I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Dillingham City Council, preceded by a Workshop at 6:00 p.m. for a presentation on the FY 2012 Operating and Capital Budget, was held on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers, Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Alice Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Alice Ruby present.

Council Members present and establishing a quorum:
Elizabeth Pearch, Seat A
Scott King, Seat B
Bob Himschoot, Seat C
Keggie Tubbs, Seat D
Chris Napoli, Seat E
Tim Sands, Seat F

Staff in attendance:
Donald Moore, Interim City Manager
Doug Dombroski, Chief of Police
Jody Seitz, Planning Director
Carol Shade, Finance Director
Janice Williams, City Clerk

Guests:
Tim Pearson, Pearson Consulting *(via teleconference)*
Attorney Bill Mede *(via teleconference)*

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. BOE Meeting, May 12, 2011

B. Regular Meeting, May 19, 2011

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Elizabeth Pearch seconded the motion to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of May 12 and Regular Council Meeting of May 19, 2011.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was nothing on the consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no recommended changes.

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Elizabeth Pearch seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. City Manager Report

Manager Donald Moore reported on the following:

- Public Service Employees Association (PSEA) Union - Public Safety voted 10 to 4 in favor of being representing by the PSEA union;
- Waterfront Erosion Projects – a delegation from Army Corps of Engineers, including the District Commander, will be in town June 8 to look at Dillingham's erosion projects;
- Snag Point Sewer – continuing to work on lining up the funding sources, may have to spend another winter with the exposed main, however, preparations were made previously, including reinforcing exposed joints, purchasing a pumper truck, and in the meantime, the Corps' evaluation may provide further suggestions, and PN& D Engineering were asked to provide an engineering review required by USDA that should establish the options available and best solution; BEESC designed the relocation of the line from lift station to sewage lagoon and applied for the permits;
- Personnel Actions – read from a list of new hires and thanked BBEDC for having their summer intern program available; and
- Manager's Absence – will be out of town June 9 - 19, conducting City business June 9 and 10, and again out of town on personal business June 24, 27 and 28, and July 1.

Discussion:

- suggested while the Army Corps was in town sharing the City's position on dredging materials making unusable land usable; and
- asked Manager to let the Council know via email who would be designated to be in charge during his absence.

B. Standing Committee Reports

There were no standing reports.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

VII. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

Ron Roy, City's Lead Mechanic, commented he was disappointed with the new wage scale, noting the longer term employees, like himself, benefited the least by reducing the percentage between steps to 2%.

There was no other citizen's discussion.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Introduce Ordinance No. 2011-05, An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Adopting the Budget and Appropriating Funds for the FY 2012 City of Dillingham Budget

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-05.

Discussion:

- noted another workshop would be scheduled to discuss more of the details; and
- noted the budget included the employees' sharing in the cost of the health benefit premiums.

Finance Director Shade shared that the employee group involved in the health benefit discussions felt they were being punished for having dependents if cost sharing was on dependent coverage only.

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Bob Himschoot seconded the motion to amend the budget ordinance to establish a 10% cost share on dependent premiums.

Discussion:

- commented not in support of cost sharing for dependent coverage only, because of the message it would send that the City was leaning toward single, unmarried employees and not recognizing families that depend on the coverage; and
- commented that with health costs spiraling out of control, the time had come when the City could no longer continue to pay 100% of the benefits.

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved the previous question. *(Clerk Note: The effect of this motion is to immediately stop debate.)*

There was no objection.

VOTE: The motion to amend the budget ordinance passed with Elizabeth Pearch, Chris Napoli, and Keggie Tubbs voting in favor of the amendment, Mayor Ruby breaking the tie and voting in favor, and Scott King, Bob Himschoot and Tim Sands in opposition.

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-05 as amended.

VOTE: The motion to introduce amended Ordinance No. 2011-05 passed unanimously.

B. Introduce Ordinance No. 2011-06, An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Amending DMC Chapter 3.10.020, Voter Qualifications

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-06.

Keggie Tubbs, reported as the precinct chair for state elections, the canvassing committee had an issue with questioned ballots requiring being registered to vote with a Dillingham address. They were looking to see if the Code could be changed to allow people to vote who were qualified Alaska voters even though they hadn't registered with a Dillingham address within 30 days, but had lived in Dillingham more than 30 days.

MOTION: Tim Sands moved the previous question. *(Clerk Note: The effect of this motion is to immediately stop debate.)*

There was no objection.

VOTE: The motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-06 passed unanimously.

C. Resolution No. 2011-37, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Sign ACWF Loan #283051 for the Repair of the Sewer Main

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Scott King seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-37.

MOTION: Scott King moved and Chris Napoli seconded the motion to postpone Resolution No. 2011-37 to the next Council meeting.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Resolution No. 2011-37 passed unanimously.

D. Resolution No. 2011-47, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Approving a Long Term Encroachment Permit for Utility Installation in Emperor Way to Install Cable, Television, and Electrical Lines to Lot 4 Block 9 Nerka VII Subdivision

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. No. 2011-47.

MOTION: Tim Sands moved the previous question. *(Clerk Note: The effect of this motion is to immediately stop debate.)*

There was no objection.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-47 passed unanimously.

