



## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 04, 2021 at 7:00 PM

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, March 4, 2021, via video and audio conferencing, 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):

Andy Anderson	Curt Armstrong	Gregg Marxmiller
Chris Napoli	Aksel Buholm	Bill Rodawalt

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes of February 4, 2021; Regular Council Meeting

MOTION: Andy Anderson moved and Chris Napoli seconded the motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2021.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Rodawalt, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Marxmiller

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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MOTION to approve the agenda made by Chris Napoli, Seconded by Gregg Marxmiller.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Rodawalt, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Marxmiller

#### STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

In addition to the written reports the following items were mentioned:

2. Department Staff Report

- Staff trainings were noted.
- The BOE members will be polled for a hearing date in April.

Mayor recommended Friends of the Landfill fee recommendations, and DMC 8.16 E911 be added to Code Review Committee List. Council had no objections.

3. Committee Reports

Code Review Committee:

No update. A meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021.

Finance & Budget Committee:

Met Jan. 28, 2021, topics were audit status, and FY22 budget process to begin March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** (limited to 3 minutes in duration)

4. Ordinance 2021-01; An Emergency Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Extending Ordinance 2020-22(S), Authorizing the City Manager to Utilize the Emergency Operations Center to Promulgate and Enforce Regulation to Stop the Spread of COVID-19

Dan Dunaway: Spoke regarding the need to clarify inconsistencies, define the emergency, address vaccinations and recovered people, and state an end goal.

Kaleb Westfall: Expressed opposition to the Ordinance. Noted health officials have stated there is no way to stop the spread of COVID, rather focus on mitigation. Stated the need for definable and measurable goals.

Diane Folsom: Spoke in favor of the ordinance. Cited recent active cases and the need to protect all citizens.

Jack Savo: Expressed the need to allow students to participate in sports programs. Noting mitigation methods have proven effective in other locations. Requested the needs of ALL be considered.

**CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION** (Prior Notice or Agenda Items) (limited to 3 minutes in duration)

Dr. David Powers: Clarified information regarding the Hospital name, bed capacity, ventilators, and how breathing assistance for COVID is currently done.

Kaleb Westfall: Commented that doing away with emergency orders does not preclude citizens from taking the precautions they deem necessary for COVID protection.

Dan Dunaway: Spoke about challenges with participating via conference phone line. Noted other communities are relaxing COVID regulations.

Jack Savo: Stated that he didn't see the Facebook post with meeting notice until the day of the meeting which gave limited notice.

Gorden Isaacs: Noted the need for some protective measures. Commented the quarantine has a negative impact to businesses.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

5. Adopt **Ordinance 2021-01**; An Emergency Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Extending Ordinance 2020-22(S), Authorizing the City Manager to Utilize the Emergency Operations Center to Promulgate and Enforce Regulations to Stop the Spread of COVID-19

MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 made by Andy Anderson, Seconded by Bill Rodawalt.

- Explanation that this is a housekeeping item to bridge one day gap, O 2020-22(S) expires 3/31/2021, Council meets 4/1/2021.
- There is a need to consider the 'end game' at some point.
- Discussed how this ordinance relates to the Orders. Discussed whether to address quarantine modifications in the ordinance. Current ordinance established emergency is still in effect and assign responsibility of city response to City Manager. Emergency Orders set regulations. Council is notified of changes and can take action to rescind if they choose.
- Council cannot do business not listed on the agenda. Substantive changes to the ordinance are not in order.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Rodawalt, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Marxmiller

6. Introduce **Ordinance 2021-02**; An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Extending the Expiration Date of Ordinance 2020-22(S)

MOTION: to introduce Ordinance 2021-02 made by Gregg Marxmiller, Seconded by Andy Anderson.

