

**City of Aniak**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**Aniak City Office**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order** by DBonanno at 605pm

**II. Roll Call**

DBonanno-P, SCharles-P at 610pm, AFolz-P, AMorgan-Ex Ab, CMorgan-P, LSeavey-P, BWilson-P

Staff Present: LKameroff-P, MSimeon-P, MJohn-P, FVaska-P

**III. Approval of Agenda** BWilson made a motion approval of agenda and to add Alcohol Import Tax to New Business, seconded by LSeavey, all approved.

**IV. Public Participation** Rebecca M-Interested to hear about the library position, Dan G/Napaimute- AK Remote Sellers and have questions, Joe Kameroff Jr- Digital Goods and oppose for the residents here.

**V. Previous Meeting Minutes**

A. January 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

BWilson made a motion to dispense reading of the meeting minutes, LSeavey seconded, all approved.

LSeavey made a motion to approve January 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes, seconded by AFolz, all approved.

**VI. Reports**

A. Mayor Report-D. Bonanno –Thanks for getting all packets out, thanks for council for being here and running city. Good job on the roads with recent snow, also Francis mentioned starting the water trucks recently. Anything we can do regularly to start the equipment, where’s the keys, what we will do, and who will do what. Ideas of sewer charges won’t go in detail on that. Won’t forget SCERP meetings, won’t hear about until flooding times. I would like to discuss emergencies in the community, resources, phone numbers, and what other entities can utilize to help each other. Have been thinking about animal control as well, which is in old business.

B. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department –No fires reported this month. Updates for SCERP in manager and city clerk reports.

C. Public Works - F. Vaska-January was a busy month. On top of all this inconsistent weather, we were able to get the Volvo back up and running. I was able to get a little practice using that machine as the dump was on fire at the time. The day before we tackled the main source of the fire with the water truck. Towards the end of the month, we had a hydraulic line give out on the grader the day before we got that foot and half of snow over the weekend. Dakota and I both took a day over the weekend to deal with the roads.

D. City Clerk- M. Simeon- This past month has slowed down after being super busy. Continuing my daily tasks, taking and entering payments, sales tax receipts, and monthly statements. Got the final draft email to the Small Community Emergency Response Plan Coordinator, they will send the copies when completed, that way we can distribute to entities in Aniak. Thankfully I was able to get that done in a timely manner working with the coordinator. Still attending Legit, some weeks we don’t have it, the next zoom will be on the 20<sup>th</sup>, second part of the Community Assistance Program.

Find out when we are going to be starting our SCERP meetings, and we will be setting that up within the next month.

- E. Library - L. Kameroff FY25 Public Library Assistance Supplemental Assistance Grant Agreement- The process to close the library we would have to amend our ordinance to close the library. LKameroff will look into suspending the library until further notice. Can finish off the grant but no expenses.

BWilson makes a motion to suspend the function of the library for financial distress and challenges, LSeavey seconded, all approved. Holding off on applying for any grants.

- F. Finance Director - M. John- January went by smoothly as I continued to settle in my new role. I am gaining a stronger understanding of my daily responsibilities. I am working on different routines to see which works best for prioritizing time management and overall efficiency. Over the past month, I have completed a personnel Management class along with some Legit webinars. I worked on the W-2's, W-3's, and quarterly reports. I have also been actively working on the EAS program, with efforts to include Aniak, while staying on top of the budget report, bank reconciliations, accounts payable and payroll. I appreciate all the support from Missy and Morgan and look forward to another productive month.

LSeavey made a motion to approve the financial statement, AFolz seconded, all approved.

