

Regular City Council Meeting
October 3, 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 7:05 pm on October 3, 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, Jeff Guard, Melina Meyer, Anne Schaefer, David Allison* and *James Wiese*. Council member *Ken Jones* was absent. Also present were Student Council Representative *Olivia Carroll*, 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 (Jones). 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

John Bitney, City legislative lobbyist since January 2011, spoke with Council about something important coming down the pike, the issue of redistricting. He had a couple of action items that he will ask Council to weigh in on. He gave a summary of the process and the timeline. Also called reapportionment, basically, every decade, coinciding with the federal census it is the effort that determines, one person, one vote, essentially same populations in each district. Census in 2020, state sets up a redistricting board to begin appointments before September of 2019. The board has 5 members, the Governor (which could be a new governor) appoints 2 of those, 1 member is appointed by the speaker of the house, 1 by the senate president and 1 by the chief justice of the supreme court. Also, there must be 1 member from each of the 5 judicial districts in the state. The board draws up the districts. First focus is federal laws – most important is don't diminish minority representation in the legislature, so the "bush" districts get drawn first. For Cordova it gets tricky because we are in a region to where we can move to Southeast, to the Interior, we've been bounced around. Generally, you want to be in a district where you carry the political clout – like when we were with **Bill Thomas** and Haines, we were the highest population and we were treated well, and he was chair of finance committee at the time as well.

Bitney asked if it was ok, then for him to speak with our legislators about redistricting on Cordova's behalf – his conversation would be along the lines of when they caucus after the session starts in choosing presiding officers to get Cordova covered as far as who those presiding officers eventually pick as the redistricting board members. *Bitney* also advised that we stay in touch with other communities as we hear inklings of potential board members. Also, once board is up and running we can invite them to Cordova for a public hearing, etc.

Timeline is: Board required to be appointed by September 2019, census occurs 2020, board downloads that data and draws new boundaries timely for the 2022 election – new districts in place for the 2022 election. Under current population each district is approximately 18,000 people. Those are house districts, we get paired with a house district for our senate district.

Mayor Koplín asked *Bitney* for general comments concerning the upcoming session. *Dunleavy* is leading in the polls at this time, could have a new Governor and new administration. Senate will be a majority in Senate, but there are the far-right outliers, there will be a coalition, but we'll see which direction it leans. House is also a majority republican but there are also the outliers that split the republicans. There will be a coalition there too and we'll see which way it shades. PFD will be the big financial decision. Price of oil is \$85/bbl. – if it averages north of \$80 – the budget will balance.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions – none.

4. Student Council Representative Report – *Olivia Carroll* reported that: 1) cross country team finished season at state – *Anika Witsoe* got 24th out of 135, she had won the region 2 meet earlier in season; 2) volleyball season just beginning, Bartlett will be here this weekend for games Friday night, they will shadow the player at school Friday to get a "bigger look at smaller schools"; 3) calendars and produce sales music fundraiser closes Friday. *Carroll* handed out a thank you picture of all of the students on the new gym floor. She also posed some questions that the Student Council has come up with

concerning Borough. 1) how would funding be appropriated to a school district that has diversified needs? 2) would we all be in one school district? 3) combined school board or separate boards in separate cities? 4) would graduation requirements change? 5) how would a borough effect students and how would it effect teachers?

Meyer suggested we invite Student Council to participate in Borough Advisory Committee meetings. Council concurred.

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

5. Record excused absence of Council member *Schaefer* from the September 19, 2018 regular meeting

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

H. Approval of Minutes

M/Burton S/Guard to approve the minutes.

6. Minutes of September 19, 2018 Council Regular Meeting

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

I. Consideration of Bids

J. Reports of Officers

7. Mayor's Report - *Mayor Koplín* reported that Alaska Shellfish Producers Association meeting will be in Cordova, he thanked *Rod Jensen* to help make that happen. He is glad citizens are cognizant of the economics of bringing meetings like that to Cordova and this building. He said we have a bid in with the NPFMC for meetings here too. He sent a letter to EVOSTC supporting the PWSSC.

