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Nome City Council
Jerald Brown
Doug Johnson
Mark Johnson
Adam Martinson
Scot Henderson
Meghan Sigvanna Topkok

**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2021 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Scot Henderson; Doug Johnson (Teams); Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson (Teams); Sigvanna Topkok (Teams)

Members Absent:

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Paris Hebel, Youth Representative; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Mike Heintzelman, NPD Chief; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief; Nickie Crowe (Teams); Joy Baker (Teams)

In the audience: Diana Haecker (Teams), Nome Nugget; Sean Milligan, KNOM; Rhonda Schneider

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 25, 2021 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. November 4, 2021 Nome Common Council Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. D. Johnson to approve the October 25, 2021 and November 4, 2021 minutes.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. KTUU Article of October 15, 2021 re: Dunleavy Administration to Allow ATVs on State Roads, Starting Jan. 1.
- Mayor Handeland noted the allowance of using ATVs and Snogos on City roads but the change in policy coming to State Roads.
 - The Council, City Manager and Police Chief discussed the continued presense of ATVs and Snowmachines on streets in Western Alaska, requirements for license, registration and insurance, enforcement issues and potential safety workshops to mitigate future accidents.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

none given

NEW BUSINESS

- A. R-21-11-01 A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two New Ford Expeditions from Kendall Ford Lincoln of Anchorage for the Nome Police Department for Delivery on the First Barge of 2022.
- Manager Steckman discussed recent purchases and the logistical challenges supply chain issues currently poised. He stated he wanted to be proactive to ensure timely delivery.
 - Council Member Mark Johnson asked if the prices included outfitting and if it was in the budget.
 - Manager Steckman noted it was not in the budget and that the prices included outfitting and shipping. He noted the chip shortage had changed the strategy and that NPD would have to get in line to ensure. He discussed how the budgeting would pan out depending on when the vehicle hit the docks.
 - Council Member Henderson asked about the replacement cycles for vehicles.
 - Council Member Martinson AM asked what is happening to the replaced vehicles.

- Manager Steckman noted a goal replacement cycle of 7 to 8 year and explained a 1998 suburban and a 2003 would be removed from the fleet. He noted a vehicle was just stripped of an engine to be placed in another vehicle.
- B. R-21-11-02 A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to Solicit a Design Team to Prepare Plans, Specifications, and Estimated Project Costs for the Replacement of City Facility Heating & Ventilation Systems.
 - Manager Steckman noted studies performed on 4 buildings and the current project happening at Rec Center. He described the goal as having shovel ready projects should more ARPA funds come available. He noted the previous year's surplus and the sale of \$1.8 million in assets over the previous few years and a projected surplus at the end of FY22.
 - Council Member Henderson asked how old the systems were.
 - Manager Steckman stated the Rec Center's boiler was 37-38 years old and City Hall's boiler was over 30 and had issues with temperature control.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: October 26 - November 5, 2021.
 - Manager Handeland noted there was nothing to report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: October 26 - November 5, 2021.
 - Manager Steckman referred the Council to his report in the packet. He passed out pictures of the ongoing boiler project at the rec center. He recognized Lucas Stotts' Harbormaster of the Year award. Manager Steckman alerted the Council that the City was going out to bid for audit services. He noted the XYZ Center Fire Alarm system bid docs were being prepared by Bristol Engineering, with estimated costs of about \$130,000.
 - Manager Steckman recognized three employees for their lengthy service at the City, explaining that more recognitions would be on the way. The employees recognized today chose not to attend the Council meeting today.
 - He explained the City would be lifting the occupancy limitations for the bars tomorrow. He estimated financial assistance in the neighborhood of \$30,000 would be forthcoming. He noted that the mask mandate would remain until the 17th. He discussed current COVID cases in the region and the downward trend in numbers.
- B. AAHPA Report of November 4, 2021 re: Harbormaster Stotts - Harbormaster of the Year Award.
 - Port Director Baker expressed pride in Mr. Stotts' award.
- C. Recognition of 20 Years of Service to the City of Nome.
 - Nickie Crowe
 - Marguerite La Riviere

- Chip Leeper

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

none given

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

1. Council Member Topkok echoed congratulations to Lucas, Marguerite, Chip, and Nickie. She wished everyone a happy Inuit Day. She asked people to be careful with COVID, noting her mild case and the circumstances surrounding it. She thanked Clerk Hammond for facilitating her being able to vote while in isolation.
2. Council Member Brown – no comments.
3. Council Member Scot Henderson noted the Planning Commission was looking at Commercial setbacks and opined that was a great idea. He encouraged the Planning Commission to look at incentives, looking at relaxing some requirements that don't compromise safety would be a good idea. He congratulated Lucas Stotts on his award and noted the 2022 Harbormaster Conference will be in Nome. He congratulated the 20-year employees and those that have stuck it out. He thanked Joe Horton for his time in public works, saying it's a tough job. He praised Manager Steckman's selection of Mr. Cushman as Director of Public works and finished by congratulating JT Sherman on being elected to NSEDC Community Representative.
4. Council Member Doug Johnson opined the previous two sets of comments summed it up.
5. Council Member Mark Johnson echoed everyone else's comments, congratulating Lucas, and those employees that reached 20 years at the City. He noted he had the pleasure of attending the recent Planning Commission meeting and summarized the Commission's comments that Front Street development should be part of a larger plan, setbacks, and changing rules if every business needed a variance. He discussed the status of the Historic Preservation Plan, noting they are continuing to work on it before it comes back to the Council.
6. Council Member Martinson - no comments.
7. Youth Representative Hebel - no comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: October 26 - November 5, 2021.
 - Mayor Handleland echoed the Council's comments and announced special clinics being held by Norton Sound for vaccines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion on Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which Could Adversely Impact City Finances.

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Brown to enter into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could adversely impact City finances.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

The Council entered into executive session at 7:38 PM.

The Council came out of executive session at 8:05 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 9:14 PM.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 13th day of December, 2021

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

BRYANT HAMMOND
Clerk