see in agenda.
- F. Financial Statement – I have reviewed our current wages and have put our employees back on full-time work schedules. We are able to hire 2 laborersX3hrs a day4 days a week to help with our Library/Office move this spring and for a part-time laborer for Public Works once we start with Break-Up and everything thawing out. I am still hopeful to hire a librarian, so our Library Tech can come back to work as well, so their wages are included in the budget. I have also included a spreadsheet showing what our wages will be for the FY25 budget year. I have not been able to work on FY23 Financial Report yet to Certify but will definitely have it at the next meeting.
- G. City Manager - L. Kameroff- Office to Rental move-start boxing stuff Feb-Apr Clinic Lease-Expires 03/01/2027 auto renews for 15 years. Notice of any changes or amended lease agreement notification is by January 15, 2027. A couple lots, appraisals are expired now, may reach out to Fred our LGS about it. AVCP-contacted us for land for housing projects for their 4-year plan-we have 3-5 lots that were appraised (2017/2019?) . Kuspuk School District Intern? Maybe next year will work out better, we're busy right now, we don't have much work that they can do and with moving our buildings. The water grant for the building, on this property would be the best place, for the equipment and water trucks to go back and forth, a whole building to heat and maintain. Next month with sewer statements, I'd like to send a letter for sewer and wage garnishments, usually any account past due over \$500 was put under small claims, already a small claims case, wage garnishments or lien, depending on what the council would like to do. Would like to post notice we will doing that process soon.

VII. Executive Session

A. Employee Wage Review

Executive Session Approval: \$2 Raise for SSimeon, encouraged to pass test, \$2 for LMorgan Library Tech, \$1.50 for FVaska, LKameroff a \$6 increase. Keeping in mind if Stephen and Francis pass the test, they may get another raise increase. Bonus for Charles Lang Sr, recommended \$3000 bonus immediately, looked at overview and budgeting, acting in an appropriate matter. all employees back to full-time for employees Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
FBrown makes a motion to go into executive session at 703pm, CMorgan seconded, all approved.

CMorgan makes a motion to time out of executive session at 729pm, FBrown seconded, all approved.

VIII. Old Business-None

IX. New Business

A. Resolution 24-03 Authorizing Signatures on Small Claims

NKelila makes a motion to approve the Resolution 24-03 Authorizing Signatures on Small Claims, seconded by FBrown, all in favor, approved.

B. FY25 IMLS Basic Grant Application-Do not have it yet, may need to call for a special meeting to get approved.

X. Council Comments-DBonanno-Thank you council for being here.

XI. Time and Place of Next Meeting- March 21, 2024, Regular Council Meeting 6pm

XII. Adjourn CMorgan makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 742pm, NKelila seconded, all in favor, approved.

Attested:

Mayor David Bonanno *Signed: Date*

City Manager Lenore Kameroff *Signed: Date*