

City of Aniak
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Aniak City Office
Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order-** by Mayor DBonanno at 603pm
- II. Roll Call-** DBonanno-P, SCharles-P, AFolz-P, AMorgan-605pm, CMorgan-P, LSeavey-called-in, BWilson-P Staff Present: LKameroff-P, MSimeon-P, FVaska-P
- III. Approval of Agenda-** AFolz made a motion to approve the agenda and added the Tour of Fire Department after Public Participation, SCharles seconded, all approved.
- IV. Public Participation-** Branzon Anania from Kuspuk School District Maintenance-Addressing about Kuspuk billing for sewer changes, would like to set up meeting for billing and want to address billing to where it's more manageable for the district. They mentioned that they have a meter for water usage, also that it is hard to keep track of each event and how many people would be there. I would like to request to set a time to meet at the next meeting or meet with someone at another time. I would have to track everyone at every event, get an idea from each event, I don't even keep track, I would have to have someone dedicated to keeping track of that. DBonanno-Look at as a council, work through during a work session. LKameroff- Like the idea of using ways to track water usage, previous manager was looking at that in the past, can look back at notes. The council wants to do a work session; one subject was Sewer and Customer Accounts. BAnania- we will work with you, if you want me to meet for any work sessions let me know, I'm part of the community as well as the school, and like to work together. Appreciate the council's time and work together soon.
- V. Tour of Fire Department-** BWilson makes a motion to break to tour the Fire Station at 622pm CMorgan seconded, all approved. CMorgan makes a motion to go back into session at 654pm, SCharles seconded, all approved.
- VI. Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - A. May 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

AMorgan approves May 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, CMorgan seconded, all approved.
- VII. Reports**
 - A. Mayor Report-D. Bonanno-May 20 Meeting with Laura at Aniak Traditional Council, joint meetings, look at other and creative ways of helping us work together better with the tribe. Discussed Fire Dept., Dog situation, sewer charges, a good start, continue that. Emphasizing wearing a life jacket, always wear a PFD, good to have free life vests for your kids available at the beach areas. Signage- yield sign switched out by the store. Bill mentioned names for the streets. Effort those who paid sewer bill. D.Bonanno received an email from a community member, putting a complaint about the guys watering the roads on their personal calcium chloride, LKameroff says to forward emails to her when he receives those kinds of emails.**

- B. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department – SCERP-Will continue having monthly SCERP Meetings. May 20, May 29 and June 5th, 2 dump fires and one steam bath across the slough.
- C. Public Works - F. Vaska-May is over, along with winter and the dry months are here. I just want to mention that we don't maintain the roads for everyone to be doing 40 down the road everywhere. I trained Dakota in the water truck, and we got a hold of the state multiple times throughout the month. We resupplied the material used in the winter oil spill and figured out the forestry attachment on the bobcat. I showed the guys what to look for in the lift stations as we have been dealing with the issues as they arise. We had a resident request for some work and a few individuals wanted help with equipment during the month. We were able to open a few places to launch boats and started work on the levee. Francis Vaska and Public Works Crew
- D. City Clerk- M. Simeon- This past month has been going well. Always a lot going on with summer coming up. I'm continuing my daily tasks around the office. Planning more on our SCERP for Fires, Search and Rescue and more. Some of our Council have come up with some ideas for raising money for Search and Rescue, I think this would be good for our community as we never had a Search and Rescue team from our town. I work at bingo also, I might be able to assist and do 50/50 and/or multi-raffles. Been posting a lot more important information on our Facebook page and sharing to Aniak Announcements, so whatever we include in the monthly statements we post that way everyone will either see in in the mail or on social media, including the post office and the main City office. Looking forward to a busy successful summer!

