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City Manager

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Robyn Kincaid

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CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

JUNE 01, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor James Kallander, Council members Keith van den Broek, James Kacsh, David Allison, Bret Bradford, EJ Cheshier, David Reggiani, and Robert Beedle

C. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance 1079..... (page 1)
An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, waiving for good cause the failure of Guy Beedle, Sr. to make timely applications for senior citizen property tax exemptions for the 2009 & 2010 tax years - (2nd reading)

2. Ordinance 1080..... (page 4)
An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the conveyance to Brian Wildrick of Lot Eight (8), Block Two (2) South Fill Development Park - (2nd reading)

3. Resolution 05-11-23..... (page 7)
A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting naming fourteen of the bridges along the Copper River Highway after veterans from Cordova who were killed in action in WWI, WWII and the Vietnam War and naming the Eyak River Bridge after Marie Smith Jones, the last full-blooded Eyak and the last native speaker of the Eyak language, who died in 2008

D. ADJOURNMENT

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A MEMO FROM SUSAN BOURGEOIS, CITY CLERK

DATE: May 22, 2011
TO: Mayor and City Council
CC: File
SUBJECT: Ordinance 1079

At the Regular Council Meeting of May 4, 2011, Council directed staff to bring forward an ordinance that would remedy the situation with Guy Beedle, Sr.'s property tax delinquency. Mr. Beedle never applied for this 2009 and 2010 Senior Citizen property tax exemption and now is delinquent to the City for two years of taxes plus penalties and interest. Council is interested in writing off the delinquent amount and allowing his late filings for these previous state mandated exemptions. The City Attorney had written a similar ordinance last year and the Clerk has reworded that one in order to effect the change that Council is seeking. This ordinance is before Council tonight for a Public Hearing and second reading.

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the consent calendar

Required Action: Majority roll call vote on the consent calendar

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 1079**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
WAIVING FOR GOOD CAUSE THE FAILURE OF GUY BEEDLE, SR. TO MAKE TIMELY
APPLICATIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR THE 2009
& 2010 TAX YEARS**

WHEREAS, AS 29.45.030(e) and Cordova Municipal Code 5.36.035(A) exempt from real property taxation on the first \$150,000 of the assessed value of real property owned and occupied as the primary residence and permanent place of abode by a resident sixty-five years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.45.030(f) requires the City, by ordinance, to establish procedures and deadlines for filing an application for this property tax exemption, and provides that the Council may waive the failure to make timely application for good cause shown; and

WHEREAS, Cordova Municipal Code 5.36.035(C) requires that an application for a senior citizen exemption from City real property tax must be filed no later than January 15 of each assessment year; and

WHEREAS, Cordova Municipal Code 5.36.035(C) also provides that the Council, for good cause shown, may authorize the assessor to accept as timely filed an application filed after January 15 and before May 1 of the assessment year for which the exemption is sought; and

WHEREAS, Guy Beedle, Sr. has requested that the Council waive his failure to make timely applications for senior citizen property tax exemptions for the 2009 and 2010 tax years, and pursuant to AS 29.45.030(f) the Council finds that good cause has been shown to waive the failure of Guy Beedle, Sr. to make timely application for senior citizen property tax exemptions for the 2009 and 2010 tax years; and

WHEREAS, Guy Beedle, Sr. did not pay his taxes in 2009 nor in 2010 and is therefore, delinquent to the City and has been put on the foreclosure list as delinquent in taxes due for the property that he should and could have been exempted from taxation for, and AS 29.45.030(f) provides that if an application for exemption is approved after taxes have been levied, that legally that delinquent amount can and should be written off.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, that:

Section 1: Pursuant to AS 29.45.030(f), the Council for good cause shown waives the failure of Guy Beedle, Sr. to make timely application for senior citizen property tax exemptions for the 2009 and 2010 tax years, and authorizes the assessor to accept such application as timely, notwithstanding anything in Cordova Municipal Code 5.36.035(C) to the contrary.

Section 2: Pursuant to AS 29.45.030(f), if the application for exemption referred to in Section 1 is approved, Guy Beedle, Sr.'s account shall be remedied and his name shall be removed as a delinquent property tax payer on Cordova's 2009 and 2010 foreclosure list.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and publication. This ordinance shall be enacted in accordance with Section 2.13 of the Charter of the City of Cordova,

Alaska and published in the Cordova Times, a newspaper of general circulation, within ten (10) days of its passage.

