

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**November 18, 2015 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B**  
**Minutes**

**A. Call to order**

*Mayor James Kacsh* called the Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on November 18, 2015 in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

*Mayor James Kacsh* led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll call**

Present for roll call were *Mayor James Kacsh* and Council members *Kristin Carpenter, Tom Bailer, Josh Hallquist, Dave Reggiani* and *James Burton*. Council members *Robert Beedle* and *Tim Joyce* were present via teleconference. Also present were City Manager *Randy Robertson* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

**D. Approval of Regular Agenda**

*M/Reggiani S/Bailer* to approve the Regular Agenda.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Burton-yes; Joyce-yes; Beedle-yes; Hallquist-yes; Carpenter-yes; Reggiani-yes and Bailer-yes. Motion approved.

**E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest**

*Mayor Kacsh* said that *John Wilson* who has a letter under correspondence tonight is his father-in-law.

**F. Communications by and Petitions from Visitors**

1. Guest Speaker - none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items

*Kate McLaughlin*, president and executive director of Prince William Soundkeeper, urged council to adopt Resolution 11-15-47.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions

*Carpenter* gave a recap of the HSB meeting – she said QHR will have a financial analyst here in December, *Ron Vigus* will also be here. The surveyors were back after the poor survey about a month ago and there was great improvement – she thanked the staff who worked really hard to make that happen. CT scanner should be up and running in January and a new female physician will be on staff in April.

*Bailer* said that P & Z had a work session and there is a memo here in the packet about that.

Superintendent *Alex Russin* said he is still getting to understand the relationship between the City and School District regarding funding. He thanked Council for their past generosity. The City contribution last year was based on a count that was estimated to be 315 and after the recent completion of the October count period we have determined that we have 353 students. This is great news, as that is the number we will be receiving state funding for.

4. Student Council Representative Report

*Bhren Peña* reported that Student Council is still planning their course of action for the penny drive for Leukemia patients. He recently attended a leadership conference in Anchorage called “Lead On”. They are also planning to have an “I am” campaign for Sitka Youth.

**G. Approval of Consent Calendar**

*Mayor James Kacsh* informed Council that the Consent Calendar was before them – *Reggiani* called out item 8.

5. Substitute Ordinance 1137

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, adopting Cordova Municipal Code Chapter 8.37 governing the use of non-biodegradable plastic carry-out bags and polystyrene foam disposable food service ware in the City of Cordova – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

6. Ordinance 1138

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, amending section 6.12.040 of the Cordova Municipal Code regarding issuance of use permits for alcoholic beverages – consumption in public places – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

7. Resolution 11-15-47

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, calling on the state and federal governments to reconsider their decision to forego restoration funds under the Exxon Valdez settlement re-opener clause

#### ~~8. Resolution 11-15-48~~

~~A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska authorizing a line of credit from the general fund reserve in the amount of \$700,000 to Cordova Community Medical Center in order to fund operational expenses~~

9. Council endorsement of naming a mountain after Carl Brady

10. Record excused absence of Council member *Reggiani* and unexcused absence of Council member *Joyce* from the November 4, 2015 Regular Council meeting

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

*Mayor Kacsh* placed item 8 after item 15.

#### H. Approval of Minutes - none

#### I. Consideration of Bids - none

#### J. Reports of Officers

11. Mayor's Report – *Mayor Kacsh* said he attended a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor and others about the Marine Highway – there will be a meeting next month involving all the effected communities. He is making progress in setting up a meeting with the Governor, the Commissioner of ADFG and Representative Stutes regarding a Tanner Crab Fishery. He said that the joint meeting with NVE Tribal Council was a good start but he was disappointed because there was no Council quorum. He'd like to try that meeting again in the future. He also met with *Ron Vigus* about the governance changes that we have looked at in the past. Members of the Eyak Corporation have submitted a letter as they would like to donate a veteran's memorial.

12. Manager's Report – *Robertson* handed out the first draft budget to Council – he said it had been sent this morning via email as well. There will be a budget work session Monday Nov 23 at 530 pm.

He deferred his time to *Rich Rogers* who had information for City Council about the upcoming paving project that was discussed in a P & Z work session recently. He was seeking Council guidance as they are about ready to go out to bid. P & Z had several concerns and suggestions. After lengthy discussion, Council asked that this come back in much more detail with the engineer's plans included in a packet and for Council action.

13. City Clerk's Report – *Bourgeois* said the petition referring ordinance 1135 has been turned in and it has a sufficient number of signatures and has been deemed legal by the City Attorney. *Bourgeois* was seeking Council direction of whether they were interested in calling a special election for this matter or whether it could wait until the March 1, 2016 Regular election. Council concurred that it should wait until the Regular Election in March.

