



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 08, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. A workshop to review committees preceded the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Michael Bennett Curt Armstrong
Perry Abrams Kaleb Westfall

Council members excused:

Aksel Buholm Chris Napoli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of August 11, 2022, Regular Council Meeting

MOTION: Kaleb Westfall moved, and Michael Bennett seconded the motion to approve the August 11, 2022 council meeting minutes.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

REPORTS

2. City Manager and Staff Reports

- Review of staffing structure, needs, and job descriptions ongoing.
- Equipment repairs underway, preparation for winter begun,
- Road maintenance solutions being explored, meeting with local contractors for input.
- DOC representative to assess local jail and determine if they can assist with staffing.
- After season review with dock and harbor staff in process.
- Library and Senior Center numbers still down after COVID closures.
- Identification of city property has been productive; project is nearing completion.
- Several bond reimbursements have been received and will be reflected in the fund balance.

- Efforts to address the notice of violation and clean up after the landfill fire are ongoing.

3. Standing Committee Reports

There were no reports.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Ordinance 2022-06; An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Adopting a False Claims Act

There were no comments.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

Kevin Tennyson: Spoke regarding the terrible condition of the roads.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

5. Adopt **Ordinance 2022-06**; An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Adopting a False Claims Act

MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 2022-06 made by Perry Abrams, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

6. Adopt **Resolution 2022-24**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Approving a Public Utilities Easement for Nushagak Cooperative at Kenny Wren Road for Supplemental Heat, Power, and Communication Work

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2022-24 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Michael Bennett.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

7. Adopt **Resolution 2022-26**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Hold a Mayor's Sale to Dispose of Surplus City Equipment

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2022-26 made by Perry Abrams, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Citizen Committee Appointments

Port Advisory Committee - 3 seats

Senior Advisory Commission - 5 seats

Planning Commission - 1 seat

No letters of interest received.

NEW BUSINESS

8. **Action Memorandum 2022-08**; Authorize the City Manager's purchase of a generator for the wastewater treatment plant

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2022-08 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

- RFP for wastewater plant aeration at lagoon garnered no responses.
- Grant funding deadline approaching and grant authority authorized alternate use of funding. Provided four vendor names; quotes received from all vendors.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

- 9. **Action Memorandum 2022-09**, Authorize City Manager to Extend a Contract with Appraisal Company of Alaska

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2022-09 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

CITIZEN’S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

There were no comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Perry Abrams:

- Commented he has received calls regarding the condition of roads.
- Noted the need for communication and outreach to inform the public of solutions being worked on.

Michael Bennett:

- Stated it would be beneficial to pay journeyman wages.
- Inquired regarding the status of the list of city owned lands.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- Thanked candidates who declared, noting it is not easy to be on the council. Thanked those who have invested their time to council.
- Commented the strategic plan will be revisited. City Manager will keep council updated.
- Noted local stakeholders are having conversations regarding the housing issue. Stated OBI is working to open up apartment units to sublease to teacher for the school year.
- A moment of silence was recognized for those lost since the last meeting, noting the loss of elders, and the passing of the Queen of England.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor Alice Ruby

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ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____