

**Regular City Council Meeting
September 21, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes**

A. Call to order

Mayor Clay Koplín called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on September 21, 2016 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Mayor Koplín led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, then **Reverend Belle Mickelson** gave the invocation.

C. Roll call

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

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

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

Hearing no objection the motion was approved.

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

Burton said regarding item 12, he is a member of the PWS Pink Salmon Fleet. **Mayor Koplín** and Council concurred that he would not be conflicted in that matter.

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest Speakers - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

Anna Young of Cordova, spoke to her letter in the packet. She said she was promised the money and then received a letter from Interim City Manager **Hicks** that said now the City is denying that request. Council said they would further discuss the item under correspondence.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

Beedle said the Harbor Commission did not have a quorum - he said the department is awaiting a survey/report from PND for status of South Harbor. He also said that with today's storm a few boats came loose.

Joyce reported that the HSB had a meeting and elected new officers, they will be doing so in September every year. He is the President, **Hallquist** is Vice President and **Wiese** is Secretary.

Bailer said that P&Z didn't meet, as there was no quorum.

There was no one from School Board and the Superintendent was not present.

4. Student Council Representative Report - not present

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

Mayor Koplín declared the consent calendar before Council.

5. Record excused absence of Council member James Burton from the 09-07-16 Regular Meeting

Vote on the consent calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Allison-yes; Beedle-yes; Joyce-yes; Bailer-yes; Wiese-yes; Burton-yes and Hallquist-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

H. Approval of Minutes

M/Beedle S/Burton to approve the minutes.

6. Minutes of 09-07-16 Regular Council Meeting

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion approved.

I. Consideration of Bids - none

J. Reports of Officers

7. Mayor's Report - **Mayor Koplín** said that the Navy wanted to come speak with Council about the 2017 exercises and he will bring it up at Pending Agenda; He also said that Senator Stevens wants a community meeting on September 30 - also to be discussed at Pending Agenda - **Mayor Koplín** suggested the LIO for that event.

8. Manager's Report - **Interim City Manager Hicks** reported that 1) **Jon Stavig** has provided the attorneys' fees that council was asking for - they should have been given to you; 2) ICS training is approaching and **Joanie (Behrends)** hopes the Council will rsvp to her to pick a time for that training; 3) he wrote a letter to **Anna Young**; 4) he said that **Rich Rogers** has reported that through the wind/rain so far, Mt. Eccles windows have been holding up - no leaks; 5) reminder that he had emailed Council that he would be in Fairbanks for the fire conference this week and then he'd be travelling to Michigan to drive back with his wife.

Bailer asked **Hicks** when the paving project will be finalized, as far as all the grading. PWD **Rogers** was in the room so he addressed the issue and said that Eagle has punch list items to complete including back-fill work on Nicholoff. Also he said that the City crew just finished a culvert on Railroad Ave.

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

K. Correspondence

10. 08-22-16 Letter from A. Young re harbor

Harbormaster Schinella was able to address this. He said that **Ms. Young's** moorage agreement says that she must follow all ordinances. The Code specifically mentions the insurance requirement for all vessels in the harbor. **Schinella** said her moorage agreement was from 2013, the new ones do specifically include the insurance requirement. Council wanted to know if she would not be reimbursed for this damage because she cannot show proof of insurance. **Schinella** said that was not his understanding - they were still going to work with her.

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

11. Resolution 09-16-33 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, designating capital improvement projects

M/Joyce S/Bailer to approve Resolution 09-16-33 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, designating capital improvement projects

After lengthy discussion including removing some of the projects that have already been completed adding a few, renaming some and reordering the priorities, Council arrived at this for the list.

M/Joyce S/Bailer to amend the motion and make the list as follows:

1. G Float Replacement
2. General Harbor Improvements
3. School Repairs
4. Hospital Upgrades
5. Public Safety Building
6. Shipyard Fill
7. North Harbor Sidewalks
8. Sawmill Avenue Extension
9. Ferry Trail

Vote on the motion to amend: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion approved.

Vote on the main motion as amended: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Main motion approved.

12. Resolution 09-16-34 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, encouraging the State of Alaska to declare a condition of economic disaster in Cordova and requesting the utilization of the commercial fishing revolving loan fund (CFRLF) to assist the affected fishermen and their families impacted by the fisheries disaster

M/Joyce S/Wiese to approve Resolution 09-16-34 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, encouraging the State of Alaska to declare a condition of economic disaster in Cordova and requesting the utilization of the commercial fishing revolving loan fund (CFRLF) to assist the affected fishermen and their families impacted by the fisheries disaster.

Joyce mentioned that obviously the pink salmon seine fishery was a failure and that will effect a lot of the fishermen but will also trickle down to the other facets of the economy including the City which our budget will be hurt by low raw fish tax next year.

M/Beedle S/Burton to amend the fifth whereas by replacing "will likely not meet" with "were delayed in meeting".

Vote on the motion to amend: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion approved.

Vote on the main motion as amended: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Main motion approved.

M. Unfinished Business

13. Council decision regarding E-911 proposal by ProComm Alaska

M/Beedle S/Joyce to direct staff in some way regarding the ProComm proposal.

