



## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:30 PM

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conference, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

Kaleb Westfall (*On Zoom*)

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGEANCE

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION** to approve the agenda made by Steven Carriere, seconded by Bert Luckhurst.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Kevin, Kaleb, Steven, Bert, Michael, Curt. **MOTION CARRIED**

#### CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

- Jon Clouse (via ZOOM) expressed his thanks for having the meeting and the support from the City. He voiced his support and hoped that the 1.7 \$Million would be approved.
- (*ZOOM*) Amy Brower, DCS Superintendent, appreciated the City's willingness to have this discussion and support provided by the city and for filling the budgetary gap last year when the BSA came in lower than anticipated. She is asking the city to continue funding at \$1.7M
- Phil Hulett, Business Manager, explained the only change to the budget from last year was in salaries and benefits. \$600,000 would be the proposed deficit. This amount would need to be

moved from the reserve fund balance (emergency fund). The State has not increased the BSA IN seven (7) years. Historically, the city's allocation has been looked upon as the DCSD's maintenance budget. Student enrollment has been declining over the past three years.

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

### 1. DSCSD FY 2025 APPROPRIATION REQUEST

**MOTION** to approve the school appropriation at \$1.7 Million with \$100,000 dedicated to major maintenance and a commitment to revisit should the BSA increase by more than \$500 made by Steven Carrier, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

**DISCUSSION:** Nothing further.

**ROLL CALL VOTE YEA:** Kevin, Michael, Bert, Curt **MOTION CARRIED.** Appropriation has been set.

**ROLL CALL VOTE NAY:** Kaleb, Steven

### 2. City of Dillingham Letter to MEAL Board.

**MOTION** to accept the Letter and approve assistance, not to exceed \$20,000 made by Steven and seconded by Curt.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE YEA:** Bert, Michael, Kevin, Steve, Curt **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE NAY:** Kaleb

### 3. GCI EASEMENT AID TO WORK OFFER

- Michael Bennett excused himself from the discussion.

**MOTION** to direct staff to negotiate with GCI for a potentially higher amount and bring it back to the council for consideration made by Bert and seconded by Kaleb with a starting amount of \$500,000. Bert made the motion to amend the motion to the amount of \$500,000, seconded by Kaleb.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AMMENDMENT**

**DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENT:** None.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA: Kevin, Steven, Bert

ROLL CALL VOTE NAY: Curt

**MOTION CARRIED TO AMEND MOTION.**

**DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:** None.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA: Bert, Steven, Kaleb, Kevin

**MOTION CARRIED**

ROLL CALL VOTE NAY: Curt

4. SET DATE FOR COMMUNITY CLEANUP

**MOTION** to set date for clean-up to May 16<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> made by Bert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA: Kevin, Kaleb, Steven, Michael, Curt **MOTION CARRIED.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Michael asked for an update on the City property by Waskey road. Dan reported that the conveyance procedure was complete up until the time to sign the Quit Claim Deed.

**MOTION** made by Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve, to direct the City Attorney to contact the corporations to work out the conveyance of the 14-C property.

## **DISCUSSION**

Alice stated there shouldn't be any legal action as the commitment was made. The problem is that there were no actual surveys performed, only an aerial survey with no monuments on the ground. She is not inclined to believe that Choggiung would not convey the property. It was just that the surveys were never delivered to them by BLM.

**MOTION** made by Michael, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steven, to pursue the conveyance through the City Attorney.

**DISCUSSION** None.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Kevin, Kaleb, Steven, Bert, Michael, Curt **MOTION CARRIED.**

Kaleb asked Dan how many roads were currently closed. Dan replied that there were three. Kevin presented a Cooperative proposed routing for the underground power in the boat harbor. As a Nushagak customer it would be the responsibility of the city to reach out to Nushagak Electric to restore service. The Cooperative requires that the new power cable be entrenched on the East side of the road before the service can be restored. It was determined that the Manager should reach out to Nushagak Cooperated and bring a report to the May council meeting on how to address the problem. Kevin asked status of the signage change on Squaw Creek. Dan was directed to contact DOT to accomplish this signage change.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Alice stated that she had been in conversations with Silver Bay and had asked them to speak on behalf of the Dillingham (Peter Pan) plant. They have accepted the invitation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ruby called meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Mayor Alice Ruby

ATTEST:

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Jon Sorenson, Acting City Clerk

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Approval Date:

