



CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5:30 AM

MINUTES

Our Vision. To have an infrastructure and city workforce that supports a sustainable, diversified and growing economy. We will partner with others to achieve economic development and other common goals that assure a high quality of living, and excellence in education.

MEETING INFORMATION

CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

141 Main Street, Dillingham, AK 99576 (907) 842-5212

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CALL TO ORDER

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Kim Johnson, Alice Ruby, Kaleb Westfall, Dan Decker, Michael Bennett

Staff: Finance Director (Anita via phone)

Noted that the committee did not have one council member in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Code Review Committee Minutes 05/11/2023

Motion to approve minutes of May 11, 2023.

Amendment: Correction of chairperson name for attestation/signature.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Motion to approve agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. none

NEW BUSINESS

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06
AN ORDINANCE OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER
11.24 ABANDONED VEHICLES

Ordinance 2023-06 – Abandoned Vehicles (Amending DMC 11.24)

Purpose: Establish enforcement for removal of abandoned vehicles and obstructions from public easements to aid snow removal and road safety.

Discussion:

- Mirrors Alaska Statute but provides local enforcement tools.
- Abandoned vehicles and junk impede Public Works during heavy snow.
- Enforcement: Law enforcement issues fines (48-hour notice standard per SOP). Public Works authorized to move obstructions but not levy fines.
- Clarifications: Prefer use of licensed towing companies. Education campaign (social media, 30-day notice period) recommended. SOP to guide exceptions.
- Concerns: Liability if Public Works moves vehicles; need for consistency; ensure attorney review.

Motion: Recommend approval to Council with amendments and comments:

- Replace 'move/remove' with 'authorize removal.'
- Use towing companies whenever possible.
- Forward committee comments and attorney review with ordinance.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07
AN ORDINANCE OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER
4.30, CONTRACT AND PURCHASE PROCEDURES TO ADJUST THE PURCHASE
PARAMETERS

Ordinance 2023-07 – Contract and Purchase Procedures (Amending DMC 4.30)

Purpose: Adjust purchase thresholds to reflect inflation and rising costs.

Changes Proposed:

- Small purchase limit from \$2,000 → \$4,999.
- Competitive purchase \$5,000–\$49,999 (previously \$8,000–\$29,999).
- Major contract threshold \$50,000 (previously \$30,000).

Discussion:

- Rising costs delaying projects; bid process takes ~30 days.
- Other municipalities have similar updates.

- Finance review: FY23 had 7 transactions between \$30k–\$50k; FY22 had none.
- Concern about loss of Council visibility; suggested periodic rebids for services.
- Purchases must still be budgeted and appropriated by Council.

Motion: Recommend forwarding Ordinance 2023-07 to Council for consideration.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. 4.15.080 Personal property returns review – (no update)

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMITTEE COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 PM.

ATTEST:

Abigail Flynn, City Clerk
[SEAL]

Date of Approval