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Nome Common Council
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Adam Martinson
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 at 7:01 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Scot Henderson; Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Sigvanna Tapqaq

Members Absent:

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Joy Baker, Port Director; Marguerite La Riviere, Library Director; Mike Heintzleman, NPD Chief

In the audience: Diana Haecker (Nome Nugget); Davis Hovey, KNOM; Derek McLarty

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; D. Johnson M. Johnson; Martinson; Tapqaq;
Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 22, 2022 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to approve the August 22, 2022 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Tapqaq; Brown;
Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Email Chain of September 7, 2022 between Ryan Property Tax and City of Nome Clerk's Office re: Penalty & Interest Forgiveness Request.

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to forgive penalty and interest as requested.

Discussion:

- The Council discussed the issue, how such requests in the past were handled, the frequency of late payments, and the differences in expectations between large and small taxpaying entities.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tapqaq; Brown; D. Johnson

Nay: M. Johnson; Martinson; Henderson

Abstain:

The motion **FAILED**.

- B. Letter of September 8, 2022 from James and Kathleen Hansen to City of Nome re: Penalty Forgiveness Request.
- Presiding Council Member Brown summarized the letter.

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to forgive penalty and interest as requested.

Discussion:

- Council Member Henderson asked a few clarifying questions.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tapqaq; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson

Nay: Martinson; Henderson

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. September 26 - 28, 2022 Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators Draft Conference Agenda.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. Derek McLarty announced his candidacy for Nome Common Council and suggested an idea to the Council regarding the issues on Front St. He noted general complaints about the situation with few solutions. He suggested a spin off of the Fall Cleanup / Roundup, whereby people can turn in garbage bags for cash. He noted that the people that hang out on Front St could pick up trash on the seawall and front street and such activity might make them feel good about their contribution to the community. He suggested a pilot program budgeted at \$5000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. R-22-09-01 A Resolution Approving a Collection Development Policy for the Kegoayah Kozga Library.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to adopt R-22-09-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman requested Council support, describing the requirement to update policies per the grantor. He noted the appeals process should there be a complaint concerning a book.
- Council Member Henderson asked if the policy should be reviewed every three years.
- Manager Steckman explained that's the goal, though its been 17 years since the last update.

At the roll call:

Aye: Tapqaq; Brown; Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson;
Martinson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. R-22-09-02 A Resolution Awarding a Contract to Nome Machine Works for the Provision of Light Duty and Emergency Vehicle Repair and Maintenance.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-22-09-02.

Discussion:

- Council Member Doug Johnson declared a potential conflict of interest in that Nome Machine Works was owned by his brother. He noted he gained nothing either way on the vote and asked to abstain.
- Presiding Council Member Brown allowed him to abstain.
- Manager Steckman discussed the bids, meeting with Nome Machine Works to discuss changes in the contract, including the cloud based software, and submitting invoices on a monthly basis. He recommended they approve the resolution.
- Council Member Brown asked if Manager Steckman had any concerns.
- Manager Steckman relayed Nome Machine Works' assurance that he had the staff to fulfill the contract.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: August 23 - September 8, 2022.
- Assistant Utility Manager Morton discussed the community power discussion the following Monday at the Northwest Campus at 7pm, a continuation of the discussion on a potential micro nuclear reactor. He noted the powerplant foreman position was currently vacant and briefly discussed the fuel delivery.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**A. Activity Report: August 23 - September 8, 2022.**

- Manager Steckman presented his written report, highlighting the AK Waste phone number to call regarding trash issues. He noted a container filled with new trash cans on the way.
- He noted two new NPD patrol would arrive on the next barge.
- Polar Pools will be paid by school district and City of Nome will reimburse expenses.
- He noted that legislative priorities were coming before the Council in the coming weeks. He noted some ideas and called for a work session so staff could begin putting together the white papers supporting the priorities. He stressed having a shorter list would work to the City's advantage.
- He discussed the status of working through NVAD issues, saying he's working on taking it up a notch before considering alternatives.
- He noted he was out on the noon flight, but would be working throughout his absence.
- Council Member Mark Johnson asked about procuring basketball hoops.
- Manager Steckman noted a \$41,000 quote for a basketball court with asphalt. He noted it wouldn't happen this year, but next spring. The court should be sited by the rec center. He also discussed the need to resurface the court on Steadman and that the City is asking DEC for assistance.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

none given

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Henderson – no comments.
2. Council Member Doug Johnson – no comments.
3. Council Member Mark Johnson – no comments.
4. Council Member Martinson – no comments
5. Council Member Tapqaq explained she was working on getting the new Youth Rep appointed.
6. Council Member Brown – no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**A. Activity Report: August 23 - September 8, 2022.****B. Reappointment of Justin Noffske to Seat B of the Public Advisory Safety Commission.**

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to confirm Mr. Noffske's reappointment.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Tapqaq;
Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson to enter into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matter the immediate knowledge of which may have adverse effects on City of Nome finances.

The Council entered into executive session at 7:40 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 7:56 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. D. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to adjourn.

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 7:56 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 26th day of September 2022

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk