

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**July 6, 2016 @ 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 6, 2016 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 Koplín* and Council members *Tim Joyce, Tom Bailer, Robert Beedle, Josh Hallquist* and *David Allison*. Council member *James Wiese* was present via teleconference. Council member *James Burton* was absent. Also present were Interim City Manager *Mike Hicks* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

**D. Approval of Regular Agenda**

*M/Joyce S/Bailer* to approve the Regular Agenda.

Hearing no objection the 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

*Mary Ann Bishop* of 700 4<sup>th</sup> Street spoke against the passage of Resolution 07-16-27.

*Paul Swartzbart* spoke in support of the passage of agenda item 23.

*Carol Hoover* of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Lake Avenue spoke against the passage of Resolution 07-16-27.

*Mark Frohnafel* of 828 Woodland Drive spoke against the passage of Resolution 07-16-27.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

*Allison* reported that HSB would meet next week and that the new CEO, *Scott Mitchell*, began work on June 27.

4. Student Council Representative Report - was not present

**G. Approval of Consent Calendar**

*Mayor Koplín* declared the consent calendar before Council.

5. Resolution 07-16-28 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, establishing local government contribution of National Forest receipts for the Cordova public school district for the school fiscal year ending June 30, 2017

6. Record excused absence of Council member *Burton* from the June 1, 2016 Regular meeting

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). Beedle-yes; Joyce-yes; Hallquist-yes; Bailer-yes; Allison-yes; Wiese-yes and Burton-absent. Consent Calendar was approved.

**H. Approval of Minutes**

*M/Beedle S/Bailer* to approve the minutes.

7. Minutes of 01-27-16 Special Council Meeting

8. Minutes of 03-10-16 Special Council Meeting

9. Minutes of 04-27-16 Special Council Meeting

10. Minutes of 05-20-16 Council Public Hearing

11. Minutes of 05-20-16 Special Council Meeting

12. Minutes of 06-01-16 Council Public Hearing

13. Minutes of 06-01-16 Regular Council Meeting

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). Wiese-yes; Joyce-yes; Beedle-yes; Hallquist-yes; Allison-yes; Burton-absent and Bailer-yes. Motion approved.

**I. Consideration of Bids - none**

**J. Reports of Officers**

14. Mayor's Report - **Mayor Koplin** had a written report in the packet and didn't have anything to add.
15. Manager's Report - **Interim City Manager Hicks** reported that 1) Eyak Corporation will be showing a new memorial at the end of Nicholoff on July 25-26 - they will dedicate this during sobriety in November; 2) Governor's veto was significant to Cordova with the 25% cut to the school debt reimbursement; 3) USCG has inspected the Polar Bear - waiting for results and staff is working on lease language for that; 4) state has hired a grant writer and architect for homeland security to write the hazard mitigation grant for our public safety building - if it works in our favor this could lead to 3 or 4 years down the road them moving that building for us; this is at no cost to us and they have named Cordova as a priority for this grant; 5) paving will happen July 12-16 - Eagle's plan has been well-advertised; 6) a big thankyou to the staff for a great conference held this last week at the Cordova Center, "Fiber and Friends: Fisher Folk"

**Allison** suggested maybe a letter to our senator and representative in Juneau giving dollar figures of how these cuts affect Cordova especially the school debt reimbursement after the mill rate is set, etc.

**Hallquist** asked for an update on the Mt. Eccles windows. **Rich Rogers**, Public Works Director, reported that they were expecting a bid from Frontier Glass today which didn't come in, but he anticipates that soon and then it was decided that the bid/scope of work would come back to Council at the next regular meeting or a Special Meeting if need be. **Hallquist** asked **Hicks** if anything has been looked at regarding the bird issue on the roof of this building. **Hicks** said he is still looking into it. **Hallquist** said he just wanted someone to clarify if we actually do have a problem - he has heard that the seagull poop does have a reaction with what our roof tile is made of but he doesn't want time or money spent unless that is true and there is an issue.

a. City of Cordova telecommunications policy

16. City Clerk's Report, **Bourgeois** had a written report in the packet.

#### K. Correspondence

17. 05-31-16 email from J. Reynolds regarding Resolution 06-16-23
18. 05-31-16 email from M. Bishop regarding Resolution 06-16-23 & Manager merit award
19. 06-01-16 email from P. Oswalt Stimson regarding Resolution 06-16-23, Manager merit award and Ordinance 1146
20. 06-12-16 request for Southeast Conference membership (voting or non-voting)

After some discussion on whether or not to join Southeast Conference or not, there was Council concurrence to join as a non-voting member.

#### L. Ordinances and Resolutions

21. Resolution 07-16-27 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska supporting the establishment of new businesses in Cordova that will expand the economy, broaden the tax base, create new jobs, and provide economic benefits to the citizens of Cordova, Alaska

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**Joyce** said this is a resolution to put out there that Cordova is looking for new businesses. Right now we have the reputation of being 'closed for business'. There have been a few businesses try to start up in Cordova that have been unsuccessful and this would put out there our interest in new businesses. **Joyce** said that some public comment tonight has been in support of wind, solar and hydro power and he agrees and supports that too but right now it is not affordable to heat homes with electricity which is what those energy sources create; electricity. **Joyce** said that this specific business would give the people of Cordova the **opportunity** to use gas - it will not be required. **Allison** said he doesn't have much new to add but he would support a resolution to support any business to go the next step to go to the financiers who will then scrutinize for financial fitness and risk. This isn't spending any City money - he would support other companies interested in the same thing. **Beedle** said he doesn't support this he thinks it is the City giving our stamp of approval for this company - he hasn't seen enough information to do that. **Bailer** said he doesn't think anyone could argue with the first five whereas' in this resolution - it's well-written. He suggested an amendment.

**M/Bailer S/Joyce** to amend the "now, therefore, be it resolved" paragraph to delete everything after Company and replace it with "to bring a gas utility to Cordova".

**Joyce** thinks that is a fair compromise. **Beedle** said the people of Cordova voted them down; and for us to go and support them now is not right. **Joyce** said he had to correct that. The people of Cordova voted no to a land sale - not to this gas company and that is what **Mr. Beedle** is trying to portray.

Council member **Wiese** lost his connection for this part of the discussion and did not vote on the amendment.

Vote on the motion to amend: 3 yeas, 2 nays, 2 absent (Wiese, Burton), Beedle-no; Allison-yes; Wiese-absent; Hallquist-no; Bailer-yes; Burton-absent and Joyce-yes. Motion was approved.

Council member **Wiese** returned to the meeting. **Joyce** said that this is an expensive project but even with all the costs involved and debt service, etc. they are trying to reduce the cost to the consumer. They are saying that it will be the case – no one has to buy it but they are saying it will come in as less than diesel. **Joyce** said it is only fair to give the people of this community the option of a cleaner, cheaper alternative to diesel to heat their homes.

Vote on the main motion: 4 yeas, 2 nays, 1 absent (Burton), Allison-yes; Hallquist-no; Bailer-yes; Beedle-no; Wiese-yes; Burton-absent and Joyce-yes. Motion was approved.

#### **M. Unfinished Business**

##### **22. Council direction regarding Cordova's E-911 system improvements**

After lengthy discussion and back and forth questions/answers between Council and **Chief Hicks**, Council directed **Hicks** to bring back a summary of what the E-911 system would cost, what is required regarding house numbers, cell phone companies, etc. They expressed confusion after the ProComm presentation at the last meeting – said his (the ProComm presenter's) thoughts were all over the place and they were uncertain of the bottom line. **Hicks** said he would get them a good summary for next time. **Hallquist** mentioned he would also like to see a rough plan sketched out on how addressing would begin and get accomplished.