Beedle said that he believes this is coming but he believes we need to get the addressing done first. He said the ProComm proposal mentions that CTC's addressing is all complete but that is incorrect because CTC's addressing is the City's addressing which is not correct or complete. **Beedle** continued by stating, we are early on the funding - he'd like to see it funded through the budget and then paid back once the assessment is reinstated.

He clarified his motion - direct staff to do addressing first and let E-911 work its way through a budget cycle.

Joyce said that ProComm's proposal was a loan, which the City cannot do without going to a vote. He agrees that the addressing needs to get done. He is not in favor of a loan for this at all. **Beedle** said the addressing would be needed for more than just E-911 - it will assist commerce in Cordova - there are a lot more compelling reasons to work on the addressing.

M/Beedle S/Bailer to direct staff to prepare a plan for addressing - the cost and a timeline for execution of that.

Mayor Koplín asked staff if they understood the direction.

Interim Manager Hicks said that staff has begun looking into that and it will be a contract that will be brought forward as a budget request.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion approved.

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

Council opted to have both agenda items 14 & 15 in the executive session.

~~14. Approval of City Clerk contract (may be discussed in executive session)~~

~~15. Council action regarding City Manager candidates (may be discussed in executive session)~~

16. Pending Agenda, Calendar and Elected & Appointed Officials lists - **Senator Murkowski's** office sent a letter telling us that the State of Alaska was awarded the \$8.9 million apron improvements out at the airport for next year. Council discussed the Navy representatives coming and they directed the Clerk to contact them and suggest December 7 as the best option with November 2 as a possible alternative. The discussion also led to the probability of canceling the second November meeting. It was decided to do this at the first November meeting. **Mayor Koplín** said that **Stevens** and **Stutes** were looking for a community event and he was going to tell them to check with the LIO.

O. Audience Participation

Anna Young resident of Cordova said that her letter had some suggestions for the harbor and she wants Council to look into those. Such as boats waking others and need for mufflers, etc.

Joanie Behrends spoke in support of E-911 and she said there were several in the audience that meant to speak to this at the beginning of the meeting but Council seemed to move right past that agenda item, i.e. audience comments on agenda items. **Mayor Koplín** apologized, he did not see any further audience at that time wishing to speak. She said she thinks life and safety items such as this are more important than commerce issues.

Dick Groff of 201 Whiskey Ridge Rd spoke in favor of the E-911 system and also tried to speak at the start of the meeting.

P. Council Comments

Bailer reported that the gym roof at the HS has been fixed and he hopes that when the new manager is on maybe they can start a procedure where Council is briefed on facilities. He said as far as addressing, he doesn't think it's a big deal for staff to go out and name and number these streets and houses. He looks forward to an explanation as to why this has to be hired out. He said that his Planning and Zoning seat is up in November so he hopes some people will get letters of interest in.

Wiese thanked **Burton** for his help with the disaster declaration resolution. He also thanks the EMS folks for coming to speak and he's sorry they got slighted by mistake at the beginning.

Burton said he wondered if it was appropriate to reconsider the E-911 motion at this time. He just felt like he didn't understand it well enough to make a decision tonight on it. As he spoke about it, the idea was to bring the item back by either asking the Mayor to do so or finding another Council member interested in doing so; i.e. bring the item back on a future agenda.

Joyce said he agreed but had a different approach - he said the options that ProComm put out, 2 of the 3 included loans, which we cannot do. The third option is loan ourselves the money and pay it back with the surcharge - that may be complicated. The bottom line is we should decide the best way to fund it.

Beedle said that the Harbor is now paying to ship waste oil out of town - so we really would love to hear of anyone locally who could use it. He thinks E-911 could be funded most quickly by us doing it at budget. He also mentioned that there are 2 Harbor Commission seats coming up and he wishes that someone outside of the fishing industry, someone without even a boat in the harbor, would consider asking for an appointment; that would be great.

Mayor Koplín asked if the Clerk would get the disaster resolution over to **John Bitney** and he could disseminate to the appropriate parties. He also mentioned that the Alaska Power Association and National Hydropower Association are having their conferences here this week and the comments have all been glowing about the food, the people, the location, the views, it has been great – they have dropped \$175,000 in rental fees and catering alone. He knows that City staff have been here late into the evening, as late as eleven pm each night and he really appreciates it – it’s a great reflection on our community.

Q. Executive Session

M/Hallquist S/Bailer to enter an executive session to discuss matters that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person; provided that the person may request a public discussion specifically, City Clerk’s contract and City Manager search and for reasons the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the government specifically, legal services review.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion approved.

Mayor Koplín called for a five minute recess while the room was cleared at 8:20 pm.

Council entered the executive session at 8:24 pm.

- 14. Approval of City Clerk contract
- 15. Council action regarding City Manager search
- 16. Legal Services Review

Council came out of executive session at 10:31 pm.

M/Joyce S/Bailer to direct the Mayor to proceed as was discussed in the executive session regarding items 18 & 19.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion approved.

Mayor Koplín said council should now take up item 14. Approval of City Clerk contract.

M/Joyce S/Beedle to approve the employment agreement with **Susan Bourgeois** as City Clerk.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion approved.

R. Adjournment

M/Bailer S/Wiese to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 pm.

Approved: October 5, 2016

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

