

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 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, Victor Clarey and Raymond Melovidov. 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 Clarey moved to approve the meeting minutes from July 15, 2022, and August 11, 2022, seconded by Clmbr Melovidov. There were no corrections or additions. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

There were no persons to address the council.

PERSONS TO AND  
ADDRESS THE  
COUNCIL

Mgr Zavadil gave his report: Mgr Zavadil has been working on updating the 2017-2021 City Capital Improvement Plan. The team recently switched from an excel spreadsheet to Easy CIP database. The goal is to present the plan to the council by the December meeting. On August 26, 2022 a waterline break on Sea View Street was noticed by one of the Equipment Operators when he noticed pooling water along the side of the road after grass was mowed. The crew worked quickly to find the water leak and found that the coupler on the cast iron water line was missing. Since the main was closed at the Tank Valve house and pressure fell below 20 psi, the break caused debris from the break location to be sucked into the 8" main. Mgr Zavadil then contacted the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Drinking Water Program to see what the next steps were. At 20:30 Mgr Zavadil received an email that contained the Boil Water Notice and the procedures for disinfecting water mains. A Boil Water Notice was distributed via NIXLE and house to house. On August 27<sup>th</sup> Water/Wastewater Operator Adrian Dirks and Mgr Zavadil contacted Ms. Christian to review the procedures for disinfecting water mains. She recommended that they increase the chlorine in the water system from 0.2 mg/l to 0.5 mg/l. They were also instructed to collect 3 water samples from 3 different locations in the affected area and send them out on Sunday's plane. On August 30, 2022 the sample results arrived and ADEC rescinded the Boil Water Notice, this was disturbed via NIXLE and mailed to the post office boxes. On August 31, 2022 Mgr Zavadil contacted Kevin Schlemmer and Venkatesh Paluvai with the US Department of Transportation Essential Air Service Program via email to find out if the rumor about ticket prices of \$1,000 or more and our community losing EAS. There is a \$1,000 subsidy per passenger cap, it doesn't apply to Alaska

CITY MANAGER  
REPORT

Project/Grant Specialist Lynn Sterbenz gave her report: Lynn reviewed what has been awarded this year. The US Economic Development Administration Small Boat Harbor Utility Expansion Project Grant is tentatively awarded. The amount is \$ 2,270, 400 with an in-kind cash match of \$567,600. The USCG contract for Caretaker has been awarded. The amount is \$66,371. The Community Park Lighting grant has been awarded. The amount is \$23,785 with an in-kind match of \$29,107. The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund has been awarded. The amount is \$250,788. There are a few grants that are still pending such as: Feasibility Study of the Harbor Improvements and Expansion Project Phases 2&3, COVID-19 Protective Measures – Contractual & Temp Labor and Salary Support for Emergency Management Coordinator. The Bulk Fuel Dispensing Station/Tankage Upgrade grant was denied.

PROJECT/GRANT  
SPECIALIST  
REPORT

A break was held between 10:50 and 11:02

Finance Director Stephanie Mandregan gave her report: Stephanie provided the Council with all monthly finance reports for all City funds including the Water and Wastewater utilities. Nadia Melovidov is doing remote billing. There have been additional fuel deliveries and tracking due to the fuel spill in May. The department has been busy organizing A/R and workorder files.

FINANCE  
DIRECTOR  
REPORT

Chief Castro gave his report: There is really nothing new to report but the new RMS system is fully functional. EForce is working great and the staff is trained.

PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT

Clmbr Edenshaw moved to approve Emergency Ordinance 22-99, 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 Porath. The younger children have had the chance to receive their second dose of the vaccine. The proposed ordinance has no quarantine but keeps pre and post travel testing. OTC testing is 24 hours prior to travel and molecular test is within 48 hours of travel. Everyone will test 24 hours after arrival. This ordinance will remove all Community Workforce protection plans. Isolation will be 10 days. Numbers throughout the state have gone down.

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Clmbr Melovidov commented now that the young kids have had a chance to get their second dose some things can probably be relaxed. He us supportive of approving the ordinance as it is written. Previous data shows that quarantine has helped catch positive cases and with that possibly going away it’s probable that there can be community transmission at some point.

Clmbr Porath commented that he agrees with the proposed ordinance. He believes that what the City Council has done over the last couple of years helped keep the community safe. He knows people have been angry and with this change he would like to start seeing people getting along better for our community. It is time to start coming out of this, he is in favor of the ordinance as it is written.

A roll call vote was held:

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

No- 0

Motion carried unanimously.

The regular next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022 at 9 am.

NEXT MEETING

Clmbr Porath moved to adjourn, seconded by Clmbr Bourdukofsky. Motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am.

ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

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Monique Baker, City Clerk

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Date