

**City Council Public Hearing
December 6, 2017 @ 6:45 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes**

A. Call to order

Mayor Clay Koplín called the Council public hearing to order at 6:45 pm on December 6, 2017, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Roll call

Present for roll call were *Mayor Koplín* and Council members *David Allison* and *James Wiese*. Council members *James Burton* and *Jeff Guard* were present via teleconference. Council members *Ken Jones* and *Robert Beedle* were absent. Also present were Student Council representative *Olivia Carroll*, City Manager *Alan Lanning* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

C. Public hearing

1. Resolution 12-17-30 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, adopting an operating and capital budget for fiscal year 2018 and appropriating the amount of \$14,843,052 as summarized pursuant to the following table
2. Resolution 12-17-31 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska adopting service fees, rates and charges for the 2018 calendar budget

Mayor Koplín opened the hearing up for public testimony on Resolutions 12-17-30 and 12-17-31.

Alex Russin of 209 South Second Street and Superintendent of Schools, acknowledged and appreciated the allocation to the schools in the proposed 2018 budget at \$1.5 million. He said that once the school district gets into their budget, they may have to come ask for more from Council; they have moving targets, and variables in constructing their budget. He said they will be specific if they have asks later on. *Mayor Koplín* mentioned Capital needs and a consolidated effort in Juneau. *Russin* said the gym floor is a concern and he has spoken with *Lanning* about that and has received support in troubleshooting ideas etc.

Barb Jewell Cordova School Board, added to Superintendent's comments that she often hears about how Cordova schools are funded well above the minimum - she realizes that and said they are appreciative of that and are able to brag about that at the legislature and at state conferences, etc. She wants everyone to also realize that Cordova's Schools provide services and supports that are well above the minimum and the goal is to continue in that vain.

Greg Meyer One Cannery Row commented on the Motor Fuel Tax that has been approved ahead of the 2018 budget, which he supported. He found out that Kodiak has a 21 cent motor fuel tax, Anchorage just instituted a 10 cent one.

D. Adjournment

Mayor Koplín adjourned the hearing at 6:57 pm

Approved: December 20, 2017

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

