

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 5, 2011 @ 7:15 PM
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kallander called the Council public hearing to order at 7:15 pm on October 5, 2011, in the Library Meeting Room.

B. ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were *Mayor James Kallander* Council members *James Kacsh, David Allison, Bret Bradford, EJ Cheshier, David Reggiani* and *Robert Beedle*. Council Member *Keith van den Broek* was absent. Also present was City Manager *Mark Lynch* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

C. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance 1088

An ordinance of the city of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the conveyance to Alaska Intrastate Gas Company of approximately 4 acres of tidelands located in ATS 1004 – 2nd reading

Mayor Kallander opened the meeting up for public comment

Mary Anne Bishop, 406 Fourth St, spoke against the ordinance stating that she feels there is a conflict of interest with the City attorney's office, Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot with AIGCO in their dealings with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. She asked that the ordinance be postponed indefinitely until the conflict has been addressed.

Tim Joyce, 1001 Pipe St, stated that Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot has not been counsel for AIGCO for at least five years. They have not been legal counsel for AIGCO on this contract. He sees no conflict in the property sale between the City of Cordova and AIGCO. In his opinion it is a red herring they would be chasing. Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot would have informed the City of a conflict, if there was one, as they have in the past.

Don Sjostedt, 180 Eyak Dr, spoke in favor of Ordinance 1088 stating that it could bring a cheaper energy source to town. AIGCO is developing their own industrial property to save us money.

Dan Nichols, spoke in favor of the ordinance. Stating that AIGCO will bring cheaper utility costs to town so we can compete with Anchorage and can keep money in town and provide more jobs.

Ellen Americus, Orca Rd, reminded Council that green space is a measure of the quality and wellness of the community. She would like the Council to consider the priceless value of the area in question. It's a great place for viewing and walks.

John Greenwood, 115 Jenson Dr, spoke in favor of Ordinance 1088. He has been involved with this process with P&Z for the last year, we have given this project due diligence; it is time to move forward.

Carolyn Roseberry, 701 Chase Ave, stated she would not like to see more congestion in any part of the town and outlying areas. Our remoteness is most valuable. If any development is done she would like to see wind turbine technology to be looked into instead of fossil fuels.

Council recessed the public hearing at 7:27 pm; then reconvened at 7:30 pm at which time *Mayor Kallander* reopened the meeting for public comment – there was none

D. ADJOURNMENT

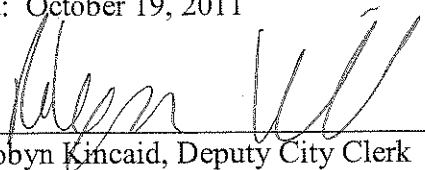
M/Reggiani S/Allison to adjourn the Public Hearing

Vote on motion: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (van den Broek). Motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Approved: October 19, 2011

Attest:



Robyn Kincaid, Deputy City Clerk

