



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Aksel Buholm Curt Armstrong Perry Abrams Michael Bennett

Council members absent:

Chris Napoli Kaleb Westfall

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Perry Abrams.

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

CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

There were no comments.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Manager's Report

- Met with the State of Alaska Department of Labor regarding recruitment, and training opportunities.

Council Member Westfall arrived via zoom link.

- Reported public works is prepping equipment for winter, identifying snow removal patterns, and snow storage areas. Noted conversation with local contractors are willing to help if needed.
 - Rate studies for water/wastewater and landfill are proceeding, with goal of springtime completion.
 - Review of job structure for all departments has begun.
 - Corrections still understaffed. Jail contract with the State is on hold pending solution to staffing.
- ##### 2. Adopt **Resolution 2022-27**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Accepting the Certification of the Canvassing Committee Results and Certifying the October 4, 2022 Regular City Election

MOTION to adopt Resolution 2022-27 made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Perry Abrams.

- Noted Council Member Armstrong was on the Cavass Committee, no conflict of interest, and no relations on the ballot.

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

3. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2022-10**; Authorize Administrative Leave for Christmas and New Year's Holiday

MOTION to adopt Action Memorandum 2022-10 made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Michael Bennett.

- Council initiated this tradition many years ago.

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

4. City Property List/Status

- Compiling the list has been an ongoing process and had to be created as no comprehensive list existed. 87 parcels identified to date.
- Contacting city departments and other agencies have been essential in gathering information, including long time residents with historical knowledge.
- Difficulties encountered: incorrect info, duplicate and missing property cards, slow response from outside agencies.
- Goal is to provide list of properties known to date at the November 3, 2022 council meeting.
- Additional items moving forward: valuations needed by assessor, verify insurance requirement, use list for budgeting and capital planning.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Aksel Buholm:

MOTION to schedule a Juneau trip for two council members, the lobbyist, and the manager made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Michael Bennett.

- Recommended to develop a legislative agenda and define council issues of concern.
- Watch legislative focus, and state budget.
- Noted calls to federal legislators are taken very seriously.

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

- Requested joint City Council / School Board meeting.
- Noted a follow-up trip to D.C. may be prudent and possibly consider a delegation approach.
- Thanked Chris Napoli for his service. Congratulated Kim and Michael.

Curt Armstrong:

- Welcomed Kim and Michael, noting their three-year commitment.
- Noted Heather Savo's continued service on the School Board.
- Recognized Chris Napoli, stating he might possibly be the most decorated politician in Dillingham, noting his many positions, including but not limited to Mayor, Council Member, School Board, Nushagak Board, M.E.A.L. Thanked for his service and efforts.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- Noted Chris Napoli for his long time effort and service. Noted due to his experience and knowledge on the Marrulut Eniit Assisted Living Board he will continue to serve as the council representative.
- Congratulated Tom Tilden for being awarded the Citizen of the Year by BBNC.
- Noted a resolution to honor Dave Bouker will be in the next council packet.
- A moment of silence was observed for all those lost since the last meeting.

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Council Members:

DMC 2.06.040 Election of Members, The regular term of office begins on the first Monday following the certification of election.

DMC 3.7.040 B, Upon certification of a valid election, the city council shall direct the clerk to deliver to each person elected to office a “certificate of election” signed by the mayor and the clerk and authenticated by the seal of the city

The Oath of Office was taken by Kimberly Johnson (Williams), and Michael Bennett. A certificate of election was given to both newly elected officials.

- Noted appreciation for all who chose to declare candidacy for the 10.04.2022 election.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Mayor Alice Ruby

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ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____