

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacob Mercurief at 1:32 PM. Councilmembers present were Joseph Kozloff, Daniel Porath, Naomi Edenshaw and Victor Clarey. Councilmembers Raymond Melovidov and Jason Bourdukofsky joined by teleconference. A quorum was established. This meeting was aired on KUHB.

CALL TO ORDER

Cmbr Porath moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Cmbr Clarey. Motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA
APPROVED

There were no persons to address the council.

PERSONS TO
ADDRESS
COUNCIL

City Manager Zavadil gave his report: About 78% of residents are fully vaccinated. 5–11-year-old children will be eligible to get their vaccines soon. There have been 7 breakthrough cases of COVID-19 cases in the community. Most of the situations have been people in quarantine or essential workers which has limited close contacts. The protective measures in place are working to limit close contacts and community spread. Focusing on the crab disaster and the severe cut in the Bering Sea Snow Crab. There are two disaster letter requests. The City, CBSFA and others have signed the letter. This goes through the State process. This will go to the Governor then the governor declares a disaster then it goes to the Secretary of Commerce. The City did a letter as an affected fishing community, under Section 312 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The letter outlines the potential impacts from the cut. The letter went directly to the Secretary of Commerce. Mgr Zavadil and Lynn Sterbenz have been working on a CBDG grant for replacing the existing dispensing day tanks, installing diesel/gasoline transfer headers, overflow protection alarms and upgrading the power to the truck rack. Mgr Zavadil has been meeting with Katie Winter from the Village Safe Water Program every other week to review updates on the grant project. He has reviewed requests for proposals for the engineering design work and development for the project.

CITY MANAGER
REPORT

Pwdir Paulus gave his report: The Maintenance Department is replacing the vinyl siding with cedar siding at the City Four Plex unit 163. Some projects are on hold while waiting for materials. The projects will continue when everything is received. Damon Zacharof and David Fratis have been busy in Motor Pool. They have been testing and preparing for the Winter Season. They have prepped the sander truck and removed the attachments on the 160 grader and will put the snowplows on the loaders. Marc Galanin has been completing most of the tasks in this department due to the others being out for medical reasons. Water/Wastewater Operator Mark Rukovishnikoff is aware of the water leaking out of the water tank, it is still the same, it is not getting worse at this time. He has been working with Kent and he will be making a trip to St. Paul to help with making the necessary repairs to the tank.

PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR
REPORT

Acting Public Safety Director Roever gave his report: Chief Roever has come to help with the transition in the Public Safety Department and will be leaving on November 23, 2021. Officer McMicken as resigned his position, his last day was on November 16, 2021. Officer Recco has arrived and will be here until March 2022. Mgr Zavadil and Chief Roever are working with the Unalaska Police Department to have another officer come to St. Paul to provide coverage. Stacey Stimpson was hired as the Dispatcher Supervisor and has been training with the other dispatchers. Courtney Moody is here from Delta EMS. She is providing EMS coverage for the month and will be rotating a month on and month off with another EMT.

ACTING CHIEF
OF POLICE

Clmbr Porath moved to approve the consent agenda with items meeting minutes September 1, 2021 – October 20, 2021, seconded by Clmbr Clarey. There were no corrections or additions. Motion carried by voice vote.

CONSENT
AGENDA

Clmbr Porath moved to approve Emergency Ordinance 21-103, Protective Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Throughout Saint Paul Island, seconded by Clmbr Edenshaw. A group of the Unified Command met to review this Ordinance. Looking at the roll out of vaccines for the 5-11-year-olds. Everyone agreed at this time to keep everything the same. Although the numbers in the state are going down, we are still high. The only change is to extend the ordinance for 60 days instead of 30 days.

EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE 21-
103, PROTECTIVE
MEASURES TO
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COVID-19
THROUGH SAINT
PAUL ISLAND.

Clmbr Clarey would like to keep it at 30 days rather than 60 days. He asked why do the kids ages 0-4 need to quarantine for 10 days when their vaccinated parent(s) only have to quarantine for 7 days.

Mgr Zavadil stated that this age group is the lowest risk for acquiring and spreading COVID-19. The ordinance follows the State and CDC guidance for who gets tested and airing on the cautious side for testing and quarantine requirements. If Clmbr Clarey wants to propose the change it is probably safe to do that. It makes no sense to have a mixed household of vaccinated do 7 days and some do 10 days since they are still in contact with each other.

Clmbr Melovidov said he would feel more comfortable if the kids in that age group were tested post quarantine if the duration of quarantine is shortened. The difference is everyone is separated between vaccinated and unvaccinated regardless of age.

Clmbr Clarey made a motion to amend Emergency Ordinance 21-103 to change the effective date to 30 days, section 4b and 4e: Fully vaccinated individuals and 0-4 year olds....., and section 5b: All fully vaccinated individuals and 3 and 4 years shall submit to the City a molecular-based SARS-COV2 test.....

No second for amendment. Motion died.

A roll call vote was held on the main motion:

Ayes- Porath, Kozloff, Edenshaw, Melovidov, Bourdukofsky, Mercurief.

No-Clarey

Motion carried.

