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Nome Common Council
Scot Henderson
Doug Johnson
Mark Johnson
Adam Martinson
Cameron Piscoya
M. Sigvanna Tapqaq

NOME COMMON COUNCIL
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023 at 5:30 / 7:15 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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Work Session - 5:30 PM

A. Nome Common Council Work Session on City of Nome FY 2024 Budgets.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Scot Henderson; Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson (telephonic); Cameron Piscoya, (telephonic); Sigvanna Tapqaq

Members Absent: Youth Rep. Kellie Miller (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Nickie Crowe, Finance Director (telephonic); Joy Baker, Port Director; Ken Morton, NJUS Assistant Manager;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 13, 2023 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. April 10, 2023 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Tapqaq to approve the March 13, 2023 and April 10, 2023 minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Flyer re: April 2023 Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities.
 - Mayor Handeland discussed the great turnout at the Saturday event.
- B. Alaska Daily News Article of April 16, 2023 entitled *Alaska young adults tripled e-cigarette use in recent 5-year period, report says*.
 - Mayor Handeland noted a work session on the subject would be scheduled following the budgetary process.
- C. Email of April 19, 2023 from Wade Hoek to Mayor Handeland re: Bitcoin & Alaska.
 - Mayor Handeland noted that he wouldn't be able to attend.
- D. Email of April 20, 2023 from Director Amarok to Clerk Hammond et al re: Solicitation of Letters of Interest to Serve on the Northwest Campus Advisory Council.
 - Mayor Handeland asked for volunteers, noting he had served years ago
 - Scot noted he served on it for a few years.
- E. Memo of April 21, 2023 from Clerk Hammond to Nome Common Council re: Council Determination of Disposition of Untimely Filed Tax Exemption Forms.

A motion was by C. Henderson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to authorize the Clerk to accept the exemption applications as timely filed.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- F. Nome Nugget Advertisement re: Property Assessment Appeals.

G. FY 2024 City of Nome Budget Calendar.

H. City of Nome Flyer re: 2023 U-Call, We-Haul.

- Mayor Handeland Went over the event, discussing the three locations of dump trucks.
- Manager Steckman discussed the bounty on junk vehicles, noting the goal was to get as many junk vehicles to the dump as possible. He discussed encouraging people to be good stewards of their property, attributing the idea to Derek McLarty.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

no comments were given

NEW BUSINESS

A. O-23-05-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Short-Term Lease of Block 63, Parcels 13A and 13B to Bonanza Fuel, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION.**

A motion was made by C. Tapqaq and seconded by C. D. Johnson to advance O-23-05-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman discussed the lease, noting the contract would be provided at the next meeting. He noted the lease was for a temporary fuel station to allow for Bonanza to completely revamp their current station. The temporary station will be full service.
- Mayor Handeland noted that Sitnasuak would have title to the property had the Air Force transferred title to the White Alice site already.
- Council Member Henderson noted the project would take about 6 weeks.

At the roll call:

Aye: Piscoya; Tapqaq; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson
Nay:

Abstain: Henderson

The motion **CARRIED.**

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: April 11 - 21, 2023.

- Assistant Manager Morton discussed the Utility's 2023 fuel purchase of 750,000 gallons coming in \$1.00 - \$1.50 cheaper than last year. He discussed the line crew pulling down the rock creek feeder. He noted the Wartsilla generator overhaul was pushed back a few days.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**A. Activity Report: April 11 - 21, 2023.**

- Manager Steckman noted he will begin his vacation tomorrow, but will go to State College, PA to discuss 3D housing with Denali Commission during his visit. He suggested delaying the Thursday work session until the May 8 regular meeting.
- Council Member Henderson asked about the school budget and when the City will know about the State's contribution to their budget.
- Manager Steckman opined it would be tough to predict.
- Mayor Handeland noted it would depend on whether or not the legislature goes to an extra session.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

no comments were given

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Tapqaq – no comments.
2. Council Member Hendersonb opined it was a good work session – productive. He apologized for the questions and requested personal / business property be discussed with respect to the aircraft exemption in code during this budget cycle. He contended that commercial aviation was a big part of the economy and wondered why it was neglected in the tax code.
 - Mayor Handeland briefly discussed the history of the provision.
3. Council Member Doug Johnson – no comments.
4. Council Member Mark Johnson – no comments.
5. Council Member Martinson – no comments.
6. Council Member Piscoya – no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**A. Activity Report: April 11 - 21, 2023.**

- Mayor Handeland thanked Kawerak and the Child Advocacy Center for the first responder event held on Saturday and extended a welcome home to Former Council Member Stan Andersen after a few weeks in Anchorage for medical.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

The council recessed into executive session at 7:42 PM.

The council came out of executive session at 7:58 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 7:58 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 8th day of May 2023

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk