



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Aksel Buholm	Perry Abrams	Chris Napoli
Michael Bennett	Kaleb Westfall	

Council members absent:

Curt Armstrong

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of January 6, 2022, Regular Council Meeting
2. Minutes of January 25, 2022, Special Council Meeting

MOTION: Aksel Buholm moved and Kaleb Westfall seconded the motion to approve the January 6, 2022, regular council minutes, and January 25, 2022 special council minutes in block.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

3. Adopt Resolution 2022-04; A Resolution Of The Dillingham City Council Amending The Bank Signature Card And Investment Accounts Signature Authority Forms Due To A Change In Council Members

MOTION: Kaleb Westfall moved and Perry Abrams seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to amend and approve the agenda made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Michael Bennett. Add item 10 under New Business; Discussion of Removal of COVID Mitigation and Emergency Authorized Measures

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

STAFF REPORTS

4. Department Reports

- Submission on the State of Alaska CAPSIS system for city projects is underway.
- 2.7 million dollar grant for lost revenue has been awarded.
- Public Safety is short staffed due to COVID. Police presence will be maintained.
- Heavy equipment issues continue to be a challenge for Public Works.
- Agent Pullon was noted for his assistance in a recent public safety incident.

5. Committee Reports

Code Review Committee

- To do list reviewed.
- Dillingham Liquor Store, and Bristol Bay Bud license renewals reviewed. Recommendation for both; City to waive their right to protest.

Finance & Budget Committee

- Draft ordinance for marijuana tax, and fish processor tax being developed.
- Noted difference between sales tax and excise tax; voter approval and council control.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There was no public hearing.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

There were no citizen comments.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

6. Adopt Resolution 2022-05; A Resolution Of The Dillingham City Council Waiving Section 3.95 Of The City’s Personnel Regulations To Authorize Hiring Patty Buholm As The Planning Director With The City Of Dillingham While Her Husband, Aksel Buholm, Serves On The City Council

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2022-05 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Michael Bennett.

- Aksel Buholm noted this resolution has a personal financial impact.
- Remarked Patty knows the community, has good relationship with State and Tribal entities and will be an excellent hire.

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

ABSTAINED: Council Member Buholm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Committee Appointments

Code Review Committee
Finance & Budget Committee

Mayor Ruby recommended Michael Bennett to the Code Review Committee and Aksel Buholm to the Finance & Budget Committee.

MOTION: to concur with Mayor Ruby’s recommendation made by Michael Bennett, seconded by Perry Abrams.

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

7. Letters of Interest: School Facility Committee, Planning Commission

School Facility Committee, one seat
Senior Advisory Commission, four seats
Friends of the Landfill, one seat
Port Advisory Committee, three seats
Planning Commission, one seat
Library Advisory Board, one seat

Mayor Ruby recommended Erin Ohlson to the School Facility Committee.

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

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

Mayor Ruby recommended Kaleb Westfall be reappointed to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: to concur with Mayor Ruby's recommendation made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

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

NEW BUSINESS

8. Dillingham Liquor Store License Renewal Application

MOTION: to waive the City's right protest to made by Chris Napoli, Seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

- The State of Alaska license renewal process and right to protest was reviewed.

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

9. Strategic Planning Update

- Bill Dann with Professional Growth Systems will be in Dillingham for strategic planning March 4th and 5th.
- Session 1 will prioritize council objectives / projects.
- Session 2 will assign projects and outline task / assignments.
- Preparatory work will be emailed prior to work sessions.
- A third session will be scheduled for department priorities.

10. Discussion of Removal of COVID Mitigation and Emergency Authorized Measures

- Ordinance 2020-22(S) expires March 4, 2022. Allows City Manager ability to respond to changing circumstances timely with Emergency Orders. Council maintains authority, and can amend at any time.
- Need to determine what moving forward will look like.
- Add COVID as an item on the March agenda.
- Clarify if previous legislation needs to be repealed.
- Noted need to work together and have open discussions.
- CDC language currently vague, and subject to different interpretations.
- Interim Manager noted local case count highest since his arrival.

- Citizens on both sides of the issue continue to feel very strongly.
- Need for businesses to conduct business in a safe, efficient, and effective way.
- Local health care providers continue to urge safety protocols; masks, hygiene, and distancing.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS (Open to the Public)

There were no citizen comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Kaleb Westfall:

- Requested regarding a School Board / City Council joint meeting.
- Inquired if there are any shovel ready projects.
- Thanked the Officer who put in extra time and deescalated a situation.

Perry Abrams:

- Noted the Public Works Direction position is critical to fill.

Aksel Buholm:

- Inquired about the status of the City owned real property list he requested.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- Stated a joint SB / CC meeting is being planned for March 24, 2022.
- Thanked Interim Manager Mark Lynch, noting appreciation for his help.
- Commented an RFP for a grant writer is being worked on.
- A moment of silence was observed for those lost since the last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Alice Ruby

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ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____