#### K. Correspondence

14. 10-22-15 Letter from J. Wilson re City rentals

15. 11-10-15 Letter from CFRC requesting City budgetary assistance

*Bailer* said he wanted to address *Mr. Wilson's* letter. He said that is what P & Z talked about – it is what we told the community. He said – if we are going to get into this building to save money then we are going to tear down or get out of the old Library/Museum building and tear down the old City Hall. He'd like to see this on the next agenda so we can decide on this already. *Joyce* said he agrees that it should be on an agenda as an action item because right now we are just basing our comments on a letter. *Bailer* also said there was a quote in a P & Z packet about City Council wanting to “maximize” the use of the existing City Hall building while fire & police were still there – he said he doesn't remember that coming from Council. *Bailer* said the public was promised we'd get out of those and tear them down. *Joyce* said he wasn't so sure if that is what was told to the public.

#### L. Ordinances and Resolutions

##### 15a. 8. Resolution 11-15-48

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska authorizing a line of credit from the general fund reserve in the amount of \$700,000 to Cordova Community Medical Center in order to fund operational expenses

*M/Reggiani S/Bailer* to approve resolution 11-15-48 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska authorizing a line of credit from the general fund reserve in the amount of \$700,000 to Cordova Community Medical Center in order to fund operational expenses.

*Reggiani* said the resolution wasn't worded strongly enough. Also, he believed that maybe an MOU was a more appropriate document to use in this case. He would advocate referring to staff to put together the MOU instead. *Joyce* agrees but he thinks CCMC needs some funds before the end of this month. He is more inclined to come up with something tonight instead of putting this off another 2 weeks.

*M/Reggiani S/Bailer* to take a 5 minute recess.

With no objection *Mayor Kacsh* recessed the meeting at 7:57 pm. Council was back in session at 8:03 pm.

*M/Joyce* to amend the resolution to add another whereas that the line of credit will terminate on Dec 31, 2016 unless City and CCMC agree to an extension. Motion fails for lack of a second.

*Reggiani* said he thinks we are not ready to decide on the line of credit but he agrees that CCMC needs money now.

*M/Reggiani S/Hallquist* to refer the resolution, get with *Stephen* and *Tiffany* on the amount really needed to get through 2015 and at the same time Council will look toward 2016 and see what kind of contribution might be needed there. Also we'd be thinking about/ looking into a line of credit and working with our new partners, QHR concerning what kind of language would be appropriate as far as a repayment schedule on such a line of credit.

Council decided that they could have a special meeting as early as Monday November 23 – as they already had a budget work session scheduled for that day and a special meeting previous to the work session could be arranged.

Vote on the motion to refer: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Joyce-yes; Bailer-yes; Burton-yes; Beedle-yes; Reggiani-yes; Hallquist-yes and Carpenter-yes. Motion approved.

#### **M. Unfinished Business - none**

#### **N. New & Miscellaneous Business**

16. Council confirmation of *Mayor Kacsh's* appointments to fill vacancies on various City boards and commissions

*M/Reggiani S/Carpenter* to confirm Mayor Kacsh's appointments as follows:

Harbor Commission: **Jacob Betts**; Library Board: **Wendy Ranney**; Parks & Rec Commission: **Miriam Dunbar, Wendy Ranney & Stephen Phillips** and P & Z Commission: **John Baenen & Heath Kocan**.

*Reggiani* thanked the Mayor for giving Council the heads up before the meeting – there seemed to be great interest this time, some great Cordovans wanting to participate. He appreciates the Mayor's time spent reviewing the candidates.

Vote on the motion: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Carpenter-yes; Hallquist-yes; Bailer-yes; Beedle-yes; Burton-yes; Reggiani-yes and Joyce-yes. Motion approved.

17. Pending Agenda, Calendar, Elected & Appointed Officials list

Budget Work session 11/23, tomorrow Mayor lunch with boards and commissions, next agenda – item on old City Hall (P & Z's recommendation) – *Bourgeois* was asked to research old minutes of the **City Facilities Committee** which should have made recommendations to City Council regarding what to do with City buildings after completion of the Cordova Center – she said she had all of those and would do so

*Robertson* suggested the legal RFP presentations to be on January 20 – Council concurred – all said they would be in attendance or available by phone

#### **O. Audience Participation**

*Mark Frohnafel* of 828 Woodland Drive talked about the Harbor Loop Road work session that P&Z had. He hopes Council can determine how to put this out to bid in order to accomplish more with the available funding.

#### **P. Council Comments**

18. Council Comments

*Mayor Kacsh* congratulated *Mr. & Mrs. Burton* on their wedding.

*Joyce* congratulated *Burton* on his very recent marriage.

*Beedle* said he was at the fish expo with RCAC and he wouldn't be making the Mayor's Lunch. He saw *Cathy* and *Tony* at the Cordova booth and it is very busy this year.

*Carpenter* said thanks to all the people interested in the boards and commissions.

*Bailer* thanked the hospital staff.

#### **Q. Executive Session - none**

#### **R. Adjournment**

*M/Reggiani S/Bailer* to adjourn.

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Approved: December 16, 2015

Attest:   
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

