

City of Aniak
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Aniak City Office
Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM

AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order-** Meeting called to order by Mayor DBonanno at 608pm
- II. Roll Call** DBonanno-P, SCharles-P, AFolz-P, AMorgan-Absent, CMorgan-P, LSeavey-P, BWilson-
Excused Absence Staff Present: LKameroff-P, MSimeon-P, FVaska-P
- III. Public Participation-** Ryan Smothers, Walter Pickett, Christina -Alaska Commercial Company
- A. AC. CO. Letter
- Ryan Smothers: Happy to answer any questions from the council. Thank you for allowing us for this opportunity and for expressing interest in opening a Liquor store in Aniak, would like to do it in a respectful and responsible manner. It would generate more jobs in community and more hours of operation. Open to any discussion the city feels it is appropriate, hours of operation, limits. We know how important it is to minimize negative impact on the community. Run limits through the City of Aniak. Take every step to ensure that is taken care of in a responsible manner. Understand how sensitive this topic can be. Hope to consider request, have any questions.
- LSeavey- Are they open 7 days a week? Walter Pickett-They are open when AC is open, separate facility to the store. Self-contained area, close early, no selling on Sundays, closed on Election Days.
- Ryan Pickett: Separate or enclosed facility to the store. Self-contained area for certain circumstances such as Voting Day, would be closed, or something happening in the Community. McGrath is the smallest Liquor Store. All employees must do a training course, to train them who they can/can't sell to. AFolz- There need to be some limitations, and certain amount of time. In Nome they have a limit for 2 bottles a day. AC. CO.- Issues in King Salmon and Nome, not to sell shooters. DBonanno- Break-ins at the store. Christina- Was about 5 years ago. AC.Co.- The City does not generate anything when members make their own order. Would be a good sales tax to generate from. AFolz- Legal side of things, not sure the process. If you were ready, what would be the timeline for opening? AC. Co- Would take about 9 months, would start the process right away if approved. AC. Co- Please consider and would like to have directions to go through process, if there's an opportunity by end of next City council meeting, please Ryan or Christina know.
- Will be on next month agenda.
- IV. Approval of Agenda-** SCharles made a motion to approve the agenda, AFolz seconded, all approved.
- V. Previous Meeting Minutes-**
- A. July 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

LSeavey made a motion to approve the July 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, CMorgan seconded, all approved.

VI. Reports

- A. Mayor Report-D. Bonanno- August 20th- Regular City Council Meeting. August 8th- 10:00- I went to the city office to check on the rodent problem on the front porch. (Small animal droppings have been found at the base of the door, railing, and on top of the black mailbox on the left.) Traps have not been sprung. The porch needs some attention. I worked for about 3 hours- strengthened the right railing, and first step. I also secured the porch to the building. The structure is not secured well to the ledger- so I made solid secure point on either side with 4x4 and 2x4 material. Drawing for Sewer payment – Re-visit sewer billing- flat rate, Re-think stance on dealing with problem animals (dogs), Not going to get much done with a problem animal without the support of the owner. ** how do troopers fit into this picture? The responsibility and care of pets/animals in Aniak rests with their owners. THE City of Aniak can assist with referrals for veterinary care as well as immediate actions as needed for unruly aggressive animals. August 13th-1:30pm.- Met with CRQ It was an informative meeting with the CRW people and gave us a better understanding of the projected move of the sewer lagoon. Lisa Shield- fire prevention from Alaska Venture Fund. We had a good discussion about fire prevention/the future of the Aniak Fire Station, and well as some particulars about the booth at the FAIR with the theme of fire prevention. August 14th- Joint meeting with the Tribe at the Community Hall. Friday, August 15th- Noon to 4:00- 4 hours- Booth at the Interior River State Fair- emphasizing fire prevention/safety. Saturday, August 16th- noon to 4:00- 4 hours- Fire Prevention booth at the fair with Lisa Shield. TOPIC- shutting down the fire station.