Projects/Grant Specialist Lynn Sterbenz gave a presentation for the Community Development Block Grant Program. This is a Federal Program funded through the U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development. The State of Alaska will have approximately \$3.0 million to distribute statewide. This is a competitive process; they hope to fund about 5-7 applications and the maximum amount for the grant is \$850,000.00. The application is due December 3, 2021, the awards will be made in February or March 2022. There are National objectives and State objectives. Both identify a priority to benefit low- and moderate-income people. National Objectives are to prevent slums and blighted areas and address urgent community development needs. States objectives are Health and Safety issues, Address Public Facility problems and to combine and coordinate funds. The funding categories are Community Development, Planning and Special Economic Development projects. Under the Community Development Category the funds can be used for the acquisition, construction reconstruction of public facilities and improvements such as: health clinic, day cares centers, homeless shelters, water and sewer systems, solid waste disposal facilities, community centers, docks and harbors, electrical distribution lines, fuel and gas distribution systems, transportation systems, removal of architectural barriers, acquisition or disposition of real property, design and engineering plans and fire protection facilities and equipment. In the planning category funds can be used to: conduct studies, collect data, marketing and feasibility studies,

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM

comprehensive land use or erosion control plans, community economic development plans and capital improvement plans or upgrades to anything of the items listed. In the Special Economic Development Category, the Grantee must create jobs, and 51% of the jobs must be filled by Low and Moderate persons. Projects that are ineligible are: Heavy equipment, Government buildings, Regular Government Operations, Maintenance and Operation and Political Activities. Some of the program requirements are, one application person eligible applicant single purpose project, site control, project is ready to go, match funding in place and public hearing and citizen participation. The proposed project for this grant is the Bulk Fuel Facility Dispensing Tankage Upgrade. The existing operations and equipment do not meet current recommended standards with explosion proof transfer pumps, hard piped transfer piping, overfill protection at tanks interconnected to pumps or double wall UL listed tanks. Many of the components are 20-30 years old and are at or near the end of life exhibiting significant wear and tear, limited remaining longevity and increasing difficulty to procure replacement parts. Upgrades are recommended to reduce the risk of spill and meet current regulatory requirements. This project would install prefabricated gasoline header assembly at the truck rack, install new rigid piping from the gasoline header to bulk fuel tank 4 and rigid piping from the gasoline header to the new gasoline dispensing tank, install control wiring between the gasoline header and the bulk fuel dispensing tank level controls, install new diesel pipe manifold, install control wiring between the bulk fuel office and the dispensing tank level controls, and replace the existing 3,000-gallon single wall tanks with new 3,000-gallon UL rated double all tanks. There are limited options for alternate installations that meeting current requirements such as: The piping alignments selected are minimum lengths to get to dispensing station. The only alternate would be to move the dispensing station to the east side of the tank farm. Replacement of the dispensing station has been placed on hold since it is not a regulatory requirement, and the station is operational. Recoating the existing tanks was reviewed and is expensive and the tanks would still be single wall. Existing dispensing pumps will remain in existing tanks and piping to dispensing station would be removed prior to contractor starting work. Pumps and piping would be installed after contractor completes project to put dispensing station back into service.

Lynn asked the Public if they had any comments or suggestions or other alternative project ideas. There were no public comments.

Lynn asked the Council if they had any comments or suggestions or other alternative project ideas. Clmbr Bourdukofsky had one comment: he wanted to know if this projected included the automated gas dispenser. Mgr Zavadil said no, this would not be included in this project.

Clmbr Porath moved to approve Resolution 21-09, Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to Apply for the State of Alaska Community Development Block Grant Program, seconded by Clmbr Edenshaw.

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Edenshaw, Clarey, Kozloff, Melovidov, Bourdukofsky, Porath, Mercurief

No- 0

Motion carried.

Clmbr Clarey moved to approve Resolution 21-11, Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to Apply for the Economic Development Administration FY2021 American Rescue Plan Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant, seconded by Clmbr Porath. The proposed project will expand water service and fire protection flow to the small boat harbor area by extending a new main. Expand sewer service through 6 new manholes and new sewer lift station discharging into the existing harbor force main. Extend electric service to the small boat harbor by installing a new transformer. The City would commit to provide a

COMMENTS

RESOLUTION 21-09, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR THE SOA COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 21-11, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR THE EDA FY21 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT

local cash/in-kind match of least \$522,200 which equals the 20% local match requirement.

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Bourdukofsky, Melovidov, Kozloff, Edenshaw, Porath, Clarey, Mercurief

No- 0

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-13, ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDED INCREASE OF CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Clmbr Porath moved to approve Resolution 21-13, Acceptance of Amended Increase of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, seconded by Clmbr Clarey. This has no in-kind or monetary match requirements. This is about \$213,000 purposed this be used for revenue replacement in the 2022 budget.

RESOLUTION 21-15, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR THE ARPA RECOVERY FUNDING

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Porath, Clarey, Kozloff, Edenshaw, Melovidov, Bourdukofsky, Mercurief

No- 0

Motion carried.

Clmbr Kozloff moved to approve Resolution 21-15, Authorizing the City to Apply for the American Rescue Plan Nonprofit Recovery Funding Grant Opportunity, seconded by Clmbr Clarey. The Alaska Legislature appropriated \$20 million from the State's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds towards a nonprofit grant program to be administered by DCCED. It's about \$659,00, not expecting to get it all. Specifically applying for revenue loss replacement from the 2020 budget due to the Coronavirus.

NEXT MEETING
ADJOURNMENT

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Edenshaw, Bourdukofsky, Porath, Melovidov, Kozloff, Clarey, Mercurief

No- 0

Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2021 at 9am.

Clmbr Clarey moved to adjourn, seconded by Clmbr Edenshaw. Motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

Monique Baker, City Clerk

Date