

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacob Mercurief at 9:01 AM. Councilmembers present were Victor Clarey and Joseph Kozloff. Councilmembers Naomi Edenshaw and Raymond Melovidov joined via Zoom. A quorum was established.

CALL TO ORDER

Clmbr Clarey moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 8, 2021, December 15, 2021, January 6, 2021 and January 13, 2021, seconded by Clmbr Kozloff. There was one correction and no additions. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Clmbr Clarey moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Clmbr Kozloff. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

There were no persons to address the council.

PERSONS TO
ADDRESS THE
COUNCIL

Mgr Zavadil gave his report: 84.8% of all residents are fully vaccinated. There is push to get the booster if community members are eligible to receive the booster. There are 23 active cases in the community today. All cases have been travel related. There have been 2 new hires since the last meeting. Police Sergeant Ann Sotelo was originally here to provide brief coverage from Unalaska and she like the community and City Manager Zavadil made her and offer which she accepted. There was a hiring committee for the Public Works Director who met to review all the applicants. David Joyner was selected and accepted the position. The City's employee turnover rate for 2021 was 59.5%. The target turnover rate was 10%. A total of 24 employees separated employment from the City in 2021. Eight or 20% of employees separated employment with the City due to the COVID-19 vaccine policy. The City was not awarded the US Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Grant for Phase 1A of the Harbor Development Project. The State of Alaska Community Development Block Grant for the Bulk Fuel upgrades did not get submitted in time. The agency requires a paper application be submitted in Fairbanks by a set date. Our application was delayed being delivered due to weather.

CITY MANAGER
REPORT

Chief Castro gave his report: Chief arrived in Saint Paul on December 16, 2021 with his two boys. He has been introducing himself to the community and familiarizing himself with the Public Safety Department. Chief has been reviewing and updating all our current policies and procedures to ensure everything is in compliance and in the most current national industry standards. Three Investigators from the Alaska State Troopers Bureau of Investigations arrived on December 28th, 2021 to conduct interviews and serve arrest and search warrants. Officer T. Recco and Chief Castro assisted the investigators with the process and insured everything took place without incident. The Troopers then departed the Island on Wednesday 29th, 2021. An employment offer was extended for the remaining open Police Officer position to Clint Carter who has accepted. He is currently an officer in Utah where he resides with his wife and children. Ofc. Carter is also a military vet and brings diverse knowledge to us. The department is excited to welcome him to our SPDPS family. I am certain he will be a great fit to our community. The current tasers and body cameras are outdated and need replacement. He is working with Axon on obtaining information and quotes for new and updated tasers and body cameras for the officers. The final call count for the 2021 year is as follows: **EMS- 123, Fire- 20, Police- 391**

PUBLIC SAFETY
DIRECTOR

Public Works Director David Joyner gave his report: The Public Works team has started making progress on the current projects. they have started making progress on improving our supply chain with inventory & educating the team utilizing the software & lean processes. The Maintenance and Operations Division have moved to indoor projects due to the weather. They have been working on the Harbor office, Civic Center and other projects as they get called out to. The Motor Pool Administrative Assistant has begun purchasing parts & components budgeted for the year. She has also begun the inventory management project for parts & components within the Motor Pool Division. The Bulk Fuel Utility currently only has two employees and are still down one employee for medical reasons. They have started ordering the budgeted tools for 2022. The Water/wastewater Utility will be collecting the water sample this following week. They received the materials to repair the leak in the water tower, along with other seals that need to be replaced for the complete repair of the water tower

PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR
REPORT

Clmbr Clarey moved to approve Resolution 22-01 Approving A Resolution of the Council of the City of Saint Paul to Adopt the National Incident Management System, seconded by Clmbr Edenshaw. The City will operate under NIMS standards which basically means communication will be using Incident Command type language for the Emergency Operations plan. There will also be basic training for some of the staff. Some of the staff already have ICS training.

RESOLUTION 22-
01, CITY OF
SAINT PAUL
ADOPTING NIMS

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes- Kozloff, Clarey, Melovidov, Edenshaw, Mercurief

No-0

Motion carried unanimously.

Clmbr Clarey moved to approve Resolution 22-01 Approving A Resolution of the Council of the City of Saint Paul to Adopt the National Incident Management System, seconded by Clmbr Kozloff. This is an annual application that the City does to receive payment from the State for Shared Fisheries Tax.

RESOLUTION 22-
02, SHARED
FISHERIES
BUSINESS TAX
PROGRAM

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes- Melovidov, Clarey, Edenshaw, Kozloff, Mercurief

No-0

Motion carried unanimously.

A break was held between 10:54 and 11:08.

Clmbr Clarey moved to approved Emergency Ordinance 22-92, An Emergency Ordinance of the City of Saint Paul Regarding Protective Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Throughout Saint Paul Island, seconded by Clmbr Melovidov. The ordinance was just updated on January 6th and a week later the community ended up in hunker down due to a positive case on island with a numerous amount of close contacts. People that test positive have symptoms that are lasting longer than 5 days, some remain asymptomatic after testing positive. The Unified Command met and will still follow CDC and State of Alaska Epidemiology guidance for updates to the ordinance. Testing is changing and becoming more unavailable in most places. Saint Paul is doing as much as possible to keep these measures in place. Daily antigen testing will be in place for those essential workers that have to work right away upon arrival and cannot isolate away from others. Delta will start testing today. The Tribe and City will be help with testing as well. Close contacts will quarantine for 7 days, wear a mask when around others for 10 days and monitor for symptoms for 10 days. Everyone who tests positive will isolate for 10 days. Everyone will be tested regardless of age.

EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE 22-
92, AN
EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE TO
PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF
COVID-19
THROUGHOUT
SAINT PAUL
ISLAND

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

The Gym Committee submitted a donation request for help supplement their volunteers that open the gym for the community. The Council did not budget for any donation requests for CY2022 due to the pandemic. It is not recommended to make a donation since the City has an open position for a Parks and Recreation Coordinator that will be providing events for and activities for the community. Clerk Baker will be inform the committee about the decision.

GYM
COMMITTEE
DONATION
REQUEST

The next meeting is scheduled for mid-February.

NEXT MEETING

Clmbr Clarey moved to adjourn, seconded by Clmbr Melovidov. Motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

Monique Baker, City Clerk

Date