

Presented by:
City Manager

Action Taken:
Yes____
No____
Abstain____

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-05-01

**A RESOLUTION ISSUING A MOONLIGHT WELLS PERMIT TO NORTHWEST
GOLD DIGGERS, LLC FOR THE 2021 MINING SEASON**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Nome desire to protect its potable water supply including aquifers for what is commonly known as Moonlight Springs and Moonlight Wells, and,

WHEREAS, the Nome City Council and the Nome Planning Commission have revised the Nome Code of Ordinances Chapter 10.20 to provide for better protection of the City's water supply by developing Best Management Practices and refining the Moonlight Wells Permit process, and,

WHEREAS, Bristol Environmental & Engineering Services Corp. (now known as Bristol Engineering Services Co., LLC) has prepared a document identifying the Moonlight Wells Protection Area that is graphically depicted in Figure 2 of the Technical Memorandum, Moonlight Wells Protection Area, Bristol Environmental & Engineering Services, January 2006, and,

WHEREAS, the Risk Ranking and Risk Reduction Process to estimate the level of the potential risk of adverse effects from various activities could have on the usability of the Moonlight Springs aquifer has been adopted by the Nome Common Council by Resolution R-06-11-02, and,

WHEREAS, Northwest Gold Diggers, LLC, has applied for a permit to perform placer mining operations within the Moonlight Wells Protection Area; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed activity has been determined to be a major activity within the protection area; and,

WHEREAS, the Acting City Engineer (Bristol Engineering Services Co., LLC) has reviewed the application, and prepared a 2021 Moonlight Wells Permit based upon Best Management Practices; and,

WHEREAS, the 2021 permit application was made available for public comment from April 26th to May 25th and the City received eleven sets of written comments regarding the proposed permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Nome City Council does hereby grant a Moonlight Wells Permit, as attached, for operations within the Moonlight Wells Protection Area to Northwest Gold Diggers, LLC for the 2021 mining season.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 25th day of May, 2021.

John Handeland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bryant Hammond, City Clerk