

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 01, 2011 @ 7:30 PM
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Kallander called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 am on June 01, 2011, in the Library Meeting Room.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Corrine Erickson offered the invocation.

Mayor Kallander led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were *Mayor James Kallander*, Council members *Jim Kacsh*, *David Allison*, *Bret Bradford*, *EJ Cheshier*, *David Reggiani* and *Robert Beedle* (present via teleconference). Council Member *Keith van den Broek* was absent. Also present were City Manager *Mark Lynch*, City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois* and Deputy City Clerk *Robyn Kincaid*.

D. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

M/Reggiani S/Allison to approve the Regular Agenda.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (van den Broek).

E. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

F. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS

1. Guest Speakers – *Kristin Carpenter*, Director of the Copper River Watershed Project - (Eyak Lake Oil & Grit Separator Project; interpretive signs; Breakwater Trail completion). *Ms. Carpenter* thanked the City for its support especially with the completion of the Breakwater Trail and the NOAA project which led to the series of interpretive signs up around town (the weir, Nirvana Park, Hatchery Creek, Skater's Cabin and the Boat Ramp). She also said the oil and grit separator project is to begin on June 13. She thanked them for past support of the web recycling which has tallied approximately 69K pounds of recycled web.

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items - none

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions – no one reported

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Kallander informed Council that the Consent Calendar was before them.

4. Record excused absence of Council member van den Broek from the 05-20-11 Regular Meeting

5. Ordinance 1080 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

Vote on Consent Calendar: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (van den Broek). Cheshier – yes; Reggiani – yes; Beedle – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes and Bradford – yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Reggiani S/Cheshier to approve the minutes.

6. Minutes of May 4, 2011 Work Session

7. Minutes of May 20, 2011 Regular Meeting

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (van den Broek). Reggiani – yes; Beedle – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes; Bradford – yes and Cheshier – yes. Motion was approved.

I. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

8. E-911 - ProComm Alaska

M/Kacsh S/Allison to direct the City Manager to enter into the proposed contract with ProComm Alaska for a new E-911 system.

Allison said he objected to this now because the funding source is later in the meeting and he doesn't believe we should do this out of order. He said that ProComm was the only responsive bidder and it's probably a good system to have but we don't currently have the money.

Kacsh said he hasn't changed his mind, he would agree to this – he said it will be mandated soon – *Lynch* said by 2014.

Reggiani said he remembered that we passed the implementation of the surcharge in order to seek federal funding through grants. He would like to see us get that in place. He also does not believe that the City is ready for this (i.e. addressing not completed).

M/Reggiani S/Allison to refer to staff.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (van den Broek). Beedle – yes; Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes; Bradford – yes; Cheshier – yes and Reggiani – yes. Motion was approved.

J. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9. Mayor's Report

Kallander reported that the situation with MRV has been greatly improved. There is cautious optimism by everyone involved.

10. Manager's Report

Lynch reported that Dale said the Corps of Engineers has called again about the Sound Developer. He mentioned that the audit has been completed and he handed it out to Council – he asked if they wanted *John Bost* to come for a presentation. *Reggiani* said yes because he saw some findings and the auditor works for Council and should present the audit to them – *Kacsh* said it was not necessary. However, the rest of Council did concur that the auditor should come to present in a work session previous to the next meeting.

11. City Clerk's Report – Written report is in the packet

12. Staff Reports

a. Josh Hallquist, COR, Cordova Center Project

Hallquist gave an update of what has been happening on the site.

b. Cathy Sherman, Cordova Center Phase II

Sherman reported that they are still working on colors for siding and roof. She said she has secured \$2.5M of the \$3.5M which is still needed, identified so far.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

13. Postcard from Kristi Jurica in re PWSSC

L. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

14. 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

Beedle declared a conflict of interest since this was regarding his father.

M/Cheshier S/Bradford to approve 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

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 conflict of interest (Beedle), 1 absent (van den Broek). Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes; Bradford – yes; Cheshier – yes and Reggiani – yes. Motion was approved.

15. 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

M/Allison S/Reggiani to approve 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

Vote on motion: 5 yeas, 1 nays, 1 absent (van den Broek). Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes; Bradford – yes; Cheshier – yes; Reggiani – yes and Beedle – no. Motion was approved.

16. Resolution 06-11-28

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, setting the mill rates for 2011

M/Reggiani S/Allison to approve Resolution 06-11-28 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, setting the mill rates for 2011 at 9.70 in the City area and 8.70 in the rural area.

Reggiani said it had been budgeted to collect \$1.5M in property tax and that is why he suggested the mill rates that would get us to that revenue goal. **Kacsh** said it could affect taxpayers personal budgeting if we kept going up and down with mill rates. He thought it to be too drastic of a reduction maybe. **Cheshier** said he likes giving back to the year round residents – i.e. the property owners. It was budgeted this way and shouldn't be changed mid-stream. **Allison** said a budget is just that – this is the fair way to help the local folks. **Bradford** was also in agreement. **Beedle** said he would just as soon see the property owners have more money in their own pockets which could cause them to spend more money locally and stimulate the economy.

Mayor Kallander stated that the average assessed value went up 14% and this resolution would cut mill rates by more than 30%.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (van den Broek). Kacsh – yes; Allison – yes; Bradford – yes; Cheshier – yes; Reggiani – yes and Beedle – yes. Motion was approved.

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. Resolution 06-11-29

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the transfer, as a loan, of up to \$348,314 from the General Fund Balance to the E-911 fund

M/Reggiani S/Cheshier to refer to staff.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (van den Broek). Allison – yes; Bradford – yes; Cheshier – yes; Reggiani – yes; Beedle – yes and Kacsh – yes. Motion was approved.

N. NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. Review of Capital Priorities List

Mayor Kallander said that Council had decided a while back to have the Capital priorities list come before them at least quarterly so that is why we are seeing this agenda item tonight. **Kacsh** wondered if we should try to get more Cordova Center money – **Sherman** thought that we should give it another quarter but re-look at that possibility. **Reggiani** said he might like to discuss the South Fill sidewalks item. He said he thinks as crucial would be sidewalks on Railroad Avenue. Council agreed and asked the Manager to get preliminary plans from CH2MHill on such a sidewalk project (probably in the \$5,000 range).

19. Hospital RFP Evaluation Process

M/Allison S/Reggiani to approve the process, evaluation criteria, and timeline as presented in the City Manager's May 25, 2011 memo.

Bradford said he thinks things have been going well at the hospital and wonders if we can make sure we realize how that is working before we jump into something else. He also wants to ensure that one of these options does not need to be picked. **Allison** agreed that if one of these solutions is not right for us we do not have to go with it.

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (van den Broek). Bradford – yes; Cheshier – yes; Reggiani – yes; Beedle – yes; Kacsh – yes and Allison – yes. Motion was approved.

20. Pending Agenda and Calendar

There was a decision to cancel the second meeting in June and then plan on setting a special meeting the week of the 20th of June – probably on the 22nd of June (Wednesday). Also **John Bost** will give a half hour work session on the audit before the July 6 regular meeting. **Lynch** said he would be gone for the summer AML conference the week of August 9 – 12.

O. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

21. Council Comments

Allison said there is no place like home. The Mayor and Council welcomed him home – said it was good to have him back.

Bradford welcomed **Allison** back.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

M/Reggiani S/Bradford to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 pm
Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: June 28, 2011

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

