

City of Aniak
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Teleconference
Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Meeting Information:

*To Participate please call 1-800-315-6338
Conference Code- 54481#*

- I. Call to Order-**Mayor DBonanno call to order @ 605pm
- II. Roll Call-**AMorgan-P, NKelila-P, RMorgan-Ab, FBrown-P, DBonanno-P,CMorgan-P **Staff Present:** LKameroff, MSimeon
- III. Approval of Agenda-**CMorgan makes a motion to approve December 28, 2023, meeting agenda, NKelila seconded, all approved.
- IV. Public Participation-** None
- V. Previous Meeting Minutes**
- A. November 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- AMorgan makes a motion to approve November 20, 2023, meeting Minutes, seconded by NKelila, all approved.
- VI. Reports**
- A. Mayor Report- Welcome back Morgan, Great Christmas program, Santa did a great job.
- B. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department – No fires reported this month. Was able to close out Safer Grant, wanted to find out from the council if you'd like to do another 3-year grant. Can look into grant within this next month, grant to hire and recruit, look for trainings for volunteers to attend. I found an application for a 3-year grant to hire for the Fire Department Recruit & Retention position that was not complete I will finish filling out this application and will look into its budget allowable expenses to make this position more appealing DBonanno- Look for incentives, LKameroff will email everyone the application process, we had a \$300,000 Grant for 3 years, \$25.00-\$28.00 an hour plus retirement. AMorgan-Can we get that back? LKameroff will have the application process ready at the next meeting.
- C. Public Works - C. Lang/S. Simeon/F. Vaska-The public works Departments have been running smoothly, Stephen has been grading the roads and doing a very good job. Francis has been cleaning up with the plow truck. Everyone is happy and enjoying the work. I will be taking time off on the 1st of the year and will work on-call for any emergencies that may come up. It'll be good for the guys to take on all the responsibilities and learn how to deal with them. The public work's Department would like to wish all the Council Members a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!
- The Public Works Department Director position-I am hoping to post this job announcement by the new year. The State DOT/PF lease for the City Shop has been renewed up to 2028.The Public Works guys need a mechanic to come out this spring to work on our Excavator. We got a quote for \$7734.33 just for the work. I am not sure about the other expenses but will have more information when the time gets closer.
- NKelila-Got a few personal calls from the public that they are appreciative with Stephen and Francis' job on the roads, other calls about dogs. LKameroff-Been meeting with the guys, will need a mechanic to work on excavator, asked Charlie to get other quotes, will be working on finding in budget. Was able to work on Public Works Job Position and would like a date from the Council to close the position, will close next meeting before January 18-until filled, will post

around town and on facebook. NKelila- Question regards to mechanic, would it be possible to split with entities, if they're needing a mechanic. Send a letter to business about piling snow.

- D. Library – I've been working with the library ladies for our Library E-Rate selections for the next fiscal year. Closing out the Library Archiving Grant and the IMLS Library Grant for 2022. The next FY24 IMLS Grant application period is open until March, so I will have that for the council to approve at our January meeting. I would like 2-3 council members to help and participate in interviews for the Librarian position.

Closed 2023 & PLA Grant, the same type of grant that helps with the library wages. We have about 4-5 applicants and would like to set up an interview committee with at least 2-3 council members to set up interviews. NKelila, AMorgan, and FBrown will assist with interviewing and hiring.

- E. Financial Statement -Verbal Report. Under the Public Works Department there is a donation from the ARPA Funds of \$15,000. I will be transferring these funds by next week. Which would leave \$11,549 remaining. Working on Financial Report this past month. Seems like we are going to be running into short falls, have a better idea next month. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and is ready for the New Year! So happy to have Morgan back in the office! No longer a quiet and empty office. We are looking forward to the New Year and hopeful for the months ahead.
- F. City Clerk- M. Simeon- Good Evening, feels so good to be back home and back to work on a schedule. I'm happy and excited to be back and continue to further my employment with The City of Aniak. Thank you all for accepting me back to work, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!
- G. City Manager – Last month when Dave and I met with Laura and Daisy from the Aniak Traditional Council we talked about holding a combined meeting. We could introduce our staff and councils and inform the community what both entities are working on and how we plan to work together moving forward. That's where the assessment forms Adrian Boelens gave us at the last meeting would come in handy. Please fill them out so I can get them to her, and we will have them in hand as well. As always, if you have any questions or concerns give us a call at the office. Have a wonderful safe Happy New Year!~

VII. Old Business

- A. AML Infrastructure Financial Nav Center Work Plan-Help rate study with sewer utility rates/charge, how much it cost to run utility, combined list of assets, helps with budget and they hold monthly meetings.
- B. Village Safe Water Project Agreement-Water Sources-Finding out what options are available for water sources we need, fire hydrants/water hose, and drinking water ring point.
- C. Rental Building-Pros & Cons of Usage-DBonanno-Moving library to main office, moving office to rental building, will take away our rental money, take some time to think about. AMorgan-Our employees need to be comfortable at their workplace, and the library will be right next door. CMorgan-Was that the rental amount because of a business renting? LKameroff-Want to move next door, cons replacing all appliances if anything happens to them, we paid for heating fuel. NKelila-Best its used for City Office, main building as library, all buildings will be next door to each other, and would be easier for the guys to maintain and check on when needed. DB- Something to think of, sleep on it before we make a good decision.

VIII. New Business

- A. Resolution No 24-02 Bank Update LKameroff Resolution to approve and update check signers. AMorgan makes a motion to approve the Resolution No 24-02 Bank Update, CMorgan seconded, all approved.
- B. EDA Public Works & Economic Assistants Grant Application-Purchase Heavy Equipment-Applying for a grant for a Front-End Loader and dump truck, bobcat is too small for what work they do. Would be applying for a big loader and a 10-yard dump truck.

- C. E-Rate Selection for FY24 Internet Vendor LKameroff gave council copies of all bids and went over each one with council. Figure out all the rates and differences, council discussed vendors. NKelila makes a motion to accept Seaport, AMorgan seconded, all approved.

IX. Council Comments-None at this time.

X. Time and Place of Next Meeting-January 18, 2024 @ 6pm Regular Meeting

XI. Adjourn-AMorgan makes a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 722pm, FBrown seconded, all approved.

Attested:

Mayor David W. Bonanno *Signed: Date*

City Clerk Morgan Simeon *Signed: Date*