E. Resolution No. 2011-48, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Establishing the Rate of Levy of Tax, the Date Taxes are Due and the Delinquent Date for 2011, and Accepting the Certification of the Tax Roll

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Keggie Tubbs seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-48.

Tim Sands reported that the Finance Committee was not recommending any change in the mill rate, but were committed to not increase the mill rate when the school bond was passed.

Discussion:

- noted the schedule showing the business property comparisons between 2011 and 2010 would be brought to the workshop with additional detail to explain any large discrepancies.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-48 passed unanimously.

F. Resolution No. 2011-49, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing Foreclosure Proceedings on Delinquent Property Taxes for the Years 2005 - 2010

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Keggie Tubbs seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-49.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-49 passed unanimously.

G. Resolution No. 2011-50, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation to Assist with a Temporary Program to Provide Senior Center Meals

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Chris Napoli seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. No. 2011-50.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-50 passed unanimously.

H. Resolution No. 2011-51, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing Application for an USDA Grant to Relocate the Snag Point Sewer Force Main

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Elizabeth Pearch seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-51.

MOTION: Scott King moved and Elizabeth Pearch seconded the motion to postpone Resolution No. 2011-51 to the next Council meeting.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Resolution No. 2011-51 passed unanimously.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Annexation

Mayor Ruby reported that invitations to meet had been mailed to the entities identified by the LBC.

B. City Manager Hire

Manager Moore noted this item would be taken up under executive session. Mayor Ruby reported that hopefully potential candidates had been identified and time periods for interviews set up.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

XI. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

Rachel Muir, representing the Bike to Work Day, noted the Mr. Sprocket trophy was being presented to BBNA, a timely event since they were hosting the wellness conference. She reported the Bike to Work Day event had been attended by around 130 participants, of whom 58 were students. She recognized the various businesses who provided prizes and refreshments, and the recipients of the prizes, and thanked the volunteers. Mayor Ruby responded to her question regarding Parks and Rec, that she was going to respond under Mayor's Discussion to add it to an upcoming agenda.

Patrick Solano-Walkinsaw, representing the Dillingham Health and Fitness Committee, wanted to understand the process for getting a resolution on the agenda. He referenced the Comprehensive Plan which supported the Parks and Recreation program, and felt at the last council meeting there wasn't much notice and the discussion was brief, and wanted to see it back on the agenda and provide an opportunity for the public to weigh in.

Jody Seitz reported that the safe routes to school grant helped to educate and provide incentives to use other modes of transportation and could help leverage larger grants, and thanked Rachel Muir and especially Carol Shade for making the 3rd Bike to Work Day event happen this year.

There was no other citizen's discussion.

XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tim Sands:

- thanked Gregg Burton for all his service to the City and wished him good luck in his new ventures;
- thanked all the staff for keeping the City running; and
- thanked the volunteers for Bike to Work Day.

Bob Himschoot:

- thanked Gregg Burton for his service and wished him good luck with his retirement.

Chris Napoli:

- wished Gregg Burton good luck with his retirement, noted it had been pleasant working with him, and thanked him for his work;
- referred to a letter he had received from a citizen pertaining to a public safety matter, Manager Moore noted he had received a copy and staff had responded; and
- spoke that he hoped the Council would have a budget workshop prior to the next Council meeting.

Keggie Tubbs:

- thanked Gregg Burton for his service to the City, and wished him and Deb much joy with their retirement plans;
- asked what would be the process if changes to the budget were recommended, Mayor answered a workshop could be scheduled several days before the Council meeting, and if there was consensus on a proposed amendment it could be introduced at the council meeting;
- asked if the candidate interviews might be held in July recognizing the importance of hiring a Manager, Mayor answered dates hadn't been set yet, but may have to come to that conclusion; and
- commented he had received numerous comments, 100% positive, on the action taken at the last Council meeting on Parks and Recreation, recalling it was his understanding when the Comp Plan was presented that it was a long term vision, goals were admirable, but not always attainable, with monetary being the biggest reason.

Elizabeth Pearch:

- wished Gregg Burton bon voyage; and
- noted she would not be able to make a meeting or workshop if it was scheduled for June 14th.

Scott King:

- shared for selfish reasons he felt there was no joy on Gregg's retirement, not only as a city employee but his volunteer work, that it was the City's loss; and
- noted the City had so many priority, emergency issues to deal with that he couldn't see funding being available for a Parks and Recreation program at the present time.

XIII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Keggie Tubbs seconded the motion to schedule a budget workshop on Monday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Ruby:

- thanked Gregg Burton for working for the City and being a tremendous citizen along with his wife, Deb, and noted their loss would leave a huge hole;
- thanked the Bike to Work Day organizers;
- noted she was glad to see Steve Cropsey was back in town providing some support for Don Moore;
- noted she was contacted by several citizens who had asked to put Parks and Recreation on the June 16 agenda to give people an opportunity to participate; and
- asked for a moment of silence in memory of those that had been lost since the last meeting.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Legal Matter

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Elizabeth Pearch seconded the motion to go into executive session under DMC, 2.09.050, regarding legal matters [8:48 p.m.].

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed with no objection.

(The meeting recessed at 8:48 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.)

MOTION: Chris Napoli moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to come out of executive session [10:22 p.m.].

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed with no objection.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Alice Ruby adjourned the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Williams, City Clerk