##### **23. Council action on insurance reimbursement for Sheridan Alpine Association**

**M/Allison S/Beedle** to reimburse Sheridan Alpine Association the \$10,620 for payment of commercial liability insurance. **Allison** said his only question is on the ski hill budget for this year, there is debt service listed, he asked if that was the snow making equipment. **Swartzbart** said that is accurate. **Bailer** said he supports this and asked if there is any way to buy insurance with the City to perhaps lower the premium or not get insurance at all on a bad snow year. **Swartzbart** said there is too steep of a charge to reinstate the insurance, so it is not worth dropping it. Also, he said that the employees at ski hill are not city employees so that isn't doable.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton), Wiese-yes; Burton-absent; Beedle-yes; Hallquist-yes; Allison-yes; Joyce-yes and Bailer-yes. Motion was approved.

##### **24. Council discussion of selection criteria for City Manager search**

Council agreed to most of what was written regarding the search except they were in agreement that the committee would not be doing the phone interviews, council would do those themselves. Otherwise they directed staff to continue the advertising. There was some discussion of the criteria/ traits most desirable in the next City Manager. The criteria that some believed should weigh more in considering an applicant were: personnel management experience; a college degree in a related field (public administration, etc.) vs. in some other field of study; contract negotiation experience; planning/management experience (i.e. organizational skills). Also, they thought the first criterion on the list should read college graduate **WITH** (instead of or) 5 years supervisory experience. **Mayor Koplín** asked HR Director, **Cindy Appleton** how many applications had been received so far. She said about a dozen have made inquiries and she has sent application packets to them. She has received back 2 completed applications with all required materials at this time. It has been out for about ten days at this point.

##### **25. CIP list update discussion and staff direction**

**Mayor Koplín** mentioned that he put this on because even though the state isn't doing great, there are still federal grant opportunities and it is smart for us to keep a fresh, current list. **Joyce** said we don't really need this done until September, October as we are out of the legislative cycle now. He said there were a couple of things that can be removed. **Mayor Koplín** suggested that we put it on the Pending Agenda for September.

#### **N. New & Miscellaneous Business**

##### **26. City Council residency requirements**

**Mayor Koplín** said he would speak to this since he did agree to have it on the agenda. One Council member suggested the item but he has been approached by several members of the public and he mentioned in a report a few Council meetings ago that he read through Code and it appeared to him as though all of the seated Council members were meeting the residency requirements. Council member **Joyce** said he believed this was obviously aimed at him because he without a doubt does not live here full-time but he does have residency here. He owns a house and pays property taxes, is registered to vote here and is an Alaska resident, unfortunately, he has elderly in-laws that his wife is caring for out of state and he spends time visiting her there – that is just where his life is at this point. He was elected to fill this seat for three years and he plans to fulfill that obligation as he is currently meeting the requirements of residency. **Beedle** opined that not being in town makes him unavailable to the public – he has heard those comments. **Beedle** also said he gets a lot from hearing

input that **Joyce** has to give in meetings; he called it not a “residency” issue but a “representation” issue. **Mayor Koplin** reiterated that the current code is being followed, he wondered if anyone was interested in making a motion.

**M/Hallquist** to change code to allow Council members to attend meetings via teleconference only 6 times per year. This motion did not get a second.

**Joyce** said as far as what Council member **Beedle** was saying, he does get and respond to emails and phone calls from constituents. **Beedle** said he hears from constituents that have had trouble getting in touch with **Mr. Joyce**. City Clerk **Bourgeois** opined that the retired guy in California is often the easiest to get in touch with, much easier than those fishing or traveling for other business.

27. Council action on land disposal method for Tract B, Lot 34 USS449

**M/Joyce S/Bailer** to direct the City Manager to dispose of Tract B, Block 34, USS 449 by negotiating an agreement with Alascom, Inc. to lease the property at fair market value.

**Joyce** said we have done this before and in the interest of fairness, this is the proper way to go.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Burton). Beedle-yes; Joyce-yes; Hallquist-yes; Wiese-yes; Allison-yes; Bailer-yes and Burton-absent. Motion was approved.

