



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 01, 2024, at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, August 01, 2024, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Curt Armstrong, Kaleb Westfall, Kevin McCambly, Michael Bennett, Steve Carriere.

Absent: Bert Luckhurst- *Excused*. Quorum established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular and Special City Council Meeting

02-01-24 Regular City Council Meeting

03-29-24 Special City Council Meeting

05-06-24 Special City Council Meeting

06-06-24 Regular City Council Meeting

06-20-24 Special City council Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes as a block made by Councilman Carriere, seconded by Councilman Armstrong

DISCUSSION: Discussion within the motion with corrections to be made by Acting Clerk.

ROLL CALL YEA: Unanimous Approval, motion carried

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

No items on the agenda

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by Councilman Carriere; seconded by Councilman Bennet

Motion to amend the agenda and add 6. City Owned Property under New Business by Councilman Bennett; seconded by Councilman Westfall.

Discussion on the amendment. None

ROLL CALL YEA: Unanimous Approval, motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager and Staff Reports.

Chief O'Malley reported that Officers James Chillemi and Douglas Johnson had both responded to a call involving an individual who had stopped breathing. Upon arrival, they administered resuscitation. That individual is alive today because of their life saving efforts. The Council responded with a standing ovation.

Acting City Manager, Dan Decker, reported that with the assistance of Councilman Carriere, Councilman Westfall, and Councilman Bennett, the City was awarded a \$14.4 Million, 100% forgivable loan from the (SRLF) State Revolving Loan Fund for construction of a waterline to the airport and surrounding properties.

Further, the state has awarded the city \$600,000 for initial planning of a new fire station. We are currently utilizing CRW Engineering, currently on retainer, for project management and needs assessments.

Regarding the Jail, Dan stated that the Jail is never closed, but at times operates at a reduced rate. Dan and Chief O'Mally met with the Department of Correction on Tuesday, July 30th. A modified schedule was developed that would employ rotational corrections officers to allow us to keep the facility fully functional. Chief O'Mally reported that efforts are being made to improve the safety of the facility and that they are finally getting an important cell door replaced.

Dan reported that Chief O'Malley has been performing as Chief and Patrolman and is looking forward to a time when staffing will allow Tracey to perform solely in a Chief's capacity.

Dan stated his goal was to cut back on Zoom broadcasting of Council meetings. We're going to start encouraging people to come physically to the meetings and reserve the Zoom for our Attorneys and people outside the community and for council members who cannot make it to the physical meeting.

2. Staff Reports
 - a. Strategic Plan Report (None)
 - b. Manager and Staff Reports (Above)
 - c. Committee Reports (None)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

3. RESOLUTION 2024-36: A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE YEAR END AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JNE 30, 2023

MOTION TO ACCEPT by Councilman Westfall; seconded by Councilman Carriere

DISCUSSION

ROLL CALL YEA: Unanimous Approval, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CITIZEN COMMITTEE APOINTMENTS:

Port Committee: Cole Schlagel; Reed Tennyson, Robin Samuelsen.

Mayor Ruby called for a vote to appoint. Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Wood River Apartments

Council directed staff to explore potential apartment complex and property purchase pending title search and building inspection.

MOTION by Councilman Westfall; seconded by Councilman Carriere.

DISCSSION WITHIN MOTION

Councilman Armstrong had a problem with the city being in the property management business and questioned who the property management would fall under.

Councilman Westfall asked how removal from the tax rolls would affect the budget, and how having the apartments would save the city money.

Councilman McCambly asked how long it would take to pay off the purchase.

Councilman Bennett called the question. Councilman Westfall seconded.

YEA VOTE: Kaleb Westfall, Kevin McCambly, Michael Bennett, Steve Carriere.

NAY VOTE: Councilman Armstrong. Motion Carried

5. Corrections – 2 Rotational Positions: Information only, Councilman Carriere clarified it was just filling positions. There were no objections.

6. City Owned Property: Councilman Bennett has asked the status of four city properties: Coho, Waskey, property 1000 Kananak Rd., and Emperor North. Regarding Kananak 1000 (old Bingman harbor property), Dan Decker explained that the firm Shannon-Wilson would be performing a two-phase assessment. Building removal and remediation would be required before the property would be opened to the public bidding process.

CITIZENS DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

Community member Dan Boyd was concerned about the city buying an apartment complex, when it cannot keep up with its existing building maintenance. He wants the school to purchase it as teacher housing. Further, he asked if the city buys it and makes it a rental property, who would be eligible to rent it?

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Westfall has a question about the Carlson House fuel bill. He also wanted to know if there were any new developments on Grandma's House?

Councilman Carriere asked if the city had received money from GCI?

Councilman McCambly, Bennett, and Westfall thanked the staff and asked that officer Maines be acknowledged for fifteen years of service. Offered condolences to the Maines and Luckhurst families over their recent loss.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ruby wished to recognize "Coolie's" return and speedy recovery. Further, she thanked the city staff and fire department for Habor Day, and finally call for a moment of silence to remember those who we have lost since our last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting @ 8:47 P.M

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Letters of Commendation

Mayor Alice Ruby

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Abigail Flynn, Acting City Clerk

Approval Date: _____