- B. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department- No fires reported this month. Waiting to hear from ATC about what they plan to do with their water truck. We may be able to share expenses with them if they would like to store it at the Fire Station as well. Ambulance storage- Doris Allain-Turner YKHC stated (7/25) that they are awaiting approval to move the ambulance over to their storage at the clinic. If not moved by August 31st and/or September 31st, should we start billing for storage/space/heat? And if so, how much?

LSeavey makes a motion to approve to break at 723pm, AFolz seconded, all approved.

CMorgan makes a motion to go back into session at 732pm, SCharles seconded, all approved.

- C. Public Works - F. Vaska-July was a busy month. We started dealing with grass around along with the few trash baskets before we started focusing on the vehicles at the lagoon. In that time, we started having some issues without equipment. Our grass cutters both gave us a few problems. Along with our other equipment. Our clutch in the water truck is slowly getting worse and I just broke the dozer roller last week. Other than those things have been steady. We should be expecting our bobcat for the landfill soon, which will be able to handle the burner we are now getting next year. Burner is delayed for the year, unsure which barge it will be. DBonanno mentions the crushing vehicles, FVaska says that they crushed and drained about 50 vehicles. AF: Asked what was done with the used oil, FVaska responds that they save most the oil that can be used. LKameroff: Track loader will be here at the end of the month. We are also finding out the cost to rent a loader to move the bigger equipment

from the sewer lagoon, currently contacted Ryan Air for \$150, ATC \$250, waiting on a response from Case, and can contact Napaimute for a quote as well.

- D. City Clerk- M. Simeon-Good evening, everyone! This month sure has been a busy one for me. A lot of preparation for all the meetings, work sessions, council meetings, and Community Gather. I'm glad to see Aniak working together as a community. I have also been working on Resolutions and learning how to write them up with the assistance from Maggie, a Local Government Specialist that was covering for Nicholas Martinez, while he was out of the office. This next month will be just as busy with moose hunting; black and red berries will be ready to pick. Happy, almost Fall everyone!

- E. Financial Report- L. Kameronoff

AFolz made a motion to approve to move \$25,000 from sewer payments to sewer savings, CMorgan seconded, all approved.

CMorgan made a motion to approve the financial report, AFolz seconded, all approved.

- F. City Manager - L. Kameronoff-Good evening! Hope you all are doing well and enjoying what summer we have left. This past month has been super busy with meetings, planning, shopping, fishing, gardening and work! Although I try to keep my report short, they end up being a story lol, so here goes. Admin-1 Possible Public Works Director application. Interviews next week any day, at 1:30pm. If they are not interested in the position, we will just make do with our current staff. I have been accepted for the Intro to Land Management training this August 26 and 27th and my scholarship from AVCP was approved. There is also a Financial Management online training course from 8-16th from 1-3pm each day that Morgan will be taking and if any council members are interested in participating let us know and we can get you registered. The Public Works Department has Landfill Operator training from September 9th and 10th as well. We will continue to look for and attend all available free training courses. We received notification from Julie Kitka of the Denali commission that Aniak was selected for new Bulk Fuel Storage Tank Upgrades. They have selected Aniak Light & Powers fuel tanks to be replaced. The City of Aniak should research further on owning the new storage tanks and for additional income for the City of Aniak. Things to think about and do soon, write a letter of interest/intent, land selection and research more how this can be done and what it requires to own a "Tank Farm". Our current BULK FUEL order of 8,000 gallons should be delivered by Vitus by the end of August. We have some very old and dilapidated equipment. Admin-Nissan-Catalytic Converter out, 5-yard Dump Truck- 71' Case Dozer (behind shop), Albert & not used, Old Champion Grader-not working. If we can determine they are no longer of use to the City of Aniak, or costs too much to maintain or fix, can we get rid of these pieces of equipment? Our current Dozer- no longer makes the parts to fix or maintain, our Water Truck still has issues from time to time and parts are no longer available, our road grader needs to have the Hydraulic Rams changed before winter and we badly need a new administration vehicle. We do have an application or two for heavy equipment, pending approvals, but we need to find something soon! For the landfill- Our track loader will be here at the end of next month, but the Burn Cage unit won't be until next spring/summer. We have several large items remaining at the Sewer Lagoon that our equipment cannot move. Our Public Works Dept. would like to rent out a loader locally to help finish up this job. We will no longer be accepting any vehicles at the Sewer Lagoon. Fire Department- no fires reported this month. Are we going to plan on closing the Fire Station for the winter? I am waiting to hear from ATC about what they plan to do with their water truck. We may be able to share expenses with them if they would like to store it at the

