

Regular City Council Meeting
July 5, 2017 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order

Mayor Clay Koplín called the Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm on July 5, 2017, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Mayor Koplín led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll call

Present for roll call were *Mayor Clay Koplín* and Council members *Robert Beedle*, *Josh Hallquist* and *David Allison*. Council member *Jeff Guard* was present via teleconference. Council members *James Burton*, *Ken Jones* and *James Wiese* were absent. Also present were City Manager *Alan Lanning* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

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

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Jones, Burton & Wiese). Motion was approved.

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest - none

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest Speakers - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items - none

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

CCMC Authority Board of Directors President, *Kristin Carpenter* said there was a report done recently which hadn't been done since 2008 - she said this speaks to the turnover that the hospital has had, yet they are now doing much better, the administrator just passed his one year anniversary, there are 2 full time doctors, the hospital is down to 3 travelers right now - the consistency, competency and quality of care are all going up. That shows in the budget numbers year to date - up more than \$540K from last year. *Carpenter* requested that everyone write or call their senators in Washington DC, *Murkowski* and *Sullivan* and encourage them to oppose the Better Care Reconciliation Act which could significantly negatively impact CCMC's bottom line especially the Medicaid reimbursement federally. ASHNHA quality data reports have been submitted and we are one of only two hospitals in the state with no significant quality issues. Also working on CAH evaluation which should be submitted to the board in August. *Carpenter* said they received a letter from Cordova Drug which they are responding to but at this time they are moving ahead with a 340B retail pharmacy.

4. Student Council Representative Report - *summer vacation*

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

Mayor Koplín declared the consent calendar was before the City Council.

5. Resolution 07-17-21

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, requesting FY 18 Payment in Lieu of Taxes funding from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

6. Proclamation of Appreciation to *Tim Joyce*

7. Proclamation of Appreciation to *Tom Bailer*

8. Record excused absence of Council member *Guard* from the June 21, 2017 Regular Meeting

Vote on the consent calendar: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent. Allison-yes; Beedle-yes; Jones-absent; Guard-yes; Wiese-absent; Burton-absent and Hallquist-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

Mayor Koplín read the two proclamations into the record and handed plaques of appreciation to the recipients. Both *Tim Joyce* and *Tom Bailer* were in attendance at the meeting to accept them.

H. Approval of Minutes

M/Beedle S/Hallquist to approve the minutes.

9. Minutes of 06-21-17 Council Regular Meeting

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Jones, Burton & Wiese). Motion was approved.

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

10. Mayor's Report – **Mayor Koplín** said he had a short written report included in the packet – he added that he attended a community leadership meeting last Friday, as Cordova Electric's Manager, which was a great opportunity for organizations to collaborate and see how they can help each other. He said he would be working on contacting pastors and start having invocations at Council meetings again. Also, he will have a July lunch meeting with board and commission chairs and he will try to keep that going.

11. Manager's Report – **Lanning** said he also attended that meeting with the Mayor and he finds those very helpful. He reminded everyone that he would be out of town July 11 for a week or so. **Lanning** complimented **Scot Mitchell** at the hospital, he said he really believes that the hospital is moving in the right direction. He mentioned that he's working on a new protocol for dispatch to return phone calls when someone calls in an incident (i.e. this weekend it was the overflowing water tank). He reminded Council that it was fine for them to call him directly if they notice something or hear about something outside of business hours and he will insure it gets looked into. He asked if there were any questions he could answer. **Beedle** asked how the audit was coming along. **Lanning** reported that they were still awaiting answers to questions from the hospital's audit, he expected it might be available in September. **Beedle** also asked him to look into a recent 911 call that was routed to Valdez but it was on a Verizon line in Cordova and should have been routed to Cordova's dispatchers.

12. City Clerk's Report – **Bourgeois** said she spent some time researching the upcoming agenda item regarding Council member service on boards and commissions. She also reported that property tax payments have been rolling in at City Hall. **Bourgeois** said that 2015 foreclosures came to an end with the two remaining delinquencies being cleared.