Approached the council to add Juneteenth to our City of Aniak Holidays. Got the approval and later can write-up the ordinance.
- E. Financial Report- L. Kameroff- SCharles makes a motion to approve the Financial Report, CMorgan seconded, all approved
- F. City Manager - L. Kameroff- A. Morgan makes a motion to approve Safer Grant and Rasmussen Grant, B. Wilson seconded, all approved. FY26 Cap Application submitted 5/21/25 last year \$80,299, budgeted \$80,000, \$78,976, budgeted \$80,000 PILT applicated was submitted 3/26/25. ARPA/Library Bank Accounts are closed. Need a public meeting to inform the public what we've been working on. Roads, Landfill, Levee, SCERP Meetings, and get input of what they would like to see. Ideas for questionnaire?? By Department, 2-3 questions, was thinking during August Fair and have a combined meeting. Emailed YKHC D. Allain-Turner regarding the ambulance storage, she will get back to me next week. Contacted Edith Morgan on 05/27 regarding the catholic church, on renting out library. What are we doing with the old office. AVCP and Electrician asked about renting, library lease is expiring in August of 2025. Levee Encroachment Issues need to review process cannot use old vehicles. Would need to remove them once our deficiencies are cleared. DOT has concrete blocks and the logs we are cutting down. Online payments to sewer account? Cards/ACH payments- look into card machine charges. AK municipal tax conference is October 21-23, 2025, Current and trending municipal tax options. Safer grant Application is due July 3rd, 2025, would like council approval to apply, online applications, started reviewing application. Rasmussen Grant- Baseball field- Tier I Grant under \$35,000 Online Year-round application, response within 90 days, would like council approval to apply. Landfill/Sewer Upgrades Grant- Met with VSW and DEC Project Manager on 06/05 needed to find out if we are able to move Burn Cage Unit from barge landing til Landfill without welding axle. Yes, we will use our lowboy. AK Marine Lines will be able to offload our equipment. Save \$12,400- not installing axle and have enough for all other items. Working on quotes for skid steer/bobcat. Spoke with CRQ Engineering regarding sewer lagoon- be here possibly in August. I would need to test soil, set up Community Meeting, and review locations

for lagoon and Community Watering Point. They will also look into Back up Power Systems for Lift Station to kick on during power outages. Received 2 applications for PW Director, guy from Texas and P. Kelila-Wait to do interviews? ATC purchased 4-6 Calcium Chloride and paying \$14,000 freight cost. Sewer numbers are at 55 past due, 84 current= \$500 over. I will start making phone calls this month on Past Due. USDA has a grant available for elderly and very low-income homeowners. I'd like to start researching having road names/signs for our community. It is a long process. D. Lehman started looking into it, but it was not completed before her resignation. As well as clearing utility devices and poles from roadway encroachments. This would not only help clear snow during the winter months and levee encroachment issues, but for future road improvement funding. *Plan another work session, work session on Sewer Utility Customer Accounts Review, help with address issues, how to move forward with past due accounts and review notification letters. These next few weeks I will also need to work on my Quarterly Reports due for 941 taxes, Dept of Labor, Public Library Assistance Grant, and the Small Library Annual Reports. I have also done a review on my current FY25 F/R. So please don't be too surprised that we are over budget in some categories. I felt some of the expense accounts are too vague. Once I can make amendments to reflect the changes and a clear outline of the expense accounts, I will have an Amended Budget for approval. This process will take some time but will be ready for our next year's CAP & PILT applications. As long as our bottom lines are not over budgeted amounts, we will be fine.

A. Morgan made a motion to approve the SAFER Grant Application and Rasmussen Application Grant for the baseball field, B. Wilson seconded, all approved.

755pm A. Morgan makes a motion to break, A. Folz seconded, all approved.

Back into session at 803pm

VIII. Old Business

- A. Public Hearing on: Ordinance 25-03 Amending Ordinance 05.26 Landfill Maintenance and Trash Haul to Include an Exemption List Requirement
- Voted and approved.

IX. New Business

- A. Fuel Quotes-Crowley and Vitus Fuel Quotes presented to the Council- FV- Mentioned Vitus had gelled up/mixed up diesel last year, also that City went with them the other year and had no issues. LK- The difference is \$11,360.80. this would cover all our Gas expenses this year.
- AMorgan makes a motion to approve Vitus Marine for our fuel order, BWilson seconded, all approved.
- B. Tee Ball League Partnership T. Folz AMorgan makes a motion to approved Tee Ball League Partnership, SCharles seconded, all approved.
- C. FY25-FY26 Alaska Public Risk Alliance Insurance Quote- Include each budget liability and workers comp. Admin covers everything except sewer, includes insurance coverage for each department.
- D. Resolution 25-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Purging of Past Due Sewer Accounts Belonging to Deceased Individuals
- AMorgan made a motion to approve Resolution 25-05 Authorizing the Purging of Past Due Sewer Accounts Belonging to Deceased Individuals, BWilson seconded, all approved.

- X. Council Comments-** CMorgan mentions building a shop by the fire station. LSeavey asked the maintenance guys at the clinic if the ambulance can fit in there, if the city is not heating the Fire Department, the clinic has two trucks, just something to think about.
- XI. Time and Place of Next Meeting-** July 16, 2025, Regular Council Meeting at 6pm/SCERP Meeting July 15, 2025, at 130pm
- XII. Adjourn** BWilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 833pm, AMorgan seconded, all approved.

Attested:

Mayor David Bonanno *Signed: Date*

City Clerk Morgan Simeon *Signed: Date*