

**MINUTES
NOME CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2020**

The special meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 12:05 PM by Mayor Handeland in Council Chambers located at 102 Division St in Nome Alaska.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown (telephonic); Doug Johnson (telephonic); Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson (telephonic); Meghan Topkok (telephonic)

Members Absent: Adam Martinson (excused); Zoe Okleasik

Also Present: John Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager (telephonic); Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Mike Heintzelman, Police Chief;

In the audience: ~ 15 Zoom participants

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Handeland asked if there were changes to the agenda.

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

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok;
Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion, **CARRIED.**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

1. Chief Mike Heintzelman thanked everyone for their snow removal efforts.
2. Roy Ashenfelter requested the Common Council follow the Schools example and close down all gathering places such as bars, restaurants and churches.

NEW BUSINESS

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

- A. O-20-11-01 An Emergency Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Alcohol in Nome for On Site Consumption Until December 14, 2020 In Order to Reduce the Impact and Spread of COVID-19 Throughout the City of Nome.

For the purpose of holding a public hearing, the Council recessed at 12:14 PM.

Public Hearing

- Doctor Mark Peterson discussed the recent COVID-19 outbreak in Nome. He summarized four strategies Norton Sound Hospital recommended to contain the outbreak as 1. Close bars and restaurant on site consumption 2. Require masks for people in cabs and limit occupancy to one individual or family unit 3. City wide mask mandate 4. Limit gatherings to 25 percent capacity. Upon Council Member Mark Johnson's request he summarized the hospitals rapid testing capacity.
- Bertha Sulunulik Koweluk voiced support for closure of the bars, noting that leaving them open caused a great deal of stress for many people.
- Megan Mackieran explained that requiring a negative test 72 hours prior to travel to Nome was problematic as rapid tests were more difficult to get in Anchorage and the road system.

The Council reconvened at 12:32 PM.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to adopt O-20-11-01

Discussion:

- The Council discussed potential limitations on cabs and gatherings in addition, as well as recent actions by the Municipality of Anchorage to contain the spread of COVID-19. The Council gave direction to the City Manager to restrict cab capacity and gatherings through emergency order.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 12:47 PM

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 14th day of December, 2020.

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk