

City of Aniak
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Teleconference
Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Acting Mayor N. Kameroff
- II. Roll Call** N. Kameroff, C. Erik, D. Bonanno, C. Morgan, A. Morgan
Staff: L. Kameroff, L. Kiana, G. Hager, R. Hill, A. Morgan
- III. Approval of Agenda** C. Erik made motion to approve, 2nd C. Morgan, Motion Carries
- IV. Public Participation** – None -N. Kameroff welcomes new Manager L. Kiana
- V. Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - A. August 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B. August 26, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
 - C. September 8, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
Motion made by C. Morgan to approve meeting minutes from August 18th , August 26th , and September 8th , 2022. Motion 2nd A. Morgan. Minutes approved by Majority Vote
- VI. Reports**
 - A. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department – No fires. Nothing to report.
 - B. Public Works - G. Hager
Public Works crew stayed busy this last month with keeping the roads and sewer system in good shape. The constant rain made for lots of grading and limited the amount of projects that could be addressed. The old equipment that we use makes it hard to complete tasks due to the down time and waiting for parts. Hoping we can invest some of our savings in more up to date tools for us to get our jobs done. ANTHC will arrive this weekend to address our freeze issues in the lift stations. Will work on servicing all the valves before winter. Stephen will be taking extended leave for medical reasons. Hopefully be getting the dump truck end of the month. Will have a more detailed report for next meeting.
 - C. Library -R. Hill
Library is still going strong, getting more students in after school, but since moose hunting started it has been slow. Been attending zoom meetings with statewide librarians, and getting in contact with some of the libraries that are similar to ours, which helps a lot with any questions might have regarding library needs and how to go by helping patrons. Due to this weather for the past few weeks, internet has been very slow. Been able to login to the libraries email, but at times it would not load. I'm trying to play catch up as usual. The library hours have changed. Posted signs to the public to both stores, the library, Post Office, and here at the City Office. As of Friday, September 9th , no longer have a Youth Worker due to the Traditional Councils SYETP funding. I will be speaking with the new manager about hiring a Library Assistant. Other than that, still learning a lot and trying the best to help all patrons who come to the library.
 - D. City Clerk Report-A. Morgan
Was in RUBA Clerk's Management Training week of September 12th-16th. Absentee voting starting September 19th until October 3rd. Last day to file for City Council is September 23rd, and also to withdraw from the election is September 30th.

E. Finance Director Financial Statement - L. Kameroff

Council approved \$50,000 into Sewer, and \$10,000 transferred funds into savings account. Will have a number of amendments that will need to be made in the coming months. Wages in a few depts, to include Council Stipends, and increases in wages, equipment/materials purchase. Community Revenue sharing as of 9/6/22 - \$86,694 we budgeted \$73,000. At the end of the month I will be processing all quarterly tax reports and close out and financials for open grants. Veeplighting/Chromebooks/FY 22 PLA-IMLS grants. Will be talking with electricians for help in ordering charging stations for library. Hope to get them ordered before the end of this month when grant ends. We may need to hire someone to install if after September 30th.

F. City Manager-L. Kiana

First thing that I would like to say is “Thank you for your confidence” in selecting me as your new City Manager. This is not his first “rodeo” as a City Manager and knows the workload that it takes to accomplish the requirements of the position. We will need to deal with a lot of critical issues in the next few months with the help of the Council. As you will find, I do not make decisions without the consent of the Council and to that end – I need a lot of open communications with all Council Members. I do hold an “open door” policy and each one of you, or group, is welcome to come to the office to bring issues or concerns. Also, there are questions that we may need to address before they become critical. First item of interest is the proposed Resolution: Community Transportation Program application and Maintenance Commitment with the Alaska DOT & Public Facilities to handle the Aniak community transportation. This would include the downtown roads stormwater drainage system. In reviewing the office manuals, I do not see the Community Plan for Aniak of the Emergency Evacuation Plan. Was there ever one for either one? There is a new announcement for FY 2022 CDBG application for up to \$850,000.00 for community development activities that benefit low, and moderate, income people in our community. Should I pursue an application for this grant? If so, we will need to determine what to identify the funds for and who will benefit more from the grant. Coming up on December 7th through 9th, 2022 is the Annual Alaska Municipal League conference in Anchorage. These conferences usually are to good not only to network with other cities in Alaska, but to also find other opportunities in fundings from the State of Alaska, Denali Commission or other funding sources that we may not receive information from. There are also other vendor that display their products during the conference.

N. Kameroff- ‘Timeline for CDBG grant too short?’ L. Kiana – ‘I will be preparing for the next round. After holding Public Meetings to what the Community wants.’ G. Hager – ‘Still looking into the ball field/park as well as walkway by the High School.’ With the Annual Local Government Conference, he would like to attend and would be good for a Council Member to attend as well. During Legislature session for council go to JNU to sit in their sessions. They introduce us at the meetings and that’s how we get noticed or recognized as a community for funding sources.

G. Executive Session for Personnel Matters

Motion made by C. Morgan to go into Executive Session, 2nd by D. Bonanno. Went into Executive Session at 7:34PM

Motion to proceed with meeting by C. Erik, 2nd D. Bonanno. Continued meeting at 7:55PM

VII. Old Business - none

Discussed wages for new City Manager, start with a 30 day trial, after 90 days will be different. City Council is looking at different Cities on what they are paying.

L. Kiana is flexible for the time being, can go with what you have.

VIII. New Business

L. Kiana remarks: 'Our equipment is old pieced together. Administration Office will need new equipment, and also keep in mind the Administrative Vehicle is old as well and we should be replacing it soon.'

IX. Time and Place of Next Meeting: October 20, 2022 @ 7PM

X. Adjourn Motion to adjourn by C. Erik, 2nd by A. Morgan @ 8:01PM all approved.

Attested:

Acting Mayor: Nicholas Kameroff Jr. *Signed: Date*

City Manager Leon Kiana *Signed: Date*