

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacob Mercurief at 9:02 AM. Councilmembers present were Daniel Porath, Naomi Edenshaw, Joseph Kozloff, Jason Bourdukofsky and Raymond Melovidov. Clmbr Victor Clarey had to work. A quorum was established. This meeting was aired on KUHB.

CALL TO ORDER

Clmbr Porath moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Clmbr Bourdukofsky. Motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA
APPROVED

Clmbr Edenshaw moved to approve September 6, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Clmbr Bourdukofsky. There were no additions or corrections. The motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Clmbrs Melovidov and Bourdukofsky took the Oath Office.

ELECTIONS OF
OFFICERS

Mayor Jacob stated he is still interested in being the Mayor and would continue to do his best for the City of Saint Paul as the Mayor.

Clmbr Melovidov made a motion to keep status quo, seconded by Clmbr Kozloff. Motion carried by voice vote.

Simeon Swetzof Jr. is present to address the council. Mr. Swetzof stated that is in favor of PRIME and would encourage the council to continue to support PRIME. It is critical what happens in the Bering Sea and we have to take drastic measures soon to keep St Paul a fishing community in the future. It may not be for us but for our future generations.

PERSONS TO
ADDRESS THE
COUNCIL

Don from Altman Rogers gave an overview of the CY2021 City of Saint Paul Financial Audit. Each council member was given a copy of the report. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period. There were no findings of fraud or abuse of financial statements during this audit period.

CY2021
FINANCIAL
AUDIT

Clmbr Bourdukofsky made a motion to accept the CY2021 Financial Audit Report, seconded by Clmbr Melovidov. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Mercurief would like to thank Clerk Baker for service to the City of Saint Paul. The first 2 and half years were pretty normal then COVID hit, and she handled it very well. Things got tough and she was very overwhelmed, but she did a great job. Thank you, Monique. Clmbr Melovidov thanked Clerk Baker as well.

MAYOR REPORT

Mgr Zavadil gave his report: Clerk Baker submitted her resignation in September and her last day is today. Her position was advertised for more than 2 weeks. Aubrey Wegeleben applied and was interviewed by Mayor Mercurief, Mgr Zavadil, Clerk Baker and Finance Director Mandregan. Based on her experience and expertise, Aubrey was selected for the position, her first day will be on Monday. Thank you Monique for all you hard work over the last 5 years and we wish you the best in you new position. A fuel big was submitted to the Pribilof School District for the school housing. Mgr Zavadil has been working on the budget for next year. With the crab season still unknown at this time he is asking the directors to keep that in mind.

CITY MANAGER
REPORT

Clerk Baker gave her report: Today is my last day. I would like to thank the City Council, Mgr Zavadil and all the employees for everything over the last 5 years. It was

CITY CLERK
REPORT

great working with all of you. I will be available as much as I can be to help Aubrey transition into her new position.

A break was held between 10:15 and 10:44.

Grant/Project Specialist Lynn Sterbenz gave her report: Lynn gave a review of rewards that have been granted thus far. The City was awarded from the State of Alaska Homeland Security \$45,000.00 to hire someone to write the Emergency Operations Plan. The City was officially awarded the \$2,270,400.00 for the Small Boat Harbor Utility Extension Project.

GRANT/PROJECT
SPECIALIST

Finance Director Mandregan gave her report: Stephanie gave all clmbrs a financial statement of all City accounts for the meeting.

FINANCE
DIRECTOR

Pwd Dir Joyner gave his report: There is a hold up getting the pump for garbage truck but they should have it running by December. They did order a back-up in case this does happen again. The Bulk Fuel Department is preparing for the state inspector to be here next week to do the tank inspections for the tank farm. The water/wastewater department has been running smoothly. The water tank liner is a bigger than what was initially thought. The contractor that installed the liner will need to come out to repair the liner. The water samples were collected and sent out to the lab.

PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR
REPORT

Clmbr Edenshaw made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 22-99, An Emergency Ordinance of the Council of Saint Paul Regarding Mitigation/Protection Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Throughout Saint Paul Island, seconded by Clmbr Porath. There were no changes, keep pre and post travel testing the same.

EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE 22-
99, PROTECTIVE
MEASURES TO
PREVENT THE
SPRAD OF COVID
19 THROUGHT
SAINT PAUL
ISLAND

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Kozloff, Porath, Bourdukofsky, Edenshaw, Melovidov, Merculief

No- 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Clmbr Edenshaw made a motion to approve Resolution 22-13, A Resolution Regarding The Alagum Kanuux Sanctuary Nomination, seconded by Clmbr Bourdukofsky. This is an update to a Resolution that was approved in December of 2021. This will be supporting the nomination with the condition that the council is kept informed of all changes and updates in the future. There are still a lot of unanswered questions at this time.

RESOLUTION 22-
13, ALAGUM
KANUUX
SANCTUARY
NOMINATION

Clmbr Bourdukofsky speaks against this resolution. He is fearful of the fishing industry and hunting and what this will mean for these things. He asks his contingents to vote against it.

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Edenshaw, Kozloff, Melovidov, Merculief

No- Bourdukofsky

Abstain- Porath

Motion carried.

Clmbr Edenshaw made a motion to approve Resolution 22-14, A Resolution Appointing a New City Clerk, seconded by Mayor Merculief. Clerk Baker resigning from her position and today is her last day. Aubrey Wegeleben applied and was selected as the new City Clerk.

RESOLUTION 22-
14, APPOINTING
NEW CITY CLERK

A roll call vote was held:
Ayes- Melovidov, Bourdukofsky, Kozloff, Edenshaw, Mercurief
No- 0
Abstain- Porath
Motion carried.

Lunch break was held between: 11:55 and 1:34

Clmbr Porath made a motion to approve Resolution 22-15, A Resolution Adopting the City of Saint Paul, Alaska Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Clmbr Bourdukofsky. The previous plan was good until 2016. The state hires a contractor, and they update the plan. Once the plan is adopted then we can go after mitigation dollars.

RESOLUTION 22-15, ADOPTING THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, AK LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

A roll call vote was held:
Ayes-Melovidov, Kozloff, Bourdukofsky, Porath, Mercurief
No- 0
Motion carried unanimously.

Clmbr Porath made a motion to approve Resolution 22-16, A Resolution to Apply for ADOT/PF CTP Grant for Harbor and Landfill Roads, seconded by Clmbr Bourdukofsky. This is grant opportunity for two different grants for the two roads. The new landfill road will be from the weather service area to the new landfill and to accommodate heavier trucks. The new harbor road will address the flooding issue.

RESOLUTION 22-16, APPLY FOR ADOT/PF CTP GRANT FOR HARBOR AND LANDFILL ROADS

A roll call vote was held:
Ayes-Bourdukofsky, Porath, Kozloff, Melovidov, Mercurief
No- 0
Motion carried unanimously.

Clmbr Melovidov made a motion to approve Resolution 22-17, A Resolution to Apply for ADOT/PF CTP Grant for Community Trails, seconded by Clmbr Bourdukofsky. This would be to fix up the trails around the community. Some are over grown with grass and some need to be repaired.

RESOLUTION 22-17, APPLY FOR ADOT/PF CTP GRANT FOR COMMUNITY TRAILS

A roll call vote was held:
Ayes-Porath, Melovidov, Bourdukofsky, Kozloff, Mercurief
No- 0
Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2022 at 9 AM.

NEXT MEETING

Clmbr Porath moved to adjourn, seconded by Clmbr Kozloff. Motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

Monique Baker, City Clerk

Date