



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 03, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Michael Bennett	Kim Johnson	Aksel Buholm
Perry Abrams	Kaleb Westfall	

Council members absent:

Curt Armstrong

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of September 8, 2022, Regular Council Meeting
2. Minutes of October 13, 2022, Special Council Meeting

MOTION: Kim Johnson moved and Perry Abrams seconded the motion to approve the September 8, and October 13, 2022 council meeting minutes in block.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

3. Adopt **Resolution 2022-28**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council to Recognize the Contributions and Honor the Service of David Bouker
4. Adopt **Resolution 2022-29**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council to Recognize the Contributions and Honor the Service of Chris Napoli
5. Adopt **Resolution 2022-31**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Amending the Bank Signature Card and Investment Accounts Signature Authority Forms Due to a Change in City Council Members

MOTION: Kim Johnson moved and Kaleb Westfall seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

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

STAFF REPORTS

6. City Manager and Staff Reports

The following was reported on:

- Working to set a joint School Board / City Council meeting the second week of December.
- Suggest the Marijuana Excise Tax be evaluated to see if it should be adjusted.
- Planning is working with ANTHC on a Community Housing Assessment.
- Status of graders conveyed.
- Public Safety continues to recruit for Dispatch and Corrections.
- Bingo has resumed at the Senior Center.
- Recommended a work session to review the list of city properties, and determine the next logical step for vacant lots; i.e. disposition, expansion etc.
- Confirmed recruitment of students to the Planning Commission would be to create interest and sit as a non-voting participant.

7. Standing Committee Reports

Finance & Budget Committee:

- Fish tax is being reevaluated. Processors will be contacted for feedback, will reach out to Sand Point and False Pass for recommendations based on their legislation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There was no public hearing.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

There were no comments.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

8. Adopt **Resolution 2022-32**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Waiving Section 3.95 of the City's Personnel Regulations to Authorize Hiring William Wilson as a Corrections Officer While His Sister is the Corrections Sergeant

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2022-32 made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Kim Johnson.

- Currently the jail is closed due to lack of correction officers.
- City Attorney notes no problem as long as direct supervision is not family member.
- City continues to assess positions for pay and benefits.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Annual Committee Work Plan and Committee Appointments

Letter of Interest:
 Port Advisory Committee
 Library Advisory Board (2)

Mayor Ruby made the following committee recommendations:

- Finance & Budget Committee: Curt Armstrong, Aksel Buholm, Perry Abrams, Mayor, Manager, Finance Director.
- Code Review Committee, Kim Johnson, Michael Bennett, Kaleb Westfall, Mayor, Manager, City Clerk.
- Public Outreach: Council as a whole.
- M.E.A. L.: Chris Napoli

MOTION: Perry Abrams moved, and Kim Johnson seconded the motion to concur with the Mayor's recommendations.

MOTION: Kim Johnson moved and Aksel Buholm seconded the motion, to amend the motion and appoint Michael Bennett to the M.E.A.L. Board.

- A workshop was requested to review the M.E.A.L. agreements, restrictions, and get an update on the status of the facility.

Amendment VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm

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

Motion passes as amended. A letter will be sent to the MEAL Board advising them of the new city representative.

Manager memo regarding committee recommendations, annual focus, potential meeting schedules, and reporting was reviewed.

MOTION: Kim Johnson moved, and Aksel Buholm seconded the motion to compare committees against code, who's appointed, outreach to appointed groups, and memorialize by Resolution at the December meeting. 8:05

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

Mayor Ruby recommended to reappoint Dan Dunaway to the Port Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Kim Johnson moved, and Michael Bennett seconded the motion to concur with the Mayor's recommendation.

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

10. Real Property Inventory Report

- Workshop to be scheduled to analyze real property owned by the city.
- Information to include types of property, city uses, forecast for potential growth, disposition, staff recommendations.

11. Legislative Action Plan

- Action plan provides focus for conversation with lobbyist, and state and federal representatives.
- Letters of support and resolutions can strengthen positions.
- Can include capital projects, and other concerns, i.e. PFAS, housing, human resources.
- Assists with grant writing.
- Obtain public feedback, confirm concerns of citizens.
- Consider inviting Representative Edgmon and Lobbyist Hladick for input.

- City Manager to develop approach for council consideration.
12. Adopt Action Memorandum 2022-11; Authorize the City Manager to enter into a renewal contract with Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska, and Navia for an HRA
- MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2022-11 made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Perry Abrams.
- VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm

CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

There were no comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Aksel Buholm:

- Welcomed Kim, and Michael back to council.
- Spoke regarding the need for housing, recommended city purchase existing dwellings.

Kaleb Westfall:

- Welcomed new members to council, noting appreciation for willingness to serve.

Perry Abrams:

- Welcomed Kim, and Michael back to council.
- Stated the importance of having a presence in Juneau and D.C. Mentioned a legislative agenda would be good information for this purpose.
- Remarked having the jail closed is a safety issue, taking troopers out of the community for transports.
- Noted current properties on the market are not really feasible for city purchase.

Michael Bennett:

- Welcomed Kim to the city council.

Kim Johnson: 8:46

- Noted she is looking forward doing the City's business and making the community a better place.
- Stated concern for the homeless population with the cold weather.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Congratulated Kim and Michael, noting their commitment.
- Mentioned meeting with the congressional people that were in Dillingham. Noting list of priorities included H.R. problems, and housing. Mentioning interest in Friends of the Landfill and Friends of the Library committees.
- Commented the AML conference is in December with Newly Elected Official training on Dec. 5.
- Community Christmas Tree lighting will be on November 25. Thanks to Paul Liedberg and Maryanne Dickey for coordinating with Nushagak Cooperative lighting and decorating the Community Christmas tree.
- Encouraged all to vote, noting the State thinks Bristol Bay does not care due to low voter turnout.
- A moment of silence was observed for all those lost since the last meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Legal Matter

MOTION: Kaleb Westfall moved, and Michael Bennett seconded the motion to move into executive session regarding a legal matter involving litigation at 8:53 p.m.

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

MOTION: Kaleb Westfall moved, and Michael Bennett seconded the motion to exit executive session at 10:08 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Mayor Alice Ruby

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ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____