

Regular City Council Meeting
September 20, 2017 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order

Acting Vice Mayor James Burton called the Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm on September 6, 2017, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

James Burton led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Roll call

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

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

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

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

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

James Wiese declared a conflict with item 6 as he may be hired to work on that project if the extension is approved. *Burton* and Council agreed that he should recuse himself at that time.

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest Speakers - *Dick Groff* was added as a guest speaker to present 5 CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) members with certificates of completion of the program. The recipients of the certificates were **Jack Reilly, Charlene Saunders, Lisa Carroll, Jayleene Garrett** and **Carolyn Roesbury**. Council and the audience offered praise and a round of applause to the volunteers for their service and dedication.

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items - none

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

CCMC Authority Board of Directors - CCMCA CEO **Scot Mitchell** presented a report to Council. He mentioned that they are on a three year plan like the City is - they have a dedicated quality improvement nurse on staff now. He said they are doing things to improve themselves such as cutting staff that they don't need; cut 9 FTE's last year and so far 3 this year. He hopes that 2 more will be cut by year end - they can do this while maintaining and even improving the quality of care they are providing. Through 7 months of 2016, operating loss was \$727k this year there's a \$274k profit through the same time frame. He said annually he is to submit a report to the council. That report should be heard at the next CCMCA board meeting and then will be to Council in October. A big part of the better success this year is the percentage of filled beds - we've been averaging 10 on the long term care side and 4 on the hospital side. The improved quality of nurses has led to more confidence with the doctors and that's why we are keeping patients instead of sending them off to Anchorage. Cordova School Board - President **Barb Jewell** was present to report. She said kids' activities are underway and she gave a shout out to some of the staff organizing some of the larger activities such as Close-Up and Band competition in Hawaii - thanks to **Debra Adams** and **Chelsea Corrao**. The board is working on self-evaluation and goal-setting. Chief among that is the strategic plan - an organization called "Outside the Lines" will be assisting as education is looking at a whole different landscape in the future a need to prepare kids for their future - not what exists today. She mentioned that the super sent an important spreadsheet to Council and the Clerk printed it for them tonight - several worksheets that give a historic look at school funding, budgets, etc. She said that will be important for the upcoming joint work session they'll be having. **Jewell** implored Council to ask any questions of the superintendent during their budget talks as the City Manager has said his first budget would be to them before the joint work session with the school board.

4. Student Council Representative Report - not present

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

James Burton declared the consent calendar was before the City Council. Item 6 was removed due to the conflict of interest declared earlier by **Wiese**. It became item 15a.

5. Resolution 09-17-25 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Appraisal Company of Alaska for tax year 2018 assessment services in the amount of Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000)

6. Performance deed of trust extension for Dan Nichols

7. Record excused absences of **Mayor Clay Koplín** and Council member **Hallquist** from the September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting

Vote on the consent calendar: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Beedle-yes; Hallquist-absent; Wiese-yes; Jones-yes; Allison-yes; Guard-yes and Burton-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes

M/Allison S/Jones to approve the minutes.

8. Minutes of 09-06-17 Council Public Hearing

9. Minutes of 09-06-17 Council Regular Meeting

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

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

10. Mayor's Report - written in the packet

11. Manager's Report - **Lanning** said maybe next week we will try to have a longer work session to hash out the budget.

12. City Clerk's Report - **Bourgeois** said there would be a special election on November 7 based on the submission of the recall petition that she had in the amended packet tonight. She has been busy preparing for that. **Bourgeois** also mentioned ads would be out concerning turnover on the Boards and Commissions, she hoped for appointments to be made at the second November meeting. She has also begun to look into the ordinance change regarding Council member's service on boards and commissions, non-voting as was the direction given last time.

a. City Clerk and City Attorney Certification of Recall Petition and submission to City Council

K. Correspondence

13. 08-31-17 R. Curran letter about Marijuana businesses in Cordova

14. 09-12-17 AMHS Reform Project Draft Report released notice with link

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

15. Resolution 09-17-24 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, designating capital improvement projects

M/Beedle S/Allison to approve resolution 09-17-24 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, designating capital improvement projects.

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

M. Unfinished Business

15a. 6. Performance deed of trust extension for Dan Nichols

M/Allison S/Guard to extend Dan Nichols substantial completion date do July 1, 2018, with a foundation substantially completed by January 1, 2018.

Allison wanted to ensure that these dates have been confirmed with Mr. Nichols. That was not the case and after some discussion, **Allison** offered an amendment to the motion.

M/Allison S/Guard to amend the motion by striking "with the foundation substantially completed by January 1, 2018".

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

Vote on the main motion as amended: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Hallquist). Motion was approved.

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

16. Planning Commission Resolution re recommended capital improvements (informational item)

Beedle asked **Lanning** about paying \$100,000 for a comprehensive plan as suggested by the Planning and Zoning Commission. **Lanning** said if you go back to the strategic plan, it suggested that we do the comprehensive plan in-house.

17. Council concurrence of Mayor's appointments to Fisheries Advisory Committee

M/Beedle S/Allison to concur with Mayor Koplín's appointment of **Tim Joyce** and **Tommy Sheridan**.

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

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

joint work session with the school board on Oct 18 @ 6pm - also a work session on October 11 with the Navy also @ 6pm; Oct 4 work session will still be about budget

O. Audience Participation

Dan Nichols of Alder Street - thanked Council for the extension.

P. Council Comments

Wiese thanked the CERT team volunteers and thanked staff for work on budget.

Jones thanked the audience and staff and other council members for being here tonight.

Allison thanked volunteers, CVFD, Dick & Joanie, etc.

Burton echoed the thanks already given and commented that when it comes to budget, he said it's not so much about raising taxes as it is becoming more self-sufficient. Other revenue sources have dried up - if Cordovans want police, school, hospital, etc. we have to pay for it.

Guard seconded the comments *Burton* made about direction given to staff, the last few budget work sessions, we've split up and gave mixed messages.

Q. Adjournment

M/Allison S/Wiese to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Approved: October 4, 2017

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

