



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 01, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. The meeting was preceded by a council workshop on the FY2024 Budget.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Michael Bennett	Kim Johnson	Curt Armstrong
Perry Abrams	Kaleb Westfall	Aksel Buholm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Mayor, Council and members of the public cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of May 4, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

MOTION: Kim Johnson moved, and Perry Abrams seconded the motion to approve the May 4, 2023 council meeting minutes.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

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

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

STAFF REPORTS

2. Standing Committee Reports

Code Review Committee:

- May 13, 2023 meeting minutes are in the packet. The committee also met in May.

Finance & Budget Committee:

- Met throughout April and May. Topics covered, FY23 budget revision, FY24 budget appropriation, and the fish processing excise tax.
3. City Manager, Staffing and Lobbyist Reports
- One float arm repair completed, second float waiting for council approval.
 - Upper parking area in harbor being developed.
 - Erosion at Kanakanak Beach and Wood River ramp clean up to be addressed.
 - The State of Alaska Senate Amendment 38 allocates 5,000,000 for the City of Dillingham – Harbor Float Replacement. The appropriation is subject to final budget approval by the Governor. Letter to Governor and Ryan Anderson signed by Mayor and Council completed and sent supporting the need for the funding of the project.
 - Outer breakwater project needs to be pick project back up. Under the Tribal Partnership Program, this is a potential funding source for a 2nd phase shore protection channel into the harbor.
 - 5 million for snag point erosion to protect the sewage lagoon. This is a 23 million project that the 5 million only covers the engineering and Geotechnical planning for this project.
 - The CIP list and possible funding sources needs to be developed, keeping in mind the need for the City to match possible funding sources. There is need to dedicate monies from the Fund Balance for CIP.
 - Waste oil at the harbor and at the Public Works is an issue. Council member Buholm suggested purchasing a waste oil burner and will pass along the type of burner that he has knowledge of.
 - We need to thank Representative Edgmon, Senator Hoffman, US Senator Murkowski for the funding to the City.

Discussion by the Council included how to engage with legislators and possible invites to the community. Support the continued involvement with SWAMC and AML. If possible, coordinated efforts with travel with the Tribe, village corporation and City with a focused approach may result in added funds to address the issues and needs of the community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

Paul Liedburg addressed the Council in support of the Greenstar resolution. The Friends of the Library supports the program, and it provides opportunities for equipment repair and replacement, backhaul of recycle materials. The current backhauls efforts 52,000 pounds of electrical, 900 bulbs and 1500 pounds of net waste, plus the aluminum cans at the Senior Center all to reduce the waste into the landfill. These efforts are because of the partnership with Curyung Tribe, Bristol Bay Native Association and volunteers who make up the Friends of the Library. Finally, the City should evaluate the need to reduce the number of days that the landfill is open to the public since the staff at the landfill don't have time to strategize on any future landfill opportunities.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

4. Introduce Ordinance 2023-04; An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Adopting the Budget and Appropriating Funds for the FY2024 City of Dillingham Budget

MOTION: To introduce Ordinance 2023-04 made by Kim Johnson seconded by Perry Abrams. In discussion, the Council discussed the wage study and the current salary schedule.

AMENDMENT: Perry Abrams makes a motion to amend the proposed ordinance for the salary schedule to have a 5% raise increase pending the completion of the wage study,

seconded by Kim Johnson. Council discussion included that what is the cost of the study at approximately \$10,000 and it will take 6 months to complete looking at the market, cost of living and other variables. Discussion included reviewing AML's salary comparison.

VOTING ON AMENDMENT: Voting yea: Council Member Abrams and Council Member Westfall. Voting Nae: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, and Council Member Buholm, amendment fails.

VOTING ON MAIN MOTION: Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong; Council Member Buholm

5. Adopt Resolution 2023-18; A Resolution of The Dillingham City Council Revising Membership Seats and the Process for Nomination of the Library Advisory Board.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2023-18 made by Kim Johnson seconded by Michael Bennett. Discussion by the Council included that this was reviewed by the Library Board and the Code Review Committee.

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

6. Adopt Resolution 2023-19; A Resolution of the City of Dillingham to become a Participate of the Green Star Program

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2023-19 made by Kim Johnson seconded by Michael Bennett.

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

7. Adopt Resolution 2023-20; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing the City of Dillingham to Accept a Grant from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources for a Firebreak at the Landfill

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2023-20 made by Kim Johnson seconded by Michael Bennett.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Harbor Floats Repair Update – Acting City Manager Goodell mentioned that under Code, this repair for each float is under the \$30,000 threshold and that the quotes to repair each float will lead to the same results as the quotes that staff received. The recommendation was made to move forward with the request to repair the floats. Discussion by Council Member, Johnson who was not at the meeting asked that the existing council members who were present at the meeting bring back the vote for reconsideration.

MOTION: To bring back Resolution 2023-13 back to the table for action tonight made by Aksel Buholm and seconded by Michael Bennett.

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

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2023-13 made by Kim Johnson seconded by Michael Bennett. Discussion by the Council included the need to follow the procurement outlined in Code and need to for a competitive bid process. The council encouraged the staff to follow the RFP process.