- G. City Manager - L. Kameroff- Good evening, everyone! I hope you're all staying warm! It's been a busy last few months! All the office staff have been participating in various Webinar training and Zoom meetings to gain more knowledge of our duties and the work that we are doing. We will continue to take advantage of these free training opportunities. **Fire Dept.-** No fires reported this month. Update on SCERP meetings and Red Book- Flood Preparation meeting dates? I plan to have our office staff allocate 2-3 afternoons each week, to clean out and prepare the Office of Emergency Management office. For future use for our SCERP meetings, SAR meetings and a place for all volunteers to meet for any emergency that arises. We would also keep all Search and Rescue/Fire supplies needed. We will also maintain a list of volunteers that have helped in past emergencies. For the FY25 budget year I am planning to hire a part-time employee to help get started at the beginning of the year, and we would still apply for the SAFER grant funding to recruit and retain volunteers as time allows. **Public Works Department-** The guys continue to keep up with the roads, landfill and sewer issues as they come up. I've been told by a few people how happy they are with the road conditions. Great job guys! Even during the week, we had been dumped with snow and our grader was down, they were able to use the plow truck and bobcat to keep the roads maintained. **Solid Waste Grant Landfill Project-** Through ANTHC, Denali Commission and IIHS- a \$274,015 project- We have recently approved of equipment we would like to purchase for a #10 Burn Cage Unit, a Skid Steer, 6 large Fish Totes (for collection) and signage for the Landfill. We will need to work on a new design for the Landfill, of where and how this will be incorporated in our Landfill and how/what/where we will be collecting solid waste, as well as what new signage we will need posted to help inform the community for this new addition to the Landfill. This summer, for the Levee, there is much brush cutting and clearing at the end of the runway that needs to be done. We will need to work with the Army Corp. of Engineer's to help clear up Encroachment Issues. We need to look into where we can get big/large rocks for the section at the end of the runway that is eroding. I've spoken with Jason Ward at ATC, he's their Fire Grants Coordinator, and he may be able to help with funding for clearing the levee. **Roads-** We are in need of GRAVEL!!! D1" minus grade. For the roads and Landfill. I filled out a quick application request for a Large Loader to help with this process as well as to help clear and move snow in the winter. **Sewer Utility-** We need to look into an Expansion Project-Housing for 4 Units and possibly at the Airport- I haven't had time yet to review the Small Claims process, but it is on my list. **Library-** I am still researching how other entities are merging with their libraries with schools, but it will be a long process. We would require public consensus, voter approval, planning for functions, responsibilities, operational costs and plans, eligibility of state and federal grants and lots of support from both entities. I have emailed some information that was sent to me

so far, but it is numerous pages. So please remember to check your emails regularly. So, depending on what the council and public decides to do, I will continue to apply for grants needed to operate the library. I also have reviewed the job posting and description for the Librarian and removed the Library Aide position. I have this position budget for FY25 as well. **Finance Report-** I have reviewed FY24 Budget and expenditures. I will next review the FY23 Budget to have it ready for March's regular meeting and a Public Hearing for approval. There are several grant projects we can look into, but our main economic development projects should include Housing, Sewer Upgrades, Levee Maintenance, Flood Mitigation and ROW issues, Fire Department volunteers and the maintenance of the Landfill. All these things take staff and hours working. I have a projected budget for staff in all areas which I am hoping to get approval in April. I also will start Employee Evaluations this next month, and I am requesting the Council to also get my evaluation completed before next month's meeting. This way, I will have solid numbers to plan for FY25.

DGillikan-Napaimute has equipment to rent, dump trucks, loaders, graders and operators, if you want to consider that option.

## VII. Old Business

- A. Public Hearing on: Ordinance 24-06 Amending Chapter 5.30 Sales Tax Section, 5.30.020 Definitions to include Digital Goods & Services- There was a lot of discussion and comments between everyone. If you spend \$1000 in a month, you'd pay \$20, that is the quantity. Define goods that you can get over the internet, times have changed, still consuming a product that you have to pay for taxes. LSeavey- Who is all exempt from taxes? Elders, YKHC, Schools, the State, non-profits. DGillikan- There may be exemptions that you want to include. AFolz- I don't think this company is going to index everything in the degree which you are afraid of, there have been instances made purchased online, not going to say specifics where certain taxes weren't pulled to Aniak. LKameroff-What am I questioning, AFolz- A more complete list, accountability structure? BWilson made a motion to table to the next meeting, AFolz seconded, all approved.  
AFolz makes a motion to take a 5-minute break @ 745pm, seconded by BWilson.  
DBonanno calls the meeting back to order at 750pm
- B. Public Hearing on: Ordinance 24-08 Amending Chapter 5.25.010 Section 2 Definitions, Section 3 Utility Rates, and the Addition of Section 4 Adjustments & Annual Review- AFolz made a motion to approve the Public Hearing on Ordinance 24-08, and the Addition of Section 4 SCharles seconded, all approved. Roll call vote, Council voted, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain, and 5-Yes. Based off the number of people attending the events, was changed in the Ordinance.
- C. Animal Control Ordinance-Discussion- Thanks for the notice, of attention dog owners. Two main parts, with animal control and dogs. Police part and dog catcher, health are they well taken care of. Important to bring up to Dave Cannon since he is the bus driver. Who's keeping track of the dogs/fence. Letters to owners, no one to assign as a dog owner or paid to do the job. Where are we at as dealing with this issue Jeannine Faulkner also picks up dogs from villages and transports them to Bethel. DBonanno- explained what we were planning on the ordinance in 2023, problems would be finding the dog owners, and a dog catcher. AFolz- Proposed an amendment and read-Dog Euthanizing Directive (DED) Ordinance amendment to 8:15 ANIMAL CONTROL defining the right for citizens to euthanize loose, stray, wild, or otherwise unruly dogs who chase, attack, intimidate or disrupt people, livestock or property. Upon the first two grievances, complaints are to be recorded with the city. Efforts shall be made to contract the owner and inform them to tie up or contain their animal. If a third repeat grievance occurs the citizen filing the reports may euthanize the animal by means of a firearm. Disposal of the animal is the responsibility of the individual exercising their right. All euthanizing encounters must be recorded with the city within three business days. This ordinance does not permit the liberty to slaughter all dogs at will. Instead, it outlines the necessary right for citizens to make their community safer through the removal of known repeat offender dogs. Grievances shall reset on the first of every alternating

