

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Michael Bennett Aksel Buholm Curt Armstrong Kaleb Westfall
Bert Luckhurst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of August 10, 2023; Regular Council Meeting

MOTION to approve minutes made by Kaleb Westfall. Seconded by Michael Bennett.

VOTING Yea. Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda amended- Items 9 and 13 struck. AM 2023-29 added to the agenda.

MOTION to approve agenda as amended, made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Bert Luckhurst

ROLL CALL VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

STAFF REPORTS

5. City Manager Report & Department Reports

- a) MOTION: to send Foreclosure Promissory Note code question to code committee made by Councilman Bennette, seconded by Councilman Westfall.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Time was given to Dan Boyd.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

6. There were no citizen comments

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26

A Resolution of the City of Dillingham City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Hold a Mayors Garage Sale to Dispose of Surplus City Equipment

MOTION: Councilman Bennette moved to adopt resolution 2023-26. Seconded by Councilman Luckhurst.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

6. Action Memorandum 2023-26 Hyster Repair

MOTION: Councilman Westfall moved to adopt AM 2023-26. Seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

AMENDMENT I: Councilman Buholm moved to amend AM 2023-26 to delete the 1050 from this Action Memorandum and put it out to competitive sealed bid for repair. Seconded by Councilman Bennette.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO AMEND Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

AMENDMENT II: Councilman Westfall moved to amend Action Memorandum 2023-26 requiring the City Manager to confirm value of the 800 before making the decision to ship it out for trade-in. Seconded by Councilman Buholm.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO AMEND Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT AM 2023-26 WITH AMENDMENTS Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

7. Action Memorandum 2023-27 ACO Vehicle

MOTION: Councilman Bennette moved to adopt AM 2023-27. Seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

- Councilman Westfall requested that an AutoStart be included for the vehicle.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

8. Action Memorandum 2023-28 Dock Vehicle

MOTION: Councilman Bennette moved to adopt AM 2023-28. Seconded by Councilman Westfall.

AMENDMENT: Councilman Bennette moved to amend AM 2023-28 increasing available funding not to exceed \$83,222.00. Seconded by Councilman Buholm.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO AMEND Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT AM 2023-28 WITH AMENDMENT Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

9. Action Memorandum 2023-29 Territorial School Demolition

MOTION: Councilman Bennette moved to put AM 2023-29 on the table. Seconded by Councilman Westfall.

- Councilman Bennette indicated that he is directly related to Neil Bennette but is not on payroll with the company. There is no direct financial interest regarding the issue.
- Mayor Ruby voiced reservations concerning the adoption of AM 2023-29 and suggested postponement until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting in October.
- Councilman Westfall voiced concerns that if AM 2023-29 were postponed then the demolition would be taking place in the colder part of the year. This concern indicated worry that postponement would create a health and safety issue for the residents of the downtown corridor (Lack of potable water and sanitation).
- Councilman Luckhurst voiced concerns that if the council waited too long then it would be another year before any action was taken.

MOTION TO POSTPONE AM 2023-29: Councilman Buholm moved to postpone AM 2023-29 to the October regular meeting. Seconded by Councilman Bennette.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO POSTPONE AM 2023-29 Yea: Councilman Armstrong, Councilman Buholm

ROLL CALL VOTE TO POSTPONE AM 2023-29 Nay: Councilman Bennette, Councilman Luckhurst, Councilman Westfall.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT AM 2023-29 Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Lobbyist Report (Chris Hladick)

- The report was not included in the packet.
- Chris Hladick had an informational meeting with staff giving clarification on project funding.

11. Wood-Tikchik State Park Recommendation

- The Letter of Interest from Theresa Duncan was not forwarded from the August 10, 2023 regular meeting packet to the September 7, 2023 regular meeting packet.
- Mark Lisak and Mark Schwantes were the previous names submitted to the Governor's office.

MOTION to concur to send to the Governor's Office the name of Theresa Duncan as a possible candidate made by Councilman Bennette. Seconded by Councilman Luckhurst.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

12. City Manager Recruitment

- Recruitment is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Vacant Council Seat F

a. Letter of Interest from Ronald L. Johnson concerning Vacant Council Seat F

- No action taken due to elections.

Library Advisory Board Vacancy

a. Letter of Interest from Rebecca Roenfanz Expressing Her Desire to Fill Vacancy

MOTION: Councilman Bennette moved to appoint Rebecca Roenfanz to the Library Board. Seconded by Councilman Luckhurst.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

14. ANTHC DH Snag Point Erosion Project.

- There will be a cooperative agreement forthcoming (Informational)

CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

There were no comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilman Buholm asked about the Managers Salary Negotiation.

MOTION Council Buholm moved to direct the City Attorney to negotiate salary with the acting City Manager to make salary commensurate with previous Managers Salary. Seconded by Councilman Bennette.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT made by Councilman Bennette to include retroactive pay from start date.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

- Councilman Westfall gave comment.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Ruby gave a comment thanking the police department concerning the recent high-profile investigation and asked for a moment of silence for members of the community who have passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by Councilman Luckhurst to move into executive session. Seconded by Councilman Westfall.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

MOTION to exit from executive session made by Councilman Westfall at 9:46 PM. Seconded by Councilman Bennette.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Luckhurst

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Mayor Alice Ruby

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ATTEST:

Daniel E. Decker Sr, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____