



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 02, 2024, at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, May 02, 2024, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conference, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

Council members present and establishing a quorum (a quorum being four):

Bertram Luckhurst	Michael Bennett	Curt Armstrong
Steven Carriere	Kevin McCambly (Absent)	Kaleb Westfall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGEANCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- Minutes of April 11, 2024; Regular Council Meeting**
Minutes of April 18, 2024; Special Council Meeting

Councilmember Kevin McCambly joined the meeting telephonically.

MOTION to approve the minutes made by Steven Carriere, seconded by Kaleb Westfall, with correction to add Kaleb Westfall to the Yea Vote on the discussion of the amendment.

Roll Call Vote Yea: Councilman Carriere, Councilman Westfall, Councilman McCambly, Councilman Luckhurst, Councilman Bennett, Councilman Armstrong. Unanimous approval, MOTION **CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (No items on the agenda)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Councilman Carriere, seconded by Councilman Westfall.

DISCUSSION: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA: Councilman Carrier, Councilman Westfall, Councilman McCambly, Councilman Luckhurst, Councilman Bennett, Councilman Armstrong. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. STAFF REPORTS

MANAGERS REPORT: Daniel Decker stated he had sent a letter to the DOT regarding the changing of Squaw Creek signage to AMU Creek. The DOT replied that new signs would be install after July 1st of this year.

There were no further department reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Budget: Councilman Armstrong stated that Finance Director, Anta Fuller, had scheduled upcoming dates for the Finance & Budget committee to meet. Daniel Decker confirmed that dates had been established and that an agenda would be distributed to the committee members in the following week.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- Silver Bay Seafoods manager, Travis Roenfanz, reported that they would be operational within ten days. He did not anticipate any drastic changes and would move Peter Pan fishers into Silver Bay Seafoods.
- Councilman Westfall inquired if there was anything the City could do to assist in the transition.

3. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2024-25 A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE DILLINGHAM CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,2025

MOTION to adopt Resolution 2024-25 made by Councilman Bennett; seconded by Councilman Westfall
VOTE YEA: Councilman Carriere, Councilman Westfall, Councilman McCambly, Councilman Luckhurst, Councilman Bennett, Councilman Armstrong. Unanimous approval, **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- GCI Easement
- Dan Decker said he is negotiating with GCI as directed by the Council during the last work session.
- Mayor Ruby asked that for the record, Councilman Bennet has stepped down to avoid any perceived conflict of interest.

MOTION to approve the granting of an easement to GCI made by Councilman Carriere; seconded by Councilman Westfall.

QUESTION: Councilman Carriere called the question to proceed to vote without further discussion.

VOTE YEA: Councilman Carriere

VOTE NAY: Council Westfall, Councilman McCambly, Councilman Luckhurst, Councilman Armstrong.

The Question Failed

DISCUSSION:

Aaron Helmrick, GCI, answered questions from Councilman Westfall and Councilman Armstrong. Aaron stated moving the manhole closer to the roadway was being discussed but was being delayed by the survey crew. It was one of the action items that is being addressed. Regarding renewal of the lease agreement, Dan Decker explained that the City's attorney stated the easement could be renewed only if the city wished to. The city was not obligated to renew it. Aaron further stated that verbiage regarding poles, lines, transformers, and pedestals would be stricken from the contract. GCI is involved in Work Force Development and the employment and training of residents for system maintenance.

Phillip Baumgartner, public Works Director, explained that it was an Alaska Tidelands Lease. It is your property, and you may utilize it without permission from the State. Will Chaney, speaking on behalf of Nushagak Cooperative explained how vital this agreement was in providing fiber optic broadband to Dillingham. Dan Decker explained that passing a resolution did not make it binding on GCI. The council could rescind it or make a new resolution. Councilman Carriere reminded the council that the Dan Decker was directed to negotiate directly with GCI, and that he had secured a "good deal" for the city.

MOTION to postpone action until a second meeting made by Councilman Westfall; seconded by Councilman Luckhurst

DISCUSSION: None

Roll Call Vote

Yea: Councilman Armstrong, Councilman McCambly

Nay: Councilman Luckhurst, Councilman Westfall

Motion Failed

NEW BUSINESS

Management Report for Coho Subdivision

Mayor Ruby recommended that Dan Decker solicit a contractor to assess the property and determine what is usable property.

MOTION to obtain survey/engineering quotations for Coho subdivision and School Property. The objective is to determine if the properties can be developed into usable building sites.

DISCUSSION

Councilman Westfall requested that the Surveyor be used for any additional properties that may need to be addressed.

Roll Call Vote Yea: Councilman Westfall, Councilman Luckhurst, Councilman McCambly, Councilman Carriere, Councilman Bennett, Councilman Armstrong. MOTION CARRIED

CITIZENS DISCUSSION

Will Chaney, Nushagak Cooperative, stressed to the Council the importance of the fiberoptic project and that time is of the essence.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Council agreed to a Special Meeting for Monday, May 06, 2024.

MOTION to schedule a Special Meeting was made by Councilman Carriere, seconded by Councilman Luckhurst. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Ruby reported sitting in on conference call regarding school funding and the summary would be included in the coming packet. She called for a moment of silence to remember to those we have recently passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby called meeting adjourned.

Mayor Alice Ruby

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Abigail Flynn
Acting CITY CLERK

Approval Date: _____

