

**Special City Council Meeting**  
**August 11, 2016 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B**  
**Minutes**

**A. Call to order**

*Mayor Clay Koplín* called the Council Special Meeting to order at 6:00 pm on August 11, 2016 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Roll call**

Present for roll call were Council members *Josh Hallquist*, *James Wiese* and *David Allison*. Council member *Tim Joyce* was present via teleconference. Council members *James Burton*, *Tom Bailer* and *Robert Beedle* were absent. Also present were Interim City Manager *Mike Hicks* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

**C. Approval of agenda**

*M/Allison S/Hallquist* to approve the agenda.

Hearing no objection, motion was approved.

**D. Disclosures of conflicts of interest - none**

**E. Communications by and petitions from visitors**

1. Audience Comments regarding agenda item - none

**F. New business**

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*Mayor Koplín* said that the City staff has informed him that they do suggest the transfer come from the general fund reserve but he wants to remind Council that there have been many draws from that this year to support CCMC and Council should be aware that there is only so much that fund can handle.

Finance Director at the hospital, *Lee Bennett* spoke for CCMC. He said the hospital does not have any reserves and for a while now has been running a negative bottom line. He said the long term care monthly revenue often covers about what two payrolls would amount to however, September has three payrolls so we will be short. He said the request also covers a couple of payments towards a back amount owing to PERS.

*Joyce* asked *Lee* if he would anticipate any future requests and wondered if this loan would be paid back anytime soon.

*Lee* responded that no, he does not anticipate any payback of this anytime soon. He said that he and *Mitchell* (CCMC CEO) are looking at what can be done heading into 2017, as they prepare the budget, as to what can be done to decrease the need from the City. *Lee* explained that the basis for revenue is small with our population, no extra area to draw revenue from (i.e. due to isolation), and this is the case for rural hospitals all over AK, not just Cordova; fixed costs are high.

*Hallquist* asked when he thought there might be another request this year. *Lee* said that honestly, the \$260k could easily have been \$500k. He honestly said he would not know, he hopes he won't have to again this year; he's been here almost four weeks, he is still analyzing revenues/expenses. *Joyce* said he appreciated the candid response. He said that the public will need to understand that they will be paying for the hospital with tax money and if they choose not to go to our community funded hospital, they are paying for it anyway and should maybe make the choice to have their health care handled there instead.

Vote on motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent. Allison-yes; Beedle-absent; Joyce-yes; Bailer-absent; Wiese-yes; Burton-absent and Hallquist-yes. Motion was approved.

3. Resolution 08-16-31 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sole source contract with GV Jones & Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for Eyak water treatment plant SCADA upgrades, hypochlorite generators and water tank coatings as described in the attached proposals

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services for Eyak water treatment plant SCADA upgrades, hypochlorite generators and water tank coatings as described in the attached proposals.

**Hallquist** said Council asked for this to be handled as a sole source, staff has done so and he is very much in support of this. **Allison** asked **Rogers** if the contract this time was really for the leftover amount of \$626k from the previous LT2 project and grant funds plus the \$185k or just the \$185k as in the resolution before us tonight. **Rogers** said it will be the \$835k amount.

**M/Allison S/Hallquist** to amend the motion by changing \$185,000 in the sixth whereas **B. contract price**, to \$835,000.

**Joyce** said he agrees and asked if that was the maximum amount to be spent, i.e. if GV Jones is able to reduce costs, we will pay less. **Rogers** said yes, that is a NTE (not to exceed) amount, if there are cost-savings, we will realize those.

Vote on motion to amend: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent. Allison-yes; Hallquist-yes; Joyce-yes; Beedle-absent; Wiese-yes; Burton-absent and Bailer-absent. Motion was approved.

Vote on main motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent. Beedle-absent; Hallquist-yes; Wiese-yes; Joyce-yes; Allison-yes; Bailer-absent and Burton-absent. Motion was approved.

#### 4. Update on City Manager search

**Mayor Koplín** said that the number one ranked candidate by the committee has withdrawn his name; took a position elsewhere. Also, another top candidate has said he is a finalist in 2 other communities – background checks and references have been done and are available to Council tonight. He suggested that Council schedule an interview with Mr. **Hanson** and maybe we can see if some of the other high ranking candidates can fit that time schedule too.

#### G. Audience participation - none

#### H. Council comments

**Hallquist** thanked the Streets department for handling the washouts with the heavy rains we got here last week.

**Wiese** thanked **Rogers** and his staff (**Greenwood, Stavig**) for the detail offered tonight.

**Joyce** also appreciated the work by staff (**Rich Rogers**) for the resolution before them earlier. He opined that it would behoove Council to go back and look at attorney issues again and it might be in our best interest to have a staff attorney for the money we are spending on that as it is.

**Allison** also thanked staff for the work put into tonight's packet. He said as far as CCMC support when it comes time for budget talks, he does not want it all to go on the property tax payers.

**Mayor Koplín** said he wanted to thank the Cordova EMS and Police Department for all the work they do; they have tough situations to handle, including the one this week – he wants to pass on the City's gratitude for what they do.

#### I. Adjournment

**M/Allison S/Hallquist** to adjourn.

Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm

Approved: September 7, 2016

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