1st reading: May 18, 2011

2nd reading and public hearing: June 1, 2011

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF JUNE, 2011

James Kallander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

Memorandum

To: City of Cordova Planning Commission
From: Sam Greenwood, City Planner
Date: 5/23/2011
Re: Ordinance authorizing to convey Lot 8, Block 2 to Brian Wildrick, DBA Harborside
Pizza

PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Brian Wildrick has been leasing Lot 8, Block 2 on the South Fill Development Park since 2007. At December 15, 2010 City Council it was determine that the city would sell Lot 8, Block 2 to Mr. Wildrick and city council directed Mark Lynch city manager to determine fair market value and come to an agreement with Mr. Wildrick.

At the May 4th, 2011 city council meeting the performance agreement was developed and these terms were agreed upon; In 3-years a building will be substantially completed with the option to extend an additional 2-years if there is substantial progress on the building and he must give 6-months prior notice if an extension is needed.

Recommended Motion

Motion for approval:

"I move to adopt the ordinance to convey Lot 8, Block 2 on the South Fill Development Park to Brian Wildrick DBA Harborside Pizza."

**CITY OF CORDOVA
ORDINANCE 1080**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE TO BRIAN R. WILDRICK OF LOT EIGHT (8),
BLOCK TWO (2), SOUTHFILL DEVELOPMENT PARK**

WHEREAS, pursuant to CMC 5.22.060(A)(1), the City Council directed the City Manager to negotiate directly the disposal of Lot Eight (8), Block Two (2), Southfill Development Park (the "Property") with Brian R. Wildrick (the "Purchaser"); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to sell the Property to the Purchaser for not less than its appraised fair market value, and the purchase price for the Property is not less than its appraised fair market value; and

WHEREAS, the Council has required the Purchaser to enter into a Performance Deed of Trust securing Purchaser's obligation to substantially complete the construction of improvements to the Property within three years, provided that upon the Purchaser's request the City may allow up to an additional two years for substantial completion if it finds that the Purchaser has made satisfactory progress toward substantial completion; and

WHEREAS, there have been presented to this meeting the forms of a Purchase and Sale Agreement, Warranty Deed and Performance Deed of Trust that are to be executed in connection with the disposal of the Property by the City, and it appears that such documents are in appropriate form and are appropriate instruments for the purposes intended.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cordova, that:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to convey the Property to Brian R. Wildrick in accordance with the terms in the Purchase and Sale Agreement. The form and content of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, Warranty Deed and Performance Deed of Trust now before this meeting hereby are in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed, and the City Manager hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver such documents on behalf of the City, in substantially the form and content now before this meeting but with such changes, modifications, additions and deletions therein as he shall deem necessary, desirable or appropriate, the execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of approval of any and all changes, modifications, additions or deletions therein from the form and content of said documents now before this meeting, and from and after the execution and delivery of said documents, the City Manager hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to do all acts and things and to execute all documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the documents as executed.

Section 2. The disposal of the Property authorized by this ordinance is subject to the requirements of City Charter Section 5-17. Therefore, if one or more referendum petitions with signatures are properly filed within one month after the passage and publication of this ordinance, this ordinance shall not go into effect until the petition or petitions are finally found to

be illegal and/or insufficient, or, if any such petition is found legal and sufficient, until the ordinance is approved at an election by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the question. If no referendum petition with signatures is filed, this ordinance shall go into effect one month after its passage and publication.

1st reading: May 18, 2011

2nd reading and public hearing: June 1, 2011

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF JUNE, 2011.

James Kallander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

A MEMO FROM SUSAN BOURGEOIS, CITY CLERK

DATE: May 22, 2011
TO: Mayor and City Council
CC: File
SUBJECT: Resolution 05-11-23

Mayor Kallander asked me to work with Representative Bill Thomas and his staff to prepare a resolution for Council passage regarding renaming some of the bridges along the Copper River Highway as homage to Cordova's fallen veterans. Representative Thomas also suggested that we honor Marie Smith Jones with a bridge naming. Mayor Kallander thought it most appropriate to honor Marie Smith Jones by renaming the Eyak River Bridge after her. With the assistance of Cathy Sherman, the list of veterans was compiled. Amy Muma at DOT was able to forward me the bridge locations and current names of all of the bridges from Eyak River to the Copper River at 48.6 mile on the Copper River Highway (Million Dollar Bridge). I have interspersed the names throughout the list so as not to rename the few bridges which I thought had names that should remain in place (such as Alaganik Slough and the Million Dollar Bridge). Council can choose to amend my placement of any of the names. I have attached the list of veterans with their names and a few details such as date of birth date of death and family affiliation in Cordova.