month allowing sympathy for accidental off leash scenarios. If two grievances are recorded in one 60-day period, the right to euthanize may be exercised upon the third unmanaged encounter with the animal. A violent encounter with an animal trying to bite or attack is instant justification for lethal citizen intervention without filing complaints with the city. This is heavy, but this problem is huge, stuff going on facebook, people killing dogs and leaving them on the streets, its already happening let's give the power to the people to resolve this issue. LKameroff- That would pretty much strike out a lot of this in our ordinance, AFolz- Not necessarily, its specifically effects C and the enforcement part, gives the power to the people to deal with these unruly animals. LKameroff- The only thing we would worry about is the disposal of the animal, would have to be outside of City limits. The council has never wanted to put down dogs, so that is a big part of it. CMorgan- I've used Jeanine Faulkner many times, she has no problem picking up the dogs and taking them to other families who want and take care of them. AFolz- People are killing the dogs and leaving them on the streets. DBonanno- Had some good discussions, we have no one to assign. We have more things to go over. LKameroff- Question is to see how other communities euthanize their dogs.

Get more information to resolve for the next meeting.

### **VIII. New Business**

- A. Introduction to Sales Tax Amendment Ordinance 25-01-Exemptions for Non-Profits, Tribes & Small Local Businesses- BWilson made a motion to prepare for public hearing, AFolz seconded, all approved.  
BWilson makes a motion to prepare for Public Hearing, AFolz seconded, all approved.
- B. Introduction to Sales Tax Amendment Ordinance 25-02 Bed Tax- Discussion  
Did not have anything on the Introduction to the Sales Tax Amendment
- C. Renewal of Ground Lease Agreement between City of Aniak and Unicom/GCI- Read by Dave Bonanno- BWilson made a motion for the Renewal of Ground Lease Agreement between City of Aniak and Unicom/GCI, AFolz seconded, all approved.
- D. YKHC Request for Wastewater Collection- No Actions. We have a clinic here that has a lab that can do the testing.
- E. Albertson Aniak Subdivision-Plat of Tracks A & B- Would like to request more clarification from the owners of the home. Tabled to next month meeting agenda. Would like to hear from the Homeowners, find out if they own their land and record it. LKameroff will look into for more information. While we're talking about land issues, we need to have a planning and zoning commission, to determine where the City's lands are and what we're going to do, add more residential units, what sections are for businesses.
- F. ATC and COA Partnership Agreement 2025 Draft- BWilson makes a motion to approve and edit the ATC and COA Partnership Agreement 2025 Draft, LSeavey seconded, all approved.
- G. Alcohol Import Tax- Take the tobacco import tax, change tobacco to alcohol, therefore it will just be Alcoholic Beverage. Include more discussion & direction for the next meeting.

### **IX. Council Comments**

**X. Time and Place of Next Meeting-** Wednesday March 19, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

**XI. Adjourn-** LSeavey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 935pm, SCharles seconded, all approved.

Attested:

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Mayor David Bonanno      *Signed: Date*

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City Clerk Morgan Simeon      *Signed: Date*