

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacob Mercurief at 9:08 AM. Councilmembers present were Daniel Porath, Richard Warner, Ray Melovidov and Jason Bourdukofsky. Clmbrs Robert Owens and Dimitri Zacharof had to work. A quorum was established. This meeting was broadcast on KUHB.

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA
APPROVED

Clmbr Bourdukofsky moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2020, seconded by Clmbr Melovidov. There were no additions or corrections; the motion carried by voice vote.

MINUTES
APPROVED

Mateo Paz-Soldan and Simeon Swetzof Jr. gave an update: There are currently two motions. The first motion simplifies action by focusing on A-80 sector, which generates most bycatch. The second is a Performance Standard to incentivize bycatch reduction. Motion #2 is to come back for presentation at the June 2020 meeting. There has been a 15% decrease in the 2020 FCEY for area 4CDE. The St. Paul Coalition is working on common areas of concern which include reducing bycatch and highlighting the importance of these to the State of Alaska.

FISHERIES
REPORT

A break was held between 10:30 and 10:47.

Mgr Zavadil gave his report: Mgr Zavadil applied for an EDA grant to conduct a feasibility study on harbor improvements and expansion. He met with Robert Chambers the Director for Community Programs with USDA Rural Development to gather more information regarding community facilities funding. The community facilities funding is limited and could come in the form of a loan or grant or a mix of both. Chief Lamblez and Mgr Zavadil met with the new ADA Nolan Oliver in person to open up the lines of communication with the new ADA. They also met with with Captain Roberts, Captain Merrill and Trooper Kay with the Alaska State Troopers office. They discussed interagency assistance and the request process, as well as, the public safety department providing assistance to St. George if needed. The LEPC will meet on March 12th at 3:30 pm to discuss COVID-19 prevention and response in our community. The meeting will be aired on KUHB. Held a Safety Committee meeting to review status of safety issues and what is being done to address them. Staff are currently addressing placing fire extinguishers at the correct height and ordering required PPE. Mgr Zvadil submitted the following projects to the state legislative Capital Project Submission and Information System (CAPSIS): 1) Harbor Office; 2) Lift Station Replacements; 3) Harbor Road Relocation; 4) Community Pond Flood Mitigation; 5) City Hall Code Upgrades; 6) Water Well Control Upgrades. The state is not likely to have funding for these projects in their capital budget.

CITY MANAGER
REPORT

A lunch break was held between 11:50 and 1:05.

Finance Director Stephanie Mandregan gave her report: The finance department is doing the prep work to begin using MuniRevs to assist with the new online remote seller sales tax collection. Business as usual in the Finance Department for this time of year, audit work along with the daily work.

FINANCE
DIRECTOR
REPORT

PwDir Ed Paulus gave his report: Current River Electric is here with three crew members. They are working on generator #2, the switchgear in whole, looking into the electric boiler to fire it up, engineer is working on as-built drawings. The crew been busy with a couple of housing rehabs at house 25 and 163B. Demo has been completed, minor electrical repairs completed and in the stage of finishing sheetrock at house #25. 163B cleared out left behind belongings, flooring has been removed, sheetrock repairs in progress. Materials to replace the siding and trim at the 4 plex's are being ordered. The project is set for this summer. Mark has completed a lift station operations class last month.

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

Speaker Bryce Edgmon called in via teleconference to give an update on the impact on the budget due to COVID-19. The need to pass the budget is now, he stated if someone in the Capitol were to contract the virus the Capitol would shut down. The one tool the State of Alaska has is prevention.

SPEAKER BRYCE
EDGMON

The resolution for the Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission was passed last year. Alaska Municipal League drafted this Ordinance, it needs to be adopted to be a part of the commission. If purchasing through a remote seller like Amazon a potential tax will be added, and the commission would track this and submit the tax to the City.

ORDINANCE 20-
03, REVISING
TITLE IV,
ADDING REMOTE
SELLERS SALES
TAX

A roll call vote was held: Ayes- Bourdukofsky, Porath, Melovidov, Warner, Merculief. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2020 at 9 AM.

NEXT MEETING

Clmbr Bourdukofsky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clmbr Warner. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM

ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

Monique Baker, City Clerk

Date