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

**Bailer** suggested: 1) the in-town expert, **Carlos Martin**, to give his opinion on seagulls (to Council) at next meeting  
2) City Manager to look into Ski Hill insurance under City umbrella

**Beedle** said: 1) City Clerk evaluation needs to be on the next agenda, or sometime before expiration of her contract on August 8, 2016  
2) How to go about the addressing system – he’d like an update next time

**Hallquist** said: 1) Cordova Center business report – showing financials – income/expenses, etc. – **Joyce** thought maybe by October/November because that would give a solid year’s worth of data

**Mayor Koplin**: 1) would like to add Crater Lake Water & Power project to the Pending Agenda  
2) asked **Rich Rogers** to present a short report on the water side of the project at the next meeting

Council did opt to formally cancel the second July meeting. **Rogers** said we may need action on the Mt. Eccles windows before August – council agreed maybe ahead of the HSB meeting next Thursday, July 14.

## O. Audience Participation

**Alice Grimwood** with the radio station spoke in favor of the E-911 system and addressing as she believes a lot of people like herself do not know street names within the City.

**Greg Meyer**, 1 Cannery Row, said (jokingly) he thinks Council should leave the seagulls alone – the more on the Cordova Center roof, the fewer will be on his roof. He also said anything we can do to get the ferry back on a good schedule, we should do – he couldn’t believe that Council took so long to spend \$300. He said his business is down 20% due to the ferry schedule which he said equates to \$25-30K in sales tax. Lastly he said the agenda was deceptive because the resolution about AIGCO didn’t appear to be about that if you only read the agenda – he said he doesn’t have time to dig through the packet. He said he would appreciate a little more transparency.

**Mark Frohnepfel** of 828 Woodland Drive said he supports numbering of houses because it will help E-911 and will help his delivery drivers. He agreed with **Greg** that we have to fight for the ferry service that we need. He said as far as AIGCO, he knows there is a lot of support for clean burning fuels, he said Shoreside can supply propane.

**Casey Kinsman**, 501 Lakeview Avenue just introduced himself as new in town and he submitted an application for City Manager, he comes from Utah.

## P. Council Comments

**Bailer** said that in the end they did see the value (in Southeast Conference membership) and spent the \$300. As far as Mr. Joyce, he said it isn’t an ideal situation but it isn’t the situation he thought he would find himself in and he’s been an effective Council member for a long, long time. He said this has kind of happened to **Mr. Burton** as well, wasn’t his plan, but he thinks **Burton** can also remain effective and approachable.

**Wiese** thanked **Swartzbart** and the volunteers at Ski Hill – one of the things that makes Cordova great. He spoke about how the council members in question about residency had been elected by the people – that is an important thing to remember.

**Joyce** said he appreciates the comments – he understands the concerns but he probably won’t be running for re-election. He would like to see some numbers on paper regarding E-911 so we know exactly what it is we are buying. **Joyce** also commented that some of the discussions tonight were not motions and that leads us astray – we should try to keep items to actions items with motions – he’d prefer a more structured meeting.

**Beedle** said he spoke to the cannery about seagulls and they said in three years they will be regulated out of feeding the birds (i.e. discharging the fish guts, etc. directly into the bay) so it will all change then.

**Allison** said the canneries tried everything over the years, he thinks nature will take care of itself. He also thanked Sheridan Alpine Association and the volunteers that do great things for the citizens and he would suggest a meeting with the Interim City Manager because it looks like the lease speaks to the city possibly covering water and telephone expenses as well.

**Mayor Koplín** wanted to thank City Council, City Staff and all of the volunteers for a great Fourth of July Celebration.

**Q. Executive Session - none on the agenda**

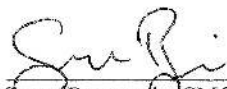
**R. Adjournment**

**M/Bailer S/Allison** to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Approved: August 3, 2016

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

