

**Regular City Council Meeting  
November 2, 2022 @ 7:00 pm  
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B  
Minutes**

**A. Call to order** –*Mayor David Allison* called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on November 2, 2022, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

**B. Invocation and pledge of allegiance** – *Mayor Allison* led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll call** - Present for roll call were *Mayor David Allison* and Council members *Tom Bailer, Cathy Sherman,* and *Anne Schaefer*. Council members *Jeff Guard, Melina Meyer, Kristin Carpenter,* and *Ken Jones* were present via zoom teleconference. Also present were City Manager *Helen Howarth* and City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois*.

**D. Approval of Regular Agenda** – *M/Bailer S/Sherman* to approve the agenda.  
With no objection, *Mayor Allison* declared the agenda approved as presented.

**E. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest and ex parte communications** - none

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

1. Guest speakers – none

2. Audience comments regarding agenda items:

*Kelsey Hayden* of 1.7-mile Whitshed Rd said she was disappointed that the Planning Commission ranked a new Public Safety Building sixth on their Capital list. She also suggested a fish box tax like one that Sitka has as a possible new revenue source.

*David Glasen* of 609 Cedar Street spoke in support of approval of the Hydraulic Boat Trailer purchase. He also said we need to think ahead about getting enough jack stands for 30+ seiners. He also supports the schools and thinks Council should fund the increase they are asking for. He then opined that all the extra school bond debt reimbursement should be put in the bank.

*Paul Trumblee* City Fire Marshal commented that Planning Commission listed an upgrade to community water supply – extension out to 6-mile area – on its capital list. He said that would improve the City’s ISO rating.

3. Chairpersons and Representatives of Boards and Commissions – no reports CCMC and School Board.

a. PWSRCAC updated position on dispersant use

b. Planning Commission Res 22-05 Recommending Capital Improvement Projects to City Council

c. School District Funding request

4. Student Council Report – no report

**G. Approval of Consent Calendar**

5. Resolution 11-22-30 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sole source contract with Kendrick Equipment, USA, for the purchase of a TM60 Marine Travelift 60 metric ton (132,000 lbs.) capacity hydraulic, self-propelled, boat transporter for the City of Cordova

6. Proclamation recognizing the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Sobriety Celebration & Memorial Potlatch “*Mending Cultural Connections*” sponsored by the Native Village of Eyak

7. Per Charter Section 2-8 and Cordova Municipal Code 3.12.022, recordation of unexcused absences of Council Members **Schaefer** and **Jones** from the October 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

Vote on the Consent Calendar: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Schaefer-yes; Sherman-yes; Jones-yes; Bailer-yes; Guard-yes; Meyer-yes; and Carpenter-yes. Consent Calendar was approved.

**H. Approval of Minutes** - in consent calendar

**I. Consideration of Bids/Proposals/Contracts** - none

**J. Reports of Officers**

9. Mayor's Report – **Mayor Allison** reported: 1) it is campaign season, pretty much all the candidates have come to town at one time or another: **Stevens, Stutes** were here last week; 2) **Tom Carpenter** worked to get Board of Fish to tentatively approve a meeting here in 2024 (mid to late October) although he said they were concerned about providing enough food options for attendees – he forwarded that on to **Cathy** at the chamber so the dates are known way ahead and she works with business owners; 3) **Senator Sullivan's** office has told him they are tentatively planning a trip to Cordova next week.

10. Manager's Report – City Manager **Helen Howarth** reported: 1) staff has been very busy with budget work – a priority right now, obviously Harbor Project is a priority as well, in a holding pattern until RFP closes on Nov 13; 2) we did not get awarded the PIDP grant but we were pretty competitive with another regional project that did receive the grant – the ferry dock rehabs here and in Chenega and Tatitlek; 3) a problem in coastal communities of late has been landslides (Petersburg, Seward, Sitka, Haines in the past few years) and staff will be researching what resources might be available for our community.

a. South Harbor Rebuild update – **Howarth** said that some messaging went out today and we will continue to make the boat owners aware of timelines and needing to be moved or out of the water. **Schinella** reported that the specific plan is being worked on. **Jones** asked **Schinella**, through the manager, what the lead time is on the hydraulic trailer they approved tonight. **Schinella** said the quote said 210-240 days.

11. City Clerk's Report – **Bourgeois** reported that State Election absentee voting has been underway and would continue on Monday and then Tuesday November 8 is Election Day.

**K. Correspondence** - none

**L. Ordinances and Resolutions** – in consent calendar

**M. Unfinished Business** – none

**N. New & Miscellaneous Business**

12. Pending Agenda, CIP List, Calendar, Elected & Appointed Officials lists

Budget work session on **Nov 9** – Council decided the time would be 6:00 pm. **Nov 30** deadline for applications for boards and commissions – appointments will be made at December 7 meeting. **Greenwood** has suggested a special meeting on Nov 30 for award of the contract for the Harbor project.

**O. Audience Participation**

**Kory Blake** of 708 Eighth Street had a concern about visibility on the corner of Eighth and Lake where there is a boat that gets stored in the right-of-way and the other side a house is very close to Lake which makes it really hard to see either way. He has spoken to the City, Troopers and DoT and hasn't received any answers.

**P. Council Comments**

**Bailer** encouraged citizens to write a letter when they have a concern because then it is on an agenda, makes a packet and Council can think ahead and maybe the Manager has an opportunity to resolve it.

**Guard** thanked staff for the effort into the budget – he requested dollar changes instead of % of change.

**Meyer** also thanked for budget work. She apologized for missing it but would catch up by watching the YouTube.

**Schaefer** thanked staff for the help through the work session.

**Carpenter** echoed the comments thanking staff for work on budget.

**Q. Executive Session** – none

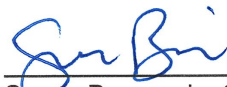
**R. Adjournment**

**M/Bailer S/Schaefer** to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objection **Mayor Allison** adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Approved: November 16, 2022

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

