

**Regular City Council Meeting
September 19, 2018 @ 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 7:15 pm on September 19, 2018, 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 *James Burton, Ken Jones, Jeff Guard, Melina Meyer, David Allison* and *James Wiese*. Council member *Anne Schaefer* was absent. Also present were City Manager *Alan Lanning* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

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

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (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

Scot Mitchell, CCMC CEO reported that: 1) *Mitchell* discussed the regulatory burden that the health care industry is under - large hospitals can sometimes absorb these but it is particularly difficult for small rural hospitals like ours to keep up; 2) he introduced the new interim CFO, *Bill Stork* who handed out a one page balance sheet to try to explain where the hospital is financially, currently.

Council members questions ensued regarding the PERS debt. *Mitchell* said the amount owing to PERS increases by \$25,000 with each payroll. The ytd last year in payroll liabilities was \$294K and the current ytd is \$1.2M. *Guard* said, so let me get this straight, we've gone almost \$1M more in debt over a years' time by not making PERS payments. *Mitchell* said yes that is pretty close.

4. Student Council Representative Report - was not present

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Resolution 09-18-25 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting full funding for the State of Alaska harbor facility grant program in the FY 2020 State Capital budget

6. Resolution 09-18-27 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, approving the site plan of Robert Brown dba Saddle Point Machine LLC, for construction of an 80' x 80' machine shop located on Lot 3, Block 5, North Fill Development Park

Vote on the approval of the consent calendar: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Allison-yes; Schaefer-absent; Guard-yes; Meyer-yes; Wiese-yes; Burton-yes; and Jones-yes. Consent calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes

M/Allison S/Burton to approve the minutes.

7. Minutes of September 5, 2018 Council Regular Meeting

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Schaefer). Motion was approved.

I. Consideration of Bids

J. Reports of Officers

8. Mayor's Report - *Mayor Koplín* reported that unless there is Council concern, he is going to write a letter of support for the PWSSC in attaining an EVOS grant for their building - there was Council support for his writing the letter.

9. Manager's Report - City Manager *Alan Lanning* reported 1) he sent them an email explaining the hospital accounting; 2) he sent an email with fund balances; 3) there is a remaining question - he is still working on baling vs. hauling financial analysis; 4) he wanted to recognize all who worked on the paving and sidewalks, looks great - State, contractor and some private individuals kicked in some extra work and it turned out really well; 4) gym floor is done, *Rich* did a great job as

did the contractor there; 5) USFS wants to meet on the Forest Service management plan – 1PM on 9/27 – **Mayor** will be out if any council want to attend they are welcome.

10. City Clerk's Report – **Bourgeois** reported that HS volleyball opens their season at a home tournament Friday and Saturday this weekend on the new gym floor.

K. Correspondence

11. Mayor Koplin letter re comments on 2016 pink disaster funds distribution method

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

12. Resolution 09-18-24 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting the Alaska salmon hatchery program

M/Allison S/Burton to approve Resolution 09-18-24 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting the Alaska salmon hatchery program.

Allison said the hatcheries are very important to Cordova's economy and he is happy to support them with this resolution.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Schaefer). Motion was approved.

13. Resolution 09-18-26 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of a City of Cordova Prince William Sound borough advisory committee

M/Allison S/Guard to approve resolution 09-18-26 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of a City of Cordova Prince William Sound borough advisory committee

Allison opined that since we spent some money on the borough economic study we should get the best and most information out of it as we can, this committee should help see to that.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Jones), 1 absent (Schaefer). Motion was approved.

M. Unfinished Business - none

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

14. Council concurrence of Mayor's appointments to the Trails Committee

M/Guard S/Allison to concur with **Mayor Koplin's** appointments of **Wendy Ranney, Ryan Schuetze** and **Michelle Hahn** to the Trails Committee and also to increase the Trails committee membership to 6 to accommodate all three selections.

Mayor Koplin asked the **Clerk** if she could do that administratively. **Bourgeois** said she will rewrite the Trails Committee Resolution as a committee of 6 for a future meeting.

Vote on the motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Schaefer). Motion was approved.

15. Council concurrence of Mayor's appointments to the PWS Borough Advisory Committee

M/Allison S/Guard to concur with **Mayor Koplin's** appointments of **Sylvia Lange, Ezekiel Brown** and **Angela Butler** to the PWS Borough Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding whether a Council member wanted on the committee, most believed any could attend Committee meetings and act in an ex-officio capacity.

Vote on the motion: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Jones), 1 absent (Schaefer). Motion was approved.

16. Council action on disposal and method of disposal Lot 1, USS 4606

M/Allison S/Jones to dispose of Lot 1, USS 4606 as outlined in Cordova Municipal Code 5.22.060 B by 4. Requesting sealed proposals to lease or purchase the property.

Allison said this has been discussed for a while and last we left it we would put it out if someone started the process with a letter of interest. He is in favor of advertising for proposals. **Jones** and **Burton** and others (**Meyer, Guard, Allison**) discussed the merits of an easement, as had come up in the past that this lot has been said to be the best means to access a large City owned lot behind it.

M/Wiese S/Meyer to amend the motion by requiring an access easement within the RFP.

Jones was not in favor, wants to grow the pie, increase our taxable value.

Vote on the motion to amend: 3 yeas (Burton, Wiese, Meyer), 3 nays (Jones, Allison, Guard), 1 absent (Schaefer). Motion fails.

Vote on the main motion: 5 yeas, 1 nay, 1 absent. Meyer-yes; Allison-yes; Wiese-yes; Schaefer-absent; Guard-yes; Burton-no; and Jones-yes. Motion was approved.

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

Bourgeois mentioned the tomorrow evening 7pm kickoff to Borough Economic study by Information Insights, then the committee will meet the next morning, Friday September 21 at 9 am with Information Insights.

Jones sad that he wished he would have thought to say this while discussing the last item but maybe Council should put the large property out for proposal as well so that proposals could be reviewed simultaneously. Council concurred to

have that item before them at the October 3 meeting. *Allison* mentioned that the PWSAC representative's term is up next month - *Mayor Koplín* said he would check with *Bailer* or might solicit Council interest.

O. Audience Participation

Cathy Renfeldt of Cordova Chamber of Commerce spoke about the City's upcoming budget for 2019. She implored Council to give a consistent contribution to the Chamber of Commerce. It is her opinion that an amount Council could consider would be 75% of the 3-year average of the public accommodations tax or \$90K per year. The 75% number would equate to \$106,864 for 2019.

P. Council Comments

Jones thanked everyone for their participation tonight. Board of Fish - the next cycle should go to Cordova - there is a bigger and bigger push to have those meetings in Anchorage, but he wants us to get it here in 2020.

Wiese thanked Cathy for her thoughts, thanked Wilson for work on streets/sidewalks and thanked the Trails Committee volunteers.

Guard said he is supportive of the chamber of commerce.

Burton thanked staff for their hard work on the Adams Street project.

Allison in case he is somehow not here for next meeting, he wants to thank Rich Rogers for his excellent service to the community - he should have one more meeting date in Cordova though.

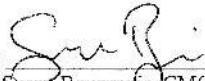
Q. Adjournment

M/Allison S/Jones to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection Mayor Koplín adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Approved: October 3, 2018

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