Council postponed the passage of this resolution until a public hearing could be held on it in order to hear from Cordovans as to their feelings on this matter. The resolution has therefore been added to the agenda of the public hearing of June 1, 2011. Council also asked if some other information could be shared about the veterans. Cathy Sherman offered a file which included work by Francis Mallory, Sherman herself and Dixie Lambert. There was research done mostly by looking at old Cordova Times newspapers. I thought a telling recap of the file I read through was the excerpt from Katherine Wilson's book, *Copper-Tints - A Book of Cordova Sketches* with drawings by Eustace Ziegler. I have included pages 36 - 37 of that book.

Recommended Motion: Move to approve Resolution 05-11-23

Required Action: Majority voice vote

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 05-11-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, SUPPORTING NAMING FOURTEEN OF THE BRIDGES ALONG THE COPPER RIVER HIGHWAY AFTER VETERANS FROM CORDOVA WHO WERE KILLED IN ACTION IN WWI, WWII AND THE VIETNAM WAR AND NAMING THE EYAK RIVER BRIDGE AFTER MARIE SMITH JONES, THE LAST FULL-BLOODED EYAK AND THE LAST NATIVE SPEAKER OF THE EYAK LANGUAGE, WHO DIED IN 2008.

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova, wishes to support naming the following fourteen bridges recognized by their mile posts along the Copper River Highway after the 14 men whose names are listed beside each bridge mile post designation and naming the Eyak River Bridge at Mile 5.7 after Marie Smith Jones; and

BRIDGE NUMBER	NAME	MILE POST	HONORED PERSON TO BE NAMED AFTER
381	EYAK RIVER	5.7	Marie Smith Jones
348	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 1	7.5	Michael Dean Banta
349	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 2	7.6	
350	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 3	8.1	Warren Allen Paulsen
351	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 4	8.5	
352	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 5	9.2	David Alen Lape
406	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 6	9.5	
407	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 7	9.7	David Henry Elisovsky
408	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 8	10	
409	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 9	10.4	Leonard F. Olson
410	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 10	10.8	
411	SCOTT GLACIER NO. 11	11	Norman D. Osborne
230	SHERIDAN GLACIER NO. 3	14.8	
367	SHERIDAN GLACIER E CHANL	16.3	Patrick A. Burchett
395	ALGANIK SLOUGH	22.3	
4026	SALMON CREEK CULVERTS	23.9	
331	COPPER RIVER (FLAG PT WST)	26.7	John W. Jones
1187	COPPER RIVER (FLAG PT E)	26.9	W.H. Mumby
332	COPPER RIVER (RND ISLAND)	27.6	Matthew Anderson
333	COPPER DELTA	33.7	
334	COPPER DELTA	34.6	Lucian Platt
336	COPPER DELTA	35.6	
339	COPPER DELTA	36.2	Steve Green
340	COPPER DELTA	36.5	
342	COPPER DELTA	37	William M. Jones
344	COPPER DELTA	37.6	
345	COPPER DELTA	37.9	James Bennett
206	MILLION DOLLAR BRIDGE	48.6	

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova, wishes to honor these brave men for their honor, duty and loyalty to their City, State and Country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova, in support of naming these bridges, wishes to immortalize these fine men, as inspirations to present and future Cordovans and Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova, in support of naming the Eyak River Bridge after Marie Smith Jones, wishes to immortalize her and her invaluable impact on so many Alaska Natives, Cordovans and Alaskans by helping to preserve her heritage for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, does hereby support naming these above listed bridges after our honored Cordovan Veterans killed in action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska does hereby support appropriately naming the Eyak River Bridge after Marie Smith Jones a woman who left behind a comprehensive record of the now-extinct Eyak language; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cordova will forward this Resolution upon its passage to the Alaska State Legislature for final action in naming these bridges.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF JUNE, 2011.

Jim Kallander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

World War I

James Bennett:

Born on April 7, 1892 in Canada – died on June 29, 1918, Company C, 18th Engineers Railway Regiment; formerly a Copper River and Northwest Railway Engineer.

William M. Jones:

Born on March 1, 1895 in Remsen, NY. Died on July 25, 1918
Buried in Remsen, NY Accidental death on troop train in France
Company C, Thirty first Engineers; formerly a Copper River and Northwest locomotive fireman

Steve Green:

Born on July 22, 1894 in Russia. Died October 22, 1918 at Camp Dodge
Died from Influenza at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Formerly a Copper River and Northwest Railway longshoreman. Company C, 14th infantry

Lucian Platt:

Born on January 28, 1892 in Baltimore Maryland
Died on October 9, 1918 in Camp Humphreys, VA from pneumonia
2nd Lt. US Army; formerly a shift boss at Coffey, Mine, Kennecott Copper Company

Matthew Anderson:

Born on March 18, 1892 in Denmark
Died on October 28, 1918; formerly a fisherman (no more detail)

W.H. Mumby:

Died in action in October/early November 1918 (no details)

John W. Jones:

Born on November 22, 1893 in Remsen NY
Died on November 3, 1918 at Argonne Forest, France in battle
Buried in Remsen NY. Marine Corps. Formerly a Copper River and Northwest Railway transportation checker

World War II

Patrick A. Burchett:

Born on December 19, 1921 in Cordova

Died in April 1945 accidental death in a motor vehicle accident in Asiatic Area.

