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Nome Common Council
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Cameron Piscoya
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq
Maggie Miller

NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 at 7:15 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Scot Henderson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson (virtual); M. Sigvanna Tapqaq (telephonic); Maggie Miller

Members Absent: Cameron Piscoya (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk; Thomas Simonsson, NJUS Plant Operations Manager; Mike Heintzelmann, NPD Chief; Cole Cushman, DPW Supervisor; Joy Baker, Port Director (virtual); Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (telephonic)

In the Audience: Diana Haecker (Nome Nugget); Paul Kosto; Brad Soske; Patrick Piscoya

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Johnson to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Johnson to amend the agenda by moving Unfinished Business Item A to Executive Session.

At the roll call:

Aye: Johnson; Martinson; Tapqaq; Miller; Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion to amend **CARRIED**.

Returning to the main motion.

Hearing no objections, the main motion to approve the amended agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 10, 2023 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Johnson to approve the July 10, 2023 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tapqaq; Miller; Henderson; Johnson; Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of September 28, 2023 from State Assessor Caissie to City of Nome re: 2023 Full Value Determination
- B. Letter of October 9, 2023 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Transfer of License from Milano's Pizzeria Inc. to Milano's Pizza Nome LLC
- C. E-mail of October 9, 2023 from AMCO to Nome Common Council re: License 450 AB-03: Restaurant Designation Permit Application
- D. Letter of October 10, 2023 from Gary Longley, Jr to Manager Steckman re: DOT Winter Shift Schedule
 - Council Member Johnson requested a snow plowing plan from the City. City Manager Steckman advised that the City has published via Newspaper and Social Media.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. R-23-10-05 A Resolution Approving an Employment Agreement Between the City of Nome and Bryant Hammond to Serve as a Project Manager to the City Manager to be discussed after Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 0-23-11-01 An Ordinance Retaining Lot 4, Block 61 of Nome Townsite for a Public Purpose, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION**

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Johnson to adopt R-23-11-01.

Discussion:

- None

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Tapqaq, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Johnson, C. Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-23-10-06 A Resolution Designating Charles "Chip" Leeper & John K. Handeland as Acting City Managers for November 15 to 26, 2023

A motion was made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Henderson to adopt R-23-11-06.

Discussion:

- None

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-23-10-07 A Resolution to Recognize Police Chief Mike Heintzelman's Service to the City of Nome and its Residents

A motion was made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Henderson to adopt R-23-11-07.

Discussion:

- None

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Henderson, C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Tapqaq, C. Miller

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: October 11 - 20, 2023

Thomas Simonsson, NJUS Plant Operations Manager

- Completed all the work, to this point, for the Moonlight Project. Currently operating on a pressurized system from moonlight.
- Completion of the irrigation project at the airport.
- Completion of the coordination of homeowner service agreements for the Seppala Project.
- C. Henderson inquired on the purpose of the pressurization project.
- C. Henderson inquired about vacant positions within NJUS.
- C. Johnson requested clarification on the Seppala project and confirmation on project dates.

(27:06)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: October 11 – 20, 2023

- There will be a Public Safety Advisory will meet in Executive Session tomorrow to review 30+ Police Chief Candidates.
 - o C. Henderson inquired about the hiring process.
- The City will conduct enhanced traffic enforcement at the Elementary School at the request of parents and teachers.
- We will be moving a temporary employee from PW to fulltime.
- We will also be bringing on a fulltime paramedic.
- Provided financial updates for the purchase of a grater for Public Works.

- B. October Port Projects Update

- C. August 16, 2023 Nome Port Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

- D. Kegoayah Kozga FY24 Q1 Report

- E. Parks & Rec FY24 Q1 Report

- F. Public Works FY24 Q1 Report

- G. Finance FY24 1Q Report

- H. IT FY24 Q1 Report

- I. Museum FY24 Q1 Report

J. Port Report FY24 Q1 Report

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

(39:08)

- Paul Kosto gave his sentiments toward Mike Heintzelman's time and tenure.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Henderson gave his praise to Chief Heintzelman, for his service to the City.
2. Council Member Johnson, no comment.
3. Council Member Martinson, no comment.
4. Council Member Tapqaq, no comment.
5. Council Member Miller, no comment.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

A. Activity Report: October 11 - 20, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Legal, Contractual and Personnel Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which Could Have Adverse Effects on City of Nome Finances

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Johnson to enter into Executive Session.

The Council entered executive session at 8:00pm.
The Council came out of executive session 9:00pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. R-23-10-05 A Resolution Approving an Employment Agreement Between the City of Nome and Bryant Hammond to Serve as a Project Manager to the City Manager.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-23-10-05.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Henderson, C. Miller, C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Tapqaq

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 9:01pm.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 12th day of February 2024.

ATTEST:

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

Brad Soske
Deputy Clerk