K. Correspondence

13. 06-18-17 Letter from D. O'Brien re 340B Pharmacy at CCMC

14. 06-20-17 Letter from J. Reynolds re Chamber of Commerce

Beedle said he would like to see the letter that the CCMC Board sends as a reply to **Mr. O'Brien** as was mentioned by **Carpenter** earlier in her report.

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

M. Unfinished Business

15. Council member service on City boards and commissions discussion

Mayor Koplín advised Council that on tonight's agenda he trimmed down the reports from boards and commissions to just the external boards. He also mentioned that he has heard from many people about this who believe that it is a direct conflict of interest to have council members serve on these boards and commissions that advise council. **Beedle's** opinion was that sometimes council is being kept in the dark as to what's going on at the boards and commissions. Also he said with our size community, there are only so many people willing to serve, he sees it as helpful to the board and the council to have the interaction between them. He would like it to go back to the way it was. **Allison** said he is pretty much with **Beedle** on this but to him it could be ex-officio or voting, he could be swayed to either of these. He thinks Council should have representation on the boards. **Hallquist** was of the opinion that it would be cleaner if the council reps had no vote on those boards. **Bourgeois** summarized some of the components of the discussion, one year terms/three year terms, voting/ex-officio. After more discussion, **Mayor Koplín** thought he heard a consensus from the council members present to retain representation on the boards and commissions but the decision on whether or not the council member reps should be voting or ex-officio members seemed still undecided. Also still undecided was length of term of such council reps, whether they should be three year terms or one year terms. City Manager **Lanning** opined that it is not practical for them to be acting like a Council-Commission form of government when in fact Cordova is a Council-Manager form of government. He strongly urged, if they did want to go this way, ex-officio membership not voting membership for Council reps to the boards and commissions. There will be pickles that you can get yourselves in, sometimes there will be a perception of where the loyalty lies when you sit on a board while also being a council member. After further discussion, **Beedle** still wanted it back to the way it had been, he is frustrated that lately there have been sparse reports from the boards and commissions to council. **Hallquist** and **Allison** were both of the opinion that one year terms, ex-officio would be fine with them. It was decided to take this up again in September or October when they'd be back at full strength. The Clerk was asked to put this on the pending agenda in that format – for change to code discussion item come Sept/Oct.

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

16. Pending Agenda, Calendar and Elected & Appointed Officials lists

Council opted to cancel the second July meeting. They were amenable to a special meeting if something came up that required action. As far as the harbor centrifuge and building issue, **Beedle** said there would be a resolution from the Harbor Commission at the next Council meeting.

The Marine Highway Reform Initiative group will be in Cordova for several meetings (some public) on Tuesday July 11.

O. Audience Participation

Tom Bailer of 304 Orca Inlet Drive, was of the opinion that the only change made recently with Council service on boards and commissions was the change in the term “shall” to “may” (as in there was no longer required Council service on boards/commissions but it was changed to that one “may” serve). He also had several detailed criticisms of the work being done at the water treatment plant on Eyak Lake, and a few issues he sees at the baler facility.

P. Council Comments

Hallquist thanked everyone for their time tonight.

Allison asked **Lanning** where we are at on the Adams paving project. **Lanning** said it will probably not happen until next year, currently in a 30 day wait as it’s in the historic preservation stage. He congratulated **Scot Mitchell** on his one year tenure at CCMC - he hopes there are many, many more years to come. He thanked everyone who volunteered at the Fourth of July celebration. He also would like to see someone look into the gross receipts tax possibilities - as was mentioned at a recent meeting by a citizen. As far as the work session tonight on the baler, **Allison** asked for any handouts to be given a little more in advance as it was too much to read and take in right at the time of the meeting.

Beedle gave kudos to the City and the Electric Company, as the coffee shop has power and things are going awesome for her.

Q. Adjournment

M/Allison S/Beedle to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Approved: August 2, 2017

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

