

Regular City Council Meeting
November 15, 2017 @ 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 7:04 pm on November 15, 2017, 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 Koplín* and Council members *Ken Jones, Jeff Guard, Robert Beedle* and *James Wiese*. Council members *James Burton, Josh Hallquist* and *David Allison* were absent. Also present were City Manager *Alan Lanning* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

D. Approval of Regular Agenda

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

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Burton, Hallquist, Allison). Motion was approved.

E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors

1. Guest Speakers - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

Barb Jewell of 2.2 mile Whitshed road spoke in support of Ordinance 1161 but asked that a definition be added in concerning publishing on City website.

Tom Bailer 304 Orca Inlet Drive spoke in support of the Harbor building - thinks it's a great project but he would advise not to spend a dime on design and engineering because these buildings are easy to put up and can be bought with plans from the company.

Kerin Kramer of NVE, introduced **Brent Roland**, new to Cordova who moved here to run the Cordova Times. She spoke to the ordinance regarding advertising in newspapers and she wanted it known that the City advertising is a significant portion of the Newspaper revenue and if the City were to pull its advertising it may impact how they run the newspaper.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

CCMC Authority Board of Directors - CEO *Scot Mitchell* mentioned that CCMC is showing a profit this year of not quite \$600,000 through September 30, 2017. Last year at this time we showed a loss of about \$350,000. We've cut 6 FTE's, last year we cut 9 FTE's. We are sharing staff with the City - 2 positions. We are researching with *Alan* and the City ways to cut down health insurance costs. Long term care survey a couple of weeks ago - haven't received a list of deficiencies yet - seemed better than last year. Retail pharmacy hopefully by early December - waiting on entering the payer contracts into our system. Overall things are going well and the staff and board want to thank the City for their support. *Beedle* asked about the UPS for the CT scanner, *Mitchell* said the project is moving forward - RFP for electrical should be out any day now.

Cordova School Board - President of the School Board, *Barb Jewell* reported that they are starting conversations with the City about the gym floor. City staff and administration at the school are taking a proactive look at what can be done to best solve the problems. Cordova School Board was awarded outstanding board of the year for the State of Alaska. She called it a community award.

4. Student Council Representative Report - not present

G. Approval of Consent Calendar

Mayor Koplín declared the consent calendar was before the City Council.

~~5. Continuation of and membership adjustments to Cordova Historic Preservation Commission~~

Beedle called out item 5 and it was placed in the agenda as item 14a. under new & miscellaneous business.

H. Approval of Minutes

6. Minutes of the 10-18-17 Council Regular Meeting

M/Wiese S/Jones to approve the minutes.

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Burton, Hallquist, Allison). Motion was approved.

I. Consideration of Bids

J. Reports of Officers

7. Mayor's Report - **Mayor Koplín** had a written report in the packet and added that Council member **Guard** had asked about some information on borough formation and there have been a couple of studies done in the past, he will try to get those distributed to Council. He's also been talking with our delegation about harbor upgrades and USCG new boats. He's attending a Shepard Point Road reception in Anchorage on November 28. He'll be attending Board of Fish in Valdez Dec 1 - 6. **Mayor Koplín** offered praise to our landfill operations and our refuse department in general concerning a recent inspection by DEC where they received a score of 94 out of 97 - and we were called one of the best managed landfills in the state. He mentioned that as far as board and commission appointments he had more applications than seats available so he tried to offer Council a good mix of citizens that don't participate in other ways with the City and those who demonstrated enthusiasm and use in the areas they are looking for involvement in.

8. Manager's Report - **Lanning** said he also provided Council with a borough information piece - in their mailboxes. He said we have been streaming live now - both the work session and the regular meeting. Full budget and fee schedule will be before Council on December 6. Hopes to have a budget town hall meeting of sorts later in the New Year.

9. City Clerk's Report - **Bourgeois** said the election went well, the always professional election board members did a great job; wasn't a huge turnout so it was an easy tally and not a late night for them. She asked Council's opinion on joining Southeast Conference and UFA - both unbudgeted, dues are \$2900 and \$300 respectively. Council gave direction to staff to find that money and join both.

K. Correspondence - none

10. 10-24-17 letter from **McManus** re: tax proposals

11. 10-25-17 letter from **Mills** re: sales tax cap proposal

L. Ordinances and Resolutions

12. Ordinance 1161 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Cordova Municipal Code sections 1.04.255, 1.20.010, 2.20.010, 2.24.010, 2.48.120, 2.56.017, 3.14.020, 3.40.090, 4.12.030, 5.12.110, 5.14.020, 5.24.040, 5.32.080, 5.32.150, 5.36.110, 5.40.150, 10.52.030, 10.52.050, 10.54.40, 10.54.070, 11.32.050, 13.24.030, 17.24.040, 18.68.030 and 18.72.080 to define the term "publish" and to clarify the notice and publication requirements under the Cordova Municipal Code - 1st reading

M/Guard S/Wiese to adopt Ordinance 1161 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending Cordova Municipal Code sections 1.04.255, 1.20.010, 2.20.010, 2.24.010, 2.48.120, 2.56.017, 3.14.020, 3.40.090, 4.12.030, 5.12.110, 5.14.020, 5.24.040, 5.32.080, 5.32.150, 5.36.110, 5.40.150, 10.52.030, 10.52.050, 10.54.40, 10.54.070, 11.32.050, 13.24.030, 17.24.040, 18.68.030 and 18.72.080 to define the term "publish" and to clarify the notice and publication requirements under the Cordova Municipal Code

Wiese asked about the amendment that **Ms. Jewell** suggested. **Lanning** said it is included in there already. This is giving us options and eliminating the requirement in a lot of instances to publish in a physical newspaper. After lengthy discussion, Council opted for an amendment.