Staff Sergeant; Army Air Force; Son of Jerry Allen

Norman D. Osborne:

Born on September 1, 1921 in Cordova

Died on April 13, 1945 in Okinawa; Private U.S. Army

Son of Ben and Andrine Osborne

Leonard F. Olson

Died April 25, 1945 in Luxembourg from wounds received in action on January 6, 1945

Sgt. 328th Regiment, 26th Yankee Division, Son of Leander Olson

Vietnam

David Henry Elisovsky:

Born on July 24, 1947.

Died January 23, 1966 in Vietnam from sniper fire.

Sergeant 101st Airborne Division; First Brigade

Military Merit Medal and Gallantry Cross with Palm Awarded posthumously

Son of Mrs. Olga Anderson

David Alen Lape:

Born on September 28, 1911

Died November 27, 1967 in Vietnam, mortar attack.

Warrant Officer, Army Reserve

Son of Kelly and Violet Lape

Warren Allen Paulsen:

Born on August 10, 1944; Died June 24, 1969 in Vietnam

Boatswain 'S Mate Navy; son of George and Lucy Paulsen (living in Valdez at the time of his death)

Michael Dean Banta

Born on October 5, 1949; Died October 2, 1970 in Vietnam

Private Company H. Infantry Rangers, 1st Cavalry Division

Son of Robert and Joanne Banta

Copper-Tints

A Book of Cordova Sketches



By
Katherine Wilson

Designed By
Eustace P. Ziegler

Copper-Tints

The Long Trail

IT IS an unwritten law of the trail that the traveler shares what he has with any other that is needy. With those of sound and brave humanity it is a rule that needs no placarding.

Out at Mile 89 today is a pair of gentle travelers with whom obedience to that law has been an instinctive gesture since first they set out together years ago as husband and wife. To give of what they had, and to the last measure, has been with them the ruling impulse throughout the length of a trail which, starting in the despoiled hills of Wales, has crossed an ocean, spanned a continent, and led, finally, to the Alaskan wilderness. For themselves they have taken little; to others they have given much, their only reward the blessings of those they have served.

There came to them on the way two sons, and in this possession their cup was full. In John and Billie—the one sturdy and grave, the other gallant and gay—they realized all they knew of pride, all they desired of joy. The heritage of the past, the surety of the present, the hope of the future—all that their simple views of life accepted for themselves—was embodied in their boys. Yet even here they did not forget to be generous, their richness in possession only impelling them to share more lavishly. "Why should I give to my own boy alone," said the mother, once, when Billie was in hospital, and she came laden with gifts, "when there are other boys sick, too?" And her goodlies were divided among them all.

The boys grew to manhood. Billie was a brakeman on the railroad; John worked in the freight office at

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Copper-Tints

the dock. Fine, stalwart fellows, they were young goods to their little mother, stout supports to their proud father. To them all, the world was a beautiful place and life was good.

Then came the War. John boarded the train and went out to ask his father and mother if it would be all right with them if he should go. And with them, of course, it was all right. Right and just. The world and the nation needed their boys. They had never stunted in what they gave; they would not stint now. And when, later, Billie sent word that he too must go, they assented again, though in the solitude of the night the mother pressed hard her lips to stifle the promontory cry, and the father clenched his hands in anguish.

And so they went away—John, silent and grave at the deckrail as the ship weighed anchor; Billie, tossing his hat bravely aloft—to the martial strains of "Over There," while to the aching hearts of the father and mother, waving goodbye, was left the prophetic refrain:

"There's a long, long trail a-winding . . ."

Crowning a bluff that faces the West at the head of Cordova's main street, there stands a flagpole. On a pedestal at its base a tablet of bronze bears the names of John Jones and William Jones. Above them, on the Nation's Days, the Stars and Stripes ride gallantly in the breeze, and when, at the setting of the sun "the colors" are lowered, Old Glory, fluttering down, wraps its folds about the bronze in tender benediction.

And out at Mile 89 on the Long Trail a gentle old father and mother are making the rest of the way alone.

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