AMENDMENT: Kaleb Westfall moved to amend Resolution 2023-13 from 4 floats to 2 floats and the remaining 2 floats be put in a RFP for after the fishing season and the last sentence following the City of Dillingham Procurement Policy, seconded by Kim Johnson. Council discussion included moving the Procurement Policy to the Code Review Committee to assess the threshold procurement amounts.

VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong; Council Member Buholm. Council discussion requested that staff explore if the vendor experienced any monetary loss due to the delay.

VOTING ON RESOLUTION 2023-13, AS AMENDED Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong; Council Member Buholm

9. Dock Forklift Repairs Update – Acting City Manager Goodell discussed the quandary with the timing of the dock repair for the Hyster Forklifts. Lobbyist Hladick provided that in the past for specialized equipment the City used to have a sole source contract. Council members discussed the need to go out to bid following Dillingham Municipal Code, to make sure we all learn from this and the need to look ahead to adequately schedule this type of maintenance, and that the Council’s oversight is lacking as well. There is a need to have a maintenance schedule on all City equipment, accountability and maintain our equipment to the highest level.

Citizen Committee Appointments – There were no appointments.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

CITIZEN’S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public) – None.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council Member Buholm made a MOTION to immediately appoint Kim Johnson as Acting City Manager upon her resignation from the City Council and to include a 2 week transition with current Acting City Manager Lori Goodell, seconded by Council Member Michael Bennett. Mayor Ruby called for a 5-minute recess. Lobbyist Hladick requested that there be a Point of Order and that this motion needs to be on the agenda and noticed. Council member Buholm stated that Kim Johnson is highly qualified to take the position. She has a masters degree in Public Administration and sits on boards and councils.

The Council recessed at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor Ruby called the Council back to order at 9:19 p.m.

The Mayor recognized Council Member Kim Johnson. Council member Johnson stated, “that she has a Master’s degree in Public Administration, is on the Board of Directors for Bristol Bay Native Corporation with revenues reaching 2 billion, and she has applied for the City Manager position in the past, however she recognizes that she has no municipal experience and the reason she elected to run for the City Council. She continued that there is a process in place to hire a manager and a timeframe to follow. We have existing staff on hand to get us through the summer season successfully. She told the Council she does not support the motion. The Mayor recognized Council Member Armstrong who mentioned that we can’t force Kim to resign from the Council.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, and Council Member Bennett. Nae: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Armstrong; and Council Member Johnson, motion fails.

Council Member Buholm made a MOTION for the manager and staff to provide an update at the next Council meeting regarding Squaw Creek, Yako and Dragnet Roads, seconded by Council Member Johnson.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Armstrong; Council Member Abrams.

Council Member Buholm made a MOTION to direct the city manager to talk to local contractors for snow removal and to plow the city streets as part of a snow removal plan, seconded by Council Member Kim Johnson. Discussion to include an update for the August Meeting, what can be done as part of a contingency plan, and what are our options.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Johnson; Council Member Buholm.

Council Member Buholm asked what property do we own? Council Member Buholm made a MOTION that a report for the August meeting on property the City of Dillingham owns, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Discussion by the Council included just providing a list even if it is not complete.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams; Council Member Armstrong.

The Mayor recognized Council Member Bennett who raised concern with the Dillingham City School budget and when was the review per the resolution going to be addressed? Council Member Bennett made a MOTION, that the agenda for the Council's June 15th meeting include an item on the agenda regarding the School District funding, seconded by Council Member Johnson.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett; Council Member Armstrong.

The Mayor recognized Council Member Johnson, who thanked Ida Noonkesser who is retiring from the Senior Center and hopes the City can recognize her years of service and a commendation is appropriate. Council Member Johnson is concerned with our revenue and the sustainability is an important discussion and that we need to live within our means and find ways to bring more revenue to the City of Dillingham.

The Mayor recognized Council Member Westfall who went on to recognize Ida Noonkesser's contributions. Council Member Westfall made a MOTION to recognize Ida Noonkesser's contributions, seconded by Council Member Buholm. Discussion by the Council included for Council Members to attend the Senior Center lunches and interact with our seniors. Council Member Johnson asked for unanimous consent, motion carried with UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Council Member Westfall made a motion, for a report on the Ingersal Rand compactor status at the June 15th meeting, seconded by Council Member Bennett.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett; Council Member Armstrong.

The Mayor recognized Council Member Buholm. Council Member Buholm made a MOTION to start advertising for the City Manager of Dillingham, seconded by Council Member Bennett.

VOTING: Council Member Johnson No, Council Member Bennett Yes, Council Member Buholm Yes, Council Member Westfall No, Council Member Armstrong No, Council Member Abrams No, motion fails.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ruby informed the Council that she has contacted Tim Pearson who is willing to work with the Council to identify and formulate a plan for an interim manager. She asked for a moment of silence to recognize those we lost since our last meeting and acknowledged the Representative Edgmon lost his mother, Edie Shade, who was a respected elder in our community.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Mayor Alice Ruby

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

Approval Date: _____