

City of Aniak
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Aniak City Office
Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order by DBonanno at 608pm on Thursday December 19, 2024

II. Roll Call-

DBonanno-P, BWilson-P, SCharles-EX AB, AFolz-EX AB, AMorgan-AB, CMorgan-P, LSeavey-P

Staff Present: LKameroff-EX AB, MSimeon-P, MJohn-P, FVaska-P

III. Approval of Agenda CMorgan made a motion to approve the Agenda, LSeavey seconded, all approved.

IV. Public Participation None

V. Previous Meeting Minutes

A. November 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

BWilson makes a motion to dispense of reading meeting minutes, LSeavey seconded, all approved.

VI. Reports

A. Mayor Report-D. Bonanno-Morgan sent me a text to get a hold of Sam Shanar in Toksook Bay he's with District 8, finding more about concerns sub city, sewer and water. Brought up the Alaska Municipal League will be meeting February 17. Brought up the Levee Report that it is in the office and available for review. Also brought up the Fire Department again, who has the keys, may go over and start up the equipment and vehicles.

B. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department – No Fires Reported

C. Public Works - F. Vaska-November had some inconsistent weather throughout the month. We attended to Dorthys tank stand and cleared multiple trees that were getting caught by the grader. The library and Fire Department building has not been giving us any issues so far. We have been maintaining our vehicles as needed, changing oils, plugging tires, and receiving our plow supplies for the flatbed. The lift stations haven't been an issue. Dakota and I as well as Goosma, who moved on in employment, have received our 8-hour hazmat whopper certification.

D. City Clerk- M. Simeon- Good evening. This past month has been quite busy. I've slowly been updating all our information, from our city Council Members and Staff, City Council terms, pay schedule for 2025 and Holidays, and our mayor years of service. I have been having trouble signing on the tablets and setting them up, I can have that figured out soon. Still attending the legit Meetings on zoom with Ruba, next week will be Local Options-Alcohol. I was out last week and attended a few meetings at the BIA conference, it was interesting and my first time being there, maybe I can attend through the city next year. The month of December is always busy with filing 2024 files and making new files for 2025. I'd like to also thank Maciel for all her assistance in the office since she started, has been very helpful. Looking forward to another busy year, as I am going into my third year with The City. Happy Holidays to everyone, hope you all have a safe and Happy New Year!

BWilson makes a motion to approve the Christmas bonus to the 5 employees we have at the amount of \$300, CMorgan seconded, all approved.

E. Library – Job openings not posted/listed anymore.

F. Financial Statement - M. John- Good evening, the past month my focus has been on updating ordinances, the Customer Agreements Application and updating the Authorized signers with First National Bank. Along with my regular monthly duties, attending weekly Legit webinars,

processing payroll, payroll taxes (talked the IRS into waving a penalty we had back in the 3rd quarter due to an update on QuickBooks behalf), reviewing reports and making sure all tax deductions and benefit contributions were correctly accounted for, accounts payable, completed all bank reconciliations and made sure any issues were addressed and resolved, updating the budget sheet and keeping up with the bookkeeping in QuickBooks. With my 90-day New Hire Probationary period ending at the end of the month, I have to say it's been very interesting working for the city, but I really do enjoy it. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CMorgan makes a motion to approve the financial statements BWilson seconded, all approved.

G. City Manager - L. Kameroff- No Report

VII. Old Business

- A. Amendment Ordinance 05.25.010 & Customer Application Discussion- Read by DBonanno
We skipped to New Business Item F-BWilson's Proposal for Aniak Small Business Initiative. No motions made, will continue at the next regular meeting in January.
- B. Draft Ordinance 24-06 Sales Tax Code Amendment to include Digital Goods- No questions.
No motions made, will continue at the next regular meeting in January.

VIII. New Business

- A. Resolution 24-07 Update Bank Information-Read by BWilson
No motions made, will continue at the next regular meeting in January.
- B. Resolution 24-08 Small Claims-Need to update and remove Nora Kelila as a check signer.
- C. List of Open Small Cases/Past Due Accounts & Next Steps-Gave copies to council to review and received back. Would like to continue to discuss next month.
- D. Bed Tax Flat Rate Sales Tax-Discussion- Continue to next month agenda.
- E. Amended Ordinance 24-07 to Change Meeting Date- BWilson is requesting the meeting dates to the third Wednesday of the month.
- F. Bill Wilson's proposal for Aniak Small Business Initiative

Why- 1) Aniak is in great need of service establishments in town IE, Plumber, Electrician, Auto Repair, Small Engine Repair, Firewood Sales, Etc.

2) Costs of operating a small business in a remote village like Aniak is already high with shipping, heating, fuel, building cost etc.

3) The services for our community would be best kept at a more affordable cost possible to encourage long term residency of city. The monthly commercial use fees are significant enough to potentially bring about business closure or at least an increased cost of services and goods to the citizenry.

To encourage small service business in Aniak I propose we create a Small Business Exemption Form for the Commercial Entity Sewer, Public Works, and Landfill use fees.

To qualify for the exemption, a business would need to show evidence of the following,

- 1) Be owned and operated by a full time local Aniak resident (not seasonal)
- 2) Be operated in Aniak with services available to local residents
- 3) Either be in first year of operation, or have an annual taxable income (profit after deduction of costs) of equal to or less than the media household income for Aniak (\$69K)
BWilson requested this be the 1st reading, but there were no motions made, will continue at January's regular council meeting.

IX. Council Comments- LSeavey Thanks Francis for grading the roads when they were slippery.

X. Time and Place of Next Meeting- Wednesday January 15, 2025, at 6pm Regular Council Meeting

XI. Adjourn BWilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 756, LSeavey seconded, all approved

Attested:

Mayor David Bonanno *Signed: Date*

City Clerk Morgan Simeon *Signed: Date*