

City of Aniak
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Aniak City Office
Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** by Dave Bonanno at 606pm
- II. Roll Call** DBonanno-P, SCharles-Absent, AFolz-P, AMorgan-P, CMorgan-P, LSeavey-Ex Ab, BWilson-Ex Ab Staff Present: LKameroff-P, MSimeon-P, FVaska-P
- III. Public Participation** Britta H., Senior Manager for Alaska Municipal League In contact with Lenore on Safety Action Plan. I intend to write Aniak a plan and be eligible for safety strategies. Engage with experts in Community to identify risk and high potential risks. Ensure Aniak Transportation is as safe as possible.

C. Morgan- Wondering if it has to do something with our Small Community Emergency Response Plan. Britta- Parallel effort more specific to discuss the transportation system.
AFolz- Brief idea from living here, street lighting, reflective markers, to mark the edges of the road, incidents in winter where people are driving without headlights, I feel is a tough priority for this program.
- IV. Approval of Agenda** CMorgan makes a motion to approve the Agenda, AF seconded all approved.
- V. Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - A. June 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

AFolz makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 18. 2025, AMorgan seconded, all approved.
- VI. Reports**
 - A. Mayor Report-D. Bonanno- Seen the signs posted at the Post Office. There was vandalism at the Landfill with our Heavy Machinery. DBonanno did a drawing for customers who keep up with sewer payments. Last month there was Rachel Donkersloot, Sam Conrad and Darlene Holmberg. This meetings drawing was Marie Kameroff, Dominic and Audrey Lang for pancake mix and jam, two smoke alarms went to Dakota Phillips and April Kameroff, gift certificate went to George Peterson for \$30 from AC. Co. Received CO2 cartridges for a paint ball gun.
 - B. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department - SCERP – PW Department would like to shut down the Fire Department. We will be bringing this issue up at the combined meeting with the Tribe and all the Stakeholders and entities of Aniak. Dave followed up with Lisa Shield from Alaska Venture Fund at our meetings we had together. AM-Would solar paneling help in the long run. AF-Reduce zone around the Fire Truck, would ensure we would have water. DB-Would like to look into purchasing a simple small pick-up, easier to store and heat, maybe electric plug-in. FV-There are mainly two of us in the

wintertime and the responsibility has been on us, also an option of turning on water pump on in the winter. The FD has enough oil to last until October. Still have time to cut our order with Vitus. AF- Can we wait until the SAFER Grant is approved or not. LK- The Fire station has a 2500 double wall tank and FV mentions we can store it if need be. CM- There is a new health aide at the clinic from CKD she reached out to City and Tribe regarding grants applied for.

This will be one of the issues brought up at the combined meeting with Aniak Traditional Council and the Community during the Aniak Fair. Informing the community what we're working on and dealing with as City of Aniak.

- C. Public Works - F. Vaska- June was a quick month. We were able to work with the Tribe to not only be able to grade the roads, but we also put down the last of the calcium chloride on the roads downtown. Our part-time and seasonal workers started and have been constantly brought to different jobs, cutting grass, cleaning dump, helping maintain our equipment. We had time, although infrequently due to mechanical issues, fire in the dump and trying to figure out the dump truck. We were able to dispose of the burnt down shop owned by Kuspuk. We then made room in the construction debris dump for the vehicles by the lagoon. We also prepared the dump for compaction and burying. We are still waiting for the tribe's contribution to get more calcium chloride.
- D. City Clerk- M. Simeon- Good evening, this past month has been busy. I have my regular daily tasks, along with SCERP and Monthly Council Meetings. I am slowly preparing and getting Elections ready, a little overwhelmed as it is going to be my first year doing it alone with my co-chair Cyra, we are still in search of two judges. I've made a sign and posted, hopefully we will find at least one more person to work with us. This month our Legit Zoom meetings are mostly on Elections, which are still on Thursdays at 10am for an hour. Hope you're all having an enjoyable summer!
- E. Financial Report- L. Kameroff- AFolz made a motion to approve the Financial Report, AMorgan seconded, all approved.
- F. City Manager - L. Kameroff- This past month has been busy; I had to take unexpected family leave for a week. I came back to work and right back into everything.
On July 2nd, I submitted our SAFER Grant application for a Recruit/Retention Coordinator for the Fire Department. We should get notification the earliest by August 18th and the latest September 30th. The grant was submitted for R&R Coordinator wages, taxes and retirement for a 4-year grant limit. It also includes travel for 1 Coordinator and 6 volunteers to travel to anchorage for training at different intervals, as well as for any supplies needed. The total grant request was \$299, 922.30.
I was asked by our Public Works Dept if we would consider shutting down the Fire Station this winter?
The IMLS Grant for FY24 has reinstated the grant funding and we could apply for an extension until March 30. 2026. Any thoughts? Which brings me to what we will be

doing with our vacant buildings? I have not heard back from the Catholic Church yet about renting out the building. We still have all the materials in the old office for the library. Are there any suggestions about what we should do with all this material? The council decided to leave it open for now.