Fire Station as well. Ambulance Storage- D. Allain-Turner YKHC stated (7/25) that they are awaiting approval to move the ambulance over to their storage at the clinic. If not moved by August 31st and or September 31st, should we start billing for storage/space/heat? And if so, how much? SAFER Grant application- I haven't heard back from them yet. Community Safety Plan with Alaska Municipal League- Consider plan for next year to take back our Sewer Utility Easements. It would also be a good time to work with the Tribe on getting fire breaks around the residential housing. I should have more information as time goes on about what we need for our Safety Plan. Again, we need to move to Albert 7 from the Fire Station. What do we need to do with the equipment? Public Surplus? I can look more into this as an option. D. Bonanno and staff have been talking about starting up our Fire Department meetings. Small at first, to find out who is interested, how the structure of volunteers would work, when meetings would take place, etc. September dates for meeting. Catholic Church lease-ends August 31st. What are we planning to do with our building? As well as the Old office building with the library contents? This month I will be working on closing out all remaining Library grants and reports. Levee Brush Clearing- We plan to clear up to the first housing owners property this year and work on levee deficiencies throughout the winter and start again next year. I also plan to work on our Bush-Tell/Aniak L&P/ Sewer Utility easements over the winter to get started for next year. I have also learned the process of Quitclaim Deeds to transfer ownership of land to homeowners. I hope to get these worked on and filed correctly in our office. Tee-Ball League w/Trisha Folz- I haven't been able to meet with her yet. As well as Branzon from Kuspuk to go over water/flow rates, but I wanted to keep them on my to do list. Financial Report- FY26 PILT payments of \$79,397 not received yet. Revenue sharing- Haven't heard back on an amount. Since our FY25 year is over, we have our FY26 Carryover balances available. I would recommend we move \$25,000 from Sewer Payments into Sewer Savings for any Repair or Replacement costs. And since our balances are still very low, I'm not sure we need to put any funds in the General Savings account at this time. Our Community Gathering went very well! Next year we will know what to plan for and it will only get better! I'd like to thank the Aniak Traditional Council for hosting our gathering. I hope we can continue to work together for our community! Until next time, if there is anything you need or have questions about, please let me know! Thank you for your time and we appreciate all you do for our community.

VII. Old Business

- A. VSW/DEC Update on Landfill/Sewer Lagoon/First Service Water

See City Manager Report

- B. Levee Clearing Update

See City Manager Report

VIII. New Business

- A. Resolution 25-06 Approval of FY2026 APRA Insurance Payment Contract

AFolz makes a motion to approve the Resolution 25-06 Approval of FY2026 APRA Insurance Payment Contract, LSeavey seconded, all approved.

- B. Resolution 25-07 State of Alaska DOT/PF & Sewer Utility Lease Agreement #ADA-08212 Extension

AFolz makes a motion to approve the Resolution 25-07 State of Alaska DOT/PF & Sewer Utility Lease Agreement #ADA-08212, CMorgan seconded, all approved.

C. Quit Claim Deed- LOT8, BLK2, NAPAT S/D- B. Morgan

SCharles makes a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed-LOT8 BLK2, NAPAT S/D- B. Morgan, LSeavey seconded, all approved.

IX. Council Comments

X. Time and Place of Next Meeting- Wednesday September 17, 2025, at 6pm Regular Council Meeting

XI. XI. Adjourn- AFolz makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 843pm, LSeavey seconded, all approved.

Attested:

Mayor David Bonanno *Signed: Date*

City Clerk Morgan Simeon *Signed: Date*