M/Jones S/Beedle to amend this to keep the newspaper publication requirements in code.

Jones asked **Lanning** if he was in fact trying to go away from using the newspaper. **Lanning** said no, not at all, he is looking for flexibility, the ability to use the best method to get to the most people. Just to change the definition of publish to be able to use everything that is available to us.

Vote on the motion: 3 yeas, 1 nay (Wiese), 3 absent (Burton, Hallquist, Allison). Motion to amend was approved.

Upon further lengthy discussion, Council opted to refer.

M/Wiese S/Guard to refer to staff.

Vote on the motion to refer: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Burton, Hallquist, Allison). Motion was approved.

13. Resolution 11-17-28 Certification of the official results of the November 7, 2017 special election

M/Guard S/Wiese to approve Resolution 11-17-28 certification of the official results of the November 7, 2017 special election.

Guard said it is kind of a sad turn of events but the voters have spoken and that's about all that needs to be said.

For the record, **Mayor Koplín** stated the results as follows: the question before the voters was, shall **Josh Hallquist** be recalled from the office of City Council? Yes votes were 236 total, No votes were 102 total.

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 absent (Burton, Hallquist, Allison). Motion was approved.

M. Unfinished Business

14. Harbor Department information re used oil processing building

M/Beedle S/Jones to approve allocation of \$200k from Harbor reserve account to operating to fund this building. *Beedle* said it's a win-win – Harbor equipment will be stored undercover adding life to it. Better use of old oil, cost-savings. Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Burton, Allison). Motion was approved.

N. New & Miscellaneous Business

14a. 5. Continuation of and membership adjustments to Cordova Historic Preservation Commission

Beedle's issue with this is that it didn't fit the same process as usual.

M/Beedle S/Jones to continue the existence of the HPC and to then advertise the vacancies.

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Burton, Allison). Motion was approved.

15. Council concurrence of Mayor's Appointments to Boards and Commission

M/Guard S/Wiese to concur with **Mayor Koplín's** appointments as follows:

to the Harbor Commission of the following:

Max Wiese and Mike Babic to seats that will expire in November 2020.

to the Parks and Recreation Commission of the following:

Dave Zastrow & Anne Schaefer to seats that will expire in November 2020.

to the Planning & Zoning Commission of the following:

Scott Pegau, Tom McGann & Lee Holter to seats that will expire in November 2020

Wiese thanked people for submitting letters. *Jones* said he had an issue with *Beedle* coming off Harbor Commission – said he is an effective chair of that commission. *Guard* said he has no issue with *Beedle*, he has an issue with Council members being on Boards and Commissions.

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Burton, Allison). Motion was approved.

16. Discussion of council election to fill the vacancy in Council Seat E

Beedle tried to nominate **Tom Bailer**. However, the Mayor reminded everyone that this was a discussion item. *Guard* agreed that as *Beedle* had mentioned earlier we should follow a process and put this out for letters of interest. The majority of council seemed interested in letters of interest and then an action item at the next regular meeting.

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

Jones said he would like to see “the waterfront” on pending agenda for discussion in the New Year.

O. Audience Participation

Tom Bailer 304 Orca Inlet Drive gave an opinion on how to handle the newspaper advertising. He had an opinion on how to purchase the building package for the Harbor building, said it could make the \$200K go a long ways. Thanked *Beedle* for keeping the Harbor Commission going.

Anne Schaefer of 603 Cedar Street, thanked Council for the appointment to Parks and Recreation Commission. She also asked Council to look at the current demographic makeup of the City Council when they go to nominate and elect the replacement in Seat E. She said Cordova is a diverse City and it would be nice to see that diversity reflected in the Council.

Beedle asked if she meant a native preference – she replied race, gender, etc. she said it would be nice to see other experience, voices, perspectives represented on the Council. *Beedle* said every March she is able to throw her name in, as anyone can. *Schaefer* said she meant no offense. *Mayor Koplín* reminded *Beedle* that in this instance, an election by Council members, they can have a say, during a regular election, only the voters get to have a say.

P. Council Comments

Jones thanked those who put letters of interest in, thanked Council, staff.

Wiese echoed the thanks. Thanked *Bailer* for his input on the Harbor building. Congratulations to the refuse department on the excellent review.

Guard thanked *Beedle* for his time on the Harbor Commission.

Beedle mentioned that there were some great speakers at sobriety such as a good friend, **Bob Bernard**. Pharmacy at the hospital looks good. Let's stay involved in SE Conference to have input on the ferry and other items. He apologized if he was rude to *Schaefer* with his comments.

Q. Executive Session

18. City Clerk's Annual Evaluation

M/Guard S/Jones to enter an executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation or character of any person; provided that person may request a public discussion, specifically the City Clerk's evaluation.

Vote on the motion: 4 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent (Burton, Allison). Motion was approved.

Hearing no objection the meeting was recessed in order to clear the room before the executive session.

Council entered executive session at 9:01 pm.

Council came out of executive session at 10:17 pm.

Mayor Koplín said that he would be getting with the City Attorney to adjust the Clerk's contact and then it would come back before Council, as was discussed in the executive session.

R. Adjournment

M/Beedle S/Wiese to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Approved: December 6, 2017

Attest: 
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