On the 7th of July, Francis, Morgan and I met our DEC Project Manager Marc Cambra and the VSW Construction Inspector Marco Acuna. We went over which equipment we would like to have ordered for the Skid Steer. We were able to order the smaller of the two and have extra funds in our grant to order additional supplies, such as: hydraulic oil, extra hoses and clamps, wipers, oil/fuel filters and new landfill fencing, poles and caps. The Burn Cage unit should be here on the last barge of the season. Morgan and I also met with Jason Ward, the Fire Coordinator for the Aniak Tribe, Lisa Shields and Naya Kramer with DeerStone Consulting. They were gathering information from rural communities across Alaska to get a better understanding of the capacity and barriers to fire preparedness and recommendations to address our increasing risk of wildfires, high fire death rates and structure fire losses in our communities. We are looking into ways the City and the Tribe can work together to engage our community and have risk assessments done to help our community with any fire safety issues. This would also be helpful with our Community Safety Action Plan, we are working with the Alaska Municipal League.

There is an Introduction to Land Management training being held by TKC at the end of August that I'd like to attend. Researching land documents, title research, how to read plats, Overview and all things land that would be helpful to learn and attend. The class registration fee is \$910. I have filled out an AVCP Scholarship application, but if it is not approved, would the council approve of me attending and paying the registration fee? Morgan has the signature form if it is approved.

I also spoke with Bush Tell and Aniak Light & Power, when the guys first started cutting grass on the roads. Both entities agreed to help clear the grass around their poles and such. But I asked Bush Tell what they were planning to do with all their obsolete equipment on the easements, and if we can get our ROW and Encroachment agreements updated, they will remove them all.

Morgan and I were also able to attend the Aniak Traditional Council's meeting this month. It was held on Tuesday. I requested for the Tribe and the City to hold a "meeting" during the Fair in August. To introduce our councils and staff, and to give the community an update on what we have worked on and planning for. Any day of the week would work except for Thursday, and they asked that we meet during the day. So please let me know what works for you.

I have received 5 applications all together. 1 pulled their application and 2 others never replied to my email. So, I have 2 applications and would like to know when and who would like to sit in for interviews? Annie and Clara will sit in on the interviews, and Andrew is willing to if one can't make it. Set up time/date is Friday afternoon.

On 06/23 we had someone unauthorized using our Dozer down at the Landfill. I contacted the mayor, and he directed me to file a report with the State Troopers. I was able to file it online 06/27. The report was approved and will help us keep track of any further incidents.

I believe I have also learned how to write up Quit Claim Deeds for housing. We have also received a Capital Distribution from our previous insurance company once they have finished liquidating their assets after merging with ARPA. They are looking to have this distribution over a 5-year period. Would the council like me to put these funds back into the insurance expense or as Miscellaneous Income for our books? Either way would work, but just so you are aware of the funds coming in and knowing where they should be going into.

I think that is all I have unless anyone has any questions. Thank you for your time.

Please feel free to contact the City Office for any questions you may have.

AFolz made a motion to take a break at 740pm AMorgan seconded, CMorgan made a motion to get back into session from break at 748pm. AFolz seconded, all approved.

VII. Old Business

A. APEI Membership Agreement for Capital Funds

Received a check, a distribution once a year. Which account would the council like the check deposited into, insurance expense or miscellaneous income.

AFolz made a motion to put the reimbursement check into miscellaneous income account, CMorgan seconded, all approved

VIII. New Business

A. Support Letter- AK Municipal League Application for SAFER Grant Training

We Support AML applying for Grant, agree to get training and equipment/incentives, the coordinator in place can apply also.

AMorgan made a motion to approve the Support Letter AK Municipal League Application for SAFER Grant Training, AFolz seconded, all approved.

IX. Council Comments CM- How many council seats are open, responded with Seat E, F and G.

X. Time and Place of Next Meeting- Work Session on August 6, 2025 at 6pm

August 20, 2025, Regular Council Meeting at 6pm

XI. Adjourn

CMorgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 807pm, AMorgan seconded, all approved.

Attested:

Mayor David Bonanno *Signed: Date*

City Clerk Morgan Simeon *Signed: Date*