8. Manager's Report - City Manager *Alan Lanning* reported 1) *Rich Roger's* last day is tomorrow; 2) been dealing with recruitments and the budget; 3) *Malvin* is doing a good job at the hospital - that seems to be going real well, IT isn't going well; 4) switchover busy time for City shop and all the City equipment; 5) he'll be out of the office Oct 19-29 and then to AML Nov 12-16; 6) he'll have upcoming meetings to discuss at pending agenda.

9. City Clerk's Report - *Bourgeois* reported that the City Assessors are in town and they may be out and about looking at properties. They are allowed to enter onto a person's property by statute and they will make every attempt to contact people, knock on doors, they get more accurate information if they are able to speak to owners.

K. Correspondence

10. 09-10-18 Letter from Chugach Corporation to LBC re PWS Borough

11. 09-10-18 Letter from Chenega Corporation to LBC re PWS Borough

12. 09-13-18 Letter from Tatitlek Corporation to LBC re PWS Borough

13. 09-26-18 Letter from K. Carpenter (CRWP) re Stand for Salmon Ballot Initiative

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

14. Resolution 10-18-28 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of a City of Cordova Comprehensive Plan Committee

M/Allison S/Meyer to approve Resolution 10-18-28 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing creation of a City of Cordova Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Allison said we said we wanted a committee and this is the first step toward creating one.

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

M. Unfinished Business

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

M/Allison S/Schaefer to concur with *Mayor Koplín's* appointments of *Hayley Hoover* and *Barb Jewell* to the PWS Borough Advisory Committee.

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

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

16. Council concurrence of Mayor's appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Committee

M/Guard S/Allison to concur with *Mayor Koplín's* appointments of *Cathy Long*, *Kristin Carpenter*, *Tom McGann*, *Nancy Bird*, *Brooke Johnson*, *Ryan Schuetze*, *Katrina Hoffman*, *Bret Bradford* and *Dave Zastrow* to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Mayor Koplín asked that Council appoint all of these people and he will contact them and the committee may be adjusted over time.

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

17. Council action on disposal and method of disposal ASLS 79-259

M/Allison S/Guard to dispose of ASLS 79-259 as outlined in Cordova Municipal Code 5.22.060 B by 4. Requesting sealed proposals to lease or purchase the property.

Allison said he was not in favor of this, he moved it for purposes of discussion. He wants to agree with the staff recommendation, no one has put in for this, there is money involved in advertising, someone can put in at a later date if interested.

Vote on the motion: 1 yea (Burton), 5 nays, 1 absent (Jones). Motion failed.

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

Lanning mentioned a joint meeting with CCMCA Board and Council, need a candid conversation about financial issues there and some changes that have occurred over there with the state. Council decided upon a Nov 5, 2018, 6 pm meeting for this, a joint special meeting with an executive session.

The facilitated meetings with Agnew:Beck about healthcare in Cordova will still occur the week of Oct 22, 2018. Also Comprehensive Plan meetings with Agnew:Beck will occur the week of Oct 22, 2018. These will be solidified soon. Council's preference is later in the week that week.

O. Audience Participation

William Deaton of 524 Second Street expressed his support of a sin tax on marijuana. He voiced opposition to the formation of a borough for many reasons but the main one is another layer of government. He doesn't think it would be at all beneficial to us. He also said it doesn't make sense to him to spend \$25K on a feasibility study if we are in a fiscal crisis.

P. Council Comments

Schaefer thanked people stepping up on committees, etc.

Allison thanked *John Bitney* for his chat with Council and he thanked *Will* for offering comments tonight.

Burton thanked *Rod Jensen* for facilitating getting a meeting in Cordova and thanks to *Rich Rogers* for his service to Cordova.

Q. Adjournment

M/Allison S/Wiese to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection Mayor Koplun adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Approved: October 17, 2018

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