MOTION: to amend Ordinance 2021-02 made by Gregg Marxmiller, Seconded by Chris Napoli. 6<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS, The health care facility in Dillingham is the Kakanak Clinic / **Hospital** with a current capacity of 42 16 beds, 4 **and is a critical care unit. and no working ventilators**

VOTING on amendment: Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Rodawalt, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Marxmiller

VOTING on main motion: Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Rodawalt, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Marxmiller

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 7. City Manager Recruitment Report

Four applications received to date and are still in screening. Recruitment is ongoing. Updates will continue as things progress.

### 8. Citizen Committee Appointments

- Library Advisory Board, two seats.
- School Facility Committee, one seat.
- Port Advisory Committee, one seat.
- Senior Advisory Commission, two seats.
- Friends of the Landfill, two seats.
- Planning Commission, two seats.

Per DMC Mayor Ruby declared the planning commission seat held by William Corbett vacant.

MOTION: to concur with Mayor Ruby's declaration made by Andy Anderson, seconded by Chris Napoli.

VOTING: Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Rodawalt, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Marxmiller

Mayor Ruby recommended Jason Lamson continue to serve on the planning commission.

MOTION: to concur with Mayor Ruby's recommendation made by Chris Napoli, seconded by Aksel Buholm.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Rodawalt, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Marxmiller

### Progress Report

- Dave Carlson House Property
- Territorial School

There was no Progress Report.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 9. Approve **Action Memorandum 2021-03**, Adopt Library Collection Development Policy.

MOTION to approve Action Memorandum 2021-03 made by Chris Napoli, seconded by Andy Anderson.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Anderson, Council Member Rodawalt, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Marxmiller

**CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION** (Open to the Public) (limited to 3 minutes in duration)

John Heyano: Thanked DCSD for helping get senior lunches out during the recent closure of the Senior Center. Spoke regarding the need for increased wages. Commented on the condition of snow removal.

Tiera Schroeder: Thanked Council for their diligence. Stated that a Homelessness task force is meeting twice a month and are working on short and long term solutions to the homelessness in Dillingham.

Kaleb Westfall: Spoke regarding the graph posted on Facebook showing COVID cases in the last 60 days. Inquired about the number of local hospitalizations.

Jack Savo: Spoke in favor of a city committee to address the homeless issue.

Casey Dschaak: Stated it is easier for normal users in a zoom meeting vs. a webinar. Spoke regarding links shared by city with offensive content. Encouraged Council to get rid of quarantine as soon as possible.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Bill Rodawalt:

- Noted COVID fatigue. Consider looking at metrics to open things up, % of vaccinations important.
- Stated need to protect community. Citing many of recent cases due to lack of required quarantine.
- Commented there is a process in place to address changes and protect the community.
- Spoke in favor of a committee on homelessness.
- Thanked the public for comments, noting they are taken into consideration.

Chris Napoli:

- Stated appreciation for the emergency order process which allows for flexibility. Noting we have been diligent for a long time.
- Thanked DCSD for supplying lunches to senior citizens.
- Commented on the timing for a joint school board / city council meeting for budget appropriations.
- Noted the well-defined financial situation from the Finance Director.
- Suggested we consider using the private sector to facilitate snow removal.

Andy Anderson:

- Remarkd on the need for increased snow removal in the downtown area.

Gregg Marxmiller:

- Acknowledged gratitude to the local tribal groups for the land we live on.
- Thanked those that participated, noting it helps in decision making.
- Reported the next homeless task force meeting is Monday.
- Thanked Tiera and the Mayor, stating the importance of taking care of each other.
- Recommended we watch other communities that have relaxed measures for results.

Aksel Buholm:

- Noted the City has not shut down or limited business. Only put in place measures to protect all citizens.
- Stated the need to consider a date to end quarantine requirements.
- Commented the Council and Mayor do not supervise staff and the city has limited staff for some important things like snow removal.

Curt Armstrong:

- Noted snow removal has been slow this year and currently public works had some equipment down, and being worked on. Stated he is hopeful they will get ahead of the game.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Thanked staff, noting many departments are currently short staffed.
- Apologized for being a bit short during the meeting.
- A moment of silence was observed for all those lost, family and citizens, since the last meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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Mayor Alice Ruby

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ATTEST:

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Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_