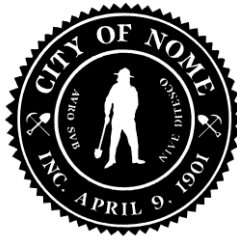


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Glenn Steckman

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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Scot Henderson; Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson;  
Cameron Piscoya; Sigvanna Tapqaq

Members Absent:

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager;  
Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk; Joy Baker, Port Director;  
Ken Morton, NJUS Assistant Manager; Bryant Hammond (without title)

In the audience: Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget;  
Jim Powell, University of Alaska Southeast (Juneau, AK);  
Laura Landrum – Proj. Scientist, National Center for Atmospheric Research;  
Julio Postigo – Asst. Prof. of Geography, Indiana University of Bloomington;  
Bob Orrtung - Research Prof. of Int'l Affairs, George Washington Univ.;  
Ridwan - Research with Institute of Social & Economic Research, UAA;  
Asikluk Topkok, Professor of Cross-Cultural Studies, UAF

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson 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**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

(1:20)

- Jim Powell - Research Professor, University of Alaska Southeast, introduced himself and the collaborative of research groups currently gathering research in Nome.
- Laura Landrum - Project Scientist, National Center for Atmospheric Research, studying polar climates, climate change, and sea ice.
- Julio Postigo - Assistant Professor of Geography, Indiana University of Bloomington.

- Bob Orrtung - Research Professor of International Affairs, George Washington University.
- Ridwan - Research with Institute of Social & Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage.
- Asikluk Topkok, Professor of Cross-Cultural Studies, University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- Jim Powell, U of A (Southeast) Informed everyone there research revolved mainly around tourism, infrastructure, among various other research being conducted. He thanked the community for it's hospitality, inviting the public to a Wednesday, noon session, and Thursday at 5PM, both at the University's conference room. Recognition to the indigenous community, for their hospitality and allowing research on their land as well. Request for all to attend group discussion, provide topics to discuss with their group, was noted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. R-23-07-01 A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a \$600,000 Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Construction of a 3D Printed House,  
(8:25)

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya to adopt R-23-07-01.

#### Discussion:

- Manager Steckman described plans to construct housing in Nome, using 3D construction technology by Penn State among other entities, Extreme Habitats, & U of Alaska: Fairbanks. The feasibility of the project was yet to be determined. Grant date starting August 1, with construction starting summer 2024.
- Keith Comstock affirmed an intended construction start date of Summer, 24.
- Council Member Henderson inquired into the intended use of the 3D constructed home.
- Manager Steckman opined employee housing could be an option however, proving the technology in an arctic climate was key.
- Council Member Henderson questioned if any of 3D constructed housing projects have occurred, this far north, in the Arctic.
- Keith Comstock noted this would be the furthest north 3D housing construct that he is aware of.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

### **UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. Activity Report: June 27 - July 7, 2023,  
(15:05)

- Ken Morton, NJUS Assistant Manager stated the line crew was busy reinforcing and bracing the North feeder, line extensions afterward. Water & Sewer has been quite busy. NJUS has a new Plant Operations Manager, Thomas Simonsson.

- Henderson questioned if more oil was purchased this summer.
- Ken Morton, stated they had not since the last order.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### A. Activity Report: June 27 - July 7, 2023,

(22:15)

- Manager Steckman introduced Deputy Chief Crockett who announced there would be two new officers, Chelsea Griffin & Laten McNabb, joining NPD police force.
- Manager Steckman addressed the issue of ADN 's article previously published about one of NPD's previously hired Community Service Officer's from 10 years ago, the article negatively depicted NPD policy however, Manager Steckman noted discrepancy the report. He stated the department today is far ahead from where it had been in past years, advancing toward accreditation. Another incident where release of information, accordingly with NPD policy was detailed as well.

#### B. July 2023 PD Report & Capital Projects Update,

(16:55)

- Joy Baker, Port Director, stated SEAKERS had completed the header pipe work only July 6. Leveled and graded, thickness inspection complete; approval from USACE to place material for fill and continuation with work. Thickness testing came back great however rust will require further maintenance. Follow up work to occur but good shape overall. Custom-made scaffolding will need hanging underneath bridge for maintenance. USACE will not allow continual fill underneath the bridge during times of maintenance. The City Engineer is working on determining custom scaffolding options for the City's use.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

No comments were given.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

- 1.) Council Member Martinson, no comments.
- 2.) Council Member Piscoya, no comments.
- 3.) Council Member Tapqaq, no comments.
- 4.) Council Member Henderson, no comments.
- 5.) Council Member D. Johnson, no comments.
- 6.) Council Member M. Johnson, no comments.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

#### A. Activity Report: June 27 - July 7, 2023,

(27:20)

- Mayor Handeland stated Senator Murkowski gave visit to the region this past week, visiting Graphite One and Pilgrim Hot Springs before leaving. Pilgrim development master plan for public comment, at Old St. Joe's tomorrow. NAC would be having a customer-appreciation day as well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Discussion of 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. Martinson to enter into executive session to discuss contractual and personnel matters the immediate knowledge of which could have adverse effects on City of Nome finances.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:30pm.

The Council came out of executive session at 7:48pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 7:48 PM.

**APPROVED and SIGNED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**JEREMY JACOBSON**  
Deputy City Clerk