

City of Aniak
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Teleconference
Thursday, June 15, 2023 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 to order meeting at 715pm
- II. Roll Call** AM-P, AL-texted at 731pm, CE-P, DB-P, CM-P, **Staff Present** MSimeon, LKameroff, LKiana, CLang, SLang
- III. Approval of Agenda** AM made a motion to approve the June 15th agenda, CM seconded, all approved.
- IV. Public Participation** Diana Lehman- I wanted to make a suggestion and offer my services looking into a grant involving drainage on river avenue, have been doing grants in Fairbanks. Can make a proposal, these issues can come together. Can go into a DOT grant application, can look into it and get those things and issues in order. Changing the width of river avenue, 50-60 feet. It would take care of so many rights of way issues. The simplest way for the City and DOT, we have a grant to have the study done. DOT would like us to move the lagoon off the DOT property for safety purposes. We can roll all these issues into one thing, would all tie in, the sewer drainage is a big issue, also global warming. Will be making a proposal for the council, is offering 20 hours, start of a grant proposal. A service she can and enjoy doing.
- V. Election of Officers-** Moved Election of Officers to Old Business, with discussion.
- Mayor
Vice Mayor
Secretary/Treasurer
- VI. Previous Meeting Minutes**
- A. April 20, 2023, Amended Meeting Minutes
B. May 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
- AM made a motion to approve both April 20,2023 Amended Meeting Minutes and May 18,2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by CE, all approve.
- VII. Reports**
- A. Mayor Report- Visit to the firehouse May 12th the arctic entry way freezes shut, larger heating fuel tank saves money by buying fuel in bulk, but it doesn't improve efficiency; ideas would be blue foam on doors, home remedy-hose from loft to lower floor with fan, AC store has fans in the back room and will let us borrow. Who has used the system that pumps h20 from the river and shoots it on a house, when was it last used? Reminders don't store fuel or paints under the front porch.
- B. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department - L. Kiana- No fire calls, Amber Alert on our phones
- C. Public Works - C. Lang/S. Simeon-Landfill-Stephen and Francis attended and completed the RALO(Rural Alaskan Landfill Operators) training and it went well, had landfill inspection our landfill is in pretty good shape. The roads seem to be holding up considering the weather. If we ever get hot weather, we will be putting some calcium chloride down for dust control. Sewer, everything working good, just doing the usual maintenance, cleaning, flushing and trash baskets. Also doing general maintenance on trucks and equipment. In general, everything is going good.
- D. Library - S. Lang-It's been two months since I've been hired, and we have been having kids show up here and there. I have had kids ask me to read for 20 minutes and get a snack afterwards like

they did in the past. I don't have snacks to provide for them when they are done. I also want to find ways to get more kids involved with the library. Both Leona and I have brainstormed activities to do with the kids other than having the kids just go on the computers.

- E. City Clerk- M. Simeon- I have been busy with the Public Assistance Water Applications. There's a lot of customers that I reached out to by phone, text, email and facebook message. I had a lot of responses, but I haven't received all the applications back. The first week I sent in 6 applications, as well as the second week. Missy and I posted the applications at the Post Office and Stores. There's no actual deadline so we've been receiving them during the week and sending on Friday's. I am leaving next week for my allergy appointment and will be back at the beginning of July. Everything has been going well, I also have my court coming up on the 29th of June.
- F. Bookkeeper/Financial Statement - L. Kameroff-No Report at this time 800pm 5-minute break
810 back in session Verbal Report: Next month will have May/June financial reports. Working on insurance policy for next year. Also sent to AMLJIA, Fred suggested us to do. Cannot request a quote until the next fiscal year. AMLJIA might be combined with insurance company. Bank balances are below average, worried about the next payroll. May have to borrow and transfer from one account to get reimbursed later. Next month will be working on quarterly tax reports and grants. For budget need to reconsider for PERS employees, with this month's electric bill it was three times then it usually is. Raising sales tax, public works fees, something the council has to discuss. Until we get revenue sharing or pilt payments hopefully at the beginning of July, we will have to transfer from our savings account.
- G. City Manager -L. Kiana- City of Aniak Land lease to YKHC for the local Sub Regional Clinic is due to be automatically renewed on March 1, 2027. I have contacted YKHC to start negotiating the terms of the lease. I had a conversation with Brian Lefferts at YKHC on the current lease terms and how we need to renegotiate the current terms and conditions based on our current economic situation. Aniak Sub Regional Clinic lease payments are different from Village Build Clinics according to YKHC. In the VBC's, the landlord pays for fuel, electricity, and water/sewer. For the Sub Regional Clinics, YKHC pays for water/sewer, fuel, electricity and maintains their facility. I have contacted the Village Safe Water office in Anchorage to check on the availability of funds to do a study on how the City can install fire hydrants. Our current system of hauling water in the fire truck during the winter months may not always work as it has limited capacity. Looking at "Fire Safety" we do need to do some removing of downed dead trees, fire can spread quickly if we don't clean out brush around houses. Landfill inspection and training going on as our permit needs to be renewed in December 2024. We will need to review our Landfill policy and work on changes. Things to consider, hours of operation for the landfill, establish fee for our commercial users(local stores, Airlines and School District). Just a reminder, Harmony Curtis with FEMA National Flood Insurance Program plans to visit Aniak in July to attend our meeting. Let's prepare to ask questions that pertain to our local flood issues and how to get proper insurance coverage.

VIII. Old Business- Election of Officers- DB opened the floor to nominate Mayor. CM nominates DB to be the MAYOR 2nd by AM, DB accepts the nomination to be the MAYOR, CM makes a motion to close nominations seconded by AM, all approve. DB opens the floor to nominate Vice Mayor. AM nominates CE, CE accepts. CM makes a motion to close nominations second by AM, All Approve. Removed Secretary/Treasurer for this time. Congratulations to David Bonanno our Mayor, and Charlene Erik our Vice Mayor

IX. New Business

- A. Vitus Marine Quote
- B. Crowley Quote

AM makes a motion to accept the discussion ensued regarding Vitus Marine Quote second by CE, all approved.

X. Executive Session- Personnel Matters CE makes a motion to go into executive session at 839pm AM seconded.

CE makes a motion to go back into session at 916pm, CM seconded.

DB needs a motion for a trial period for Leon Kiana to work remotely from Anchorage, he would come out for the Meetings and be able to attend trainings held in Anchorage, CE makes a motion for Leon Kiana to work remotely from Anchorage, AM seconded, all approved.

XI. Council Comments- LKiana wanted this added to the agenda, for council to voice their opinion. CM says it is a good idea for LKiana to have a six-month trial, training is there, will fly out for our meetings and check in with the office. AM comments what's going on this office, you will let us know, because I want to know what's going on now, done deal.

XII. Time and Place of Next Meeting

July 20, 2023, Regular Council Meeting 7pm

XIII. Adjourn CE makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 920 AM seconded.

Attested:

Council Member *Signed: Date*

City Clerk Morgan Simeon *Signed: Date*