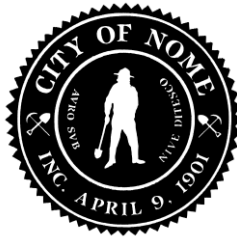


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NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

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ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Doug Johnson (excused); Youth Rep. Kellie Miller (excused)

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Jeremy Jacobson, Deputy Clerk; Joy Baker, Port Director; Ken Morton, NJUS Assistant Manager; Thomas Simonsson, NJUS Plant Operations Manager

In the audience: Diana Haecker, The Nome Nugget Newspaper; Anna Lionas, The Nome Nugget Newspaper

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: C. M. Johnson; C. Martinson; C. Piscoya; C. Tapqaq; C. Henderson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Email Chain between Clerk Hammond & City Manager William Glenn re: Seppala House.
- B. July 29, 2023 NSHC PSA: Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Advisory.
- C. E-mail of August 4, 2023 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Arctic Native Brotherhood Club Liquor License Renewal Notice.
- D. E-mail of August 10, 2023 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Nome Grown LLC Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Renewal Notice.
- E. E-mail of August 11, 2023 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Nome Grown LLC Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal Notice.
- F. Letter from DOA: USACE - AK District to Port of Nome.
 - Mayor Handeland clarified Corps of Engineers are working on the PPA partnership between the CORPS and the City of Nome on the requirement for providing man camp property by the local sponsor.

- Manager Steckman confirmed that the City is out soliciting.
- Mayor Handeland reiterated that if the City goes out to lease the property, it is 100% on our side of the ledger with no credit from the Corps.
- Joy Baker, Port Director clarified the Corps requested 4 acres, that it have power, and reasonable access to water and sewer if possible. It is an option to lease at the City's expense. The contractor is responsible for utilities and upkeep of property.
- C. Henderson inquired if the property will be within city limits and be taxable considering the Corps' request to be within 3 miles from port operations.
- Mayor Handeland explained that we are obligated to provide this property, regardless of city limit restrictions.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- None given

NEW BUSINESS

- A. O-23-08-01 An Ordinance Authorizing Sale to AK DOT&PF of Parcels Adjacent to Seppala Drive for Road Projects, **FIRST READING/DISCUSSION.**

A motion was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya to advance O-23-08-01.

Discussion:

- Manager Steckman confirmed that this was a parcel that was forgotten during the original discussion.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

- B. R-23-08-01 A Resolution Authorizing The Sale of Seven Unserviceable Rifles From the Nome Police Department's Armory.

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. M. Johnson to adopt R-23-08-01.

Discussion:

- C. M. Johnson wanted to know what made the firearms unserviceable.
- Manager Steckman confirmed that these are almost 20 year old firearms that are not being used. NPD is in the process of updating their firearms inventory and cleaning out the armory.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Martinson; C. Piscoya; C. Tapqaq; C. Henderson; C. Johnson

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-23-08-02 A Resolution Designating Charles "Chip" Leeper As Acting City Manager for August 30, 2023 to September 6, 2023.

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Henderson to adopt R-23-08-02.

At the roll call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: July 22 - August 11, 2023.
Ken Morton, NJUS Assistant Manager
- Sewer lagoon is showing issues that will need to be addressed soon.
 - Fuel: Delivery is anticipated at the end of the month.
 - The battery project has been pushed to spring 2024
 - The State will be constructing Seppala Drive next summer and will assist with the replacement of the Seppala waterline.
 - C. M. Johnson inquired about movement towards micro-nuclear energy. Ken Morton confirmed conversations are still being had and no decisions have been made.
 - o Mayor Handeland advised that Westinghouse will likely be the manufacturer and will be invited up to provide information.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Activity Report: July 22 - August 11, 2023.
- The City has hosted a variety of guests the last few weeks, most recently the 3D Housing Construction team. The Military will be in for a training program on the use of 3D computers in summer 2024. We recommend they offer training to the youth of City of Nome and introduce and connect them with the National Guard.
 - C. Henderson inquired into the NVAD staff shortage and legislative priorities regarding the youth center.
 - o Manager Steckman clarified that there is substantial concern on juvenile housing due to safety concerns, lack of parole staffing, and adequate youth facilities at Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.
 - Mayor Handeland addressed citizen's concerns for the lack of patrolling from NPD.
- B. Port & Capital Projects Update - August, 2023.
- Port Commision will meet on Wednesday to look at drafts for an RFP to do a Tarif studies and ananalysis, as well as an update to the Strategic Development Plan.
 - The Corps is 98-99% on design. We should be 100% by the end of the month.
 - Uncertain if FEMA will grant approval for harbor work before the end of the season.
 - Bristol Engineers should provide updates on Cape Nome Jetty repair within 4 to 6 weeks. The jetty is unusable by marine traffic until repairs are done.

- C. Finance Quarterly Report: FY23 Draft report.
- C. Henderson inquired if the City is still estimated to have a reduced deficit than previously budgeted.
- D. NPD 2nd Quarter 2023 Report.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- None given.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- Council Member Tapqaq: No comments.
- Council Member Henderson acknowledged Mayor Handeland's idea to use National Guard Armory facilities for youth detention center purposes, when need.
- Council Member M. Johnson: No comments.
- Council Member Martinson: No comments.
- Council Member Piscoya: No comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: July 22 - August 11, 2023.
- Met with Department of Defense.
 - Met with Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom visiting with DOA.
 - Met Dan Graham, Duog Smith, and Larry Peterson to discuss future housing needs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Legal Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which May have Adverse Impacts in City of Nome Finances.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Henderson to enter into executive session to discuss Legal Matters the Immediate Knowledge of Which May have Adverse Impacts in City of Nome Finances.

The Council entered executive session at 8:10pm .

The Council came out of executive session 8:55PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 8:56PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 26th day of February 2024.

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeremy Jacobson
Deputy Clerk