

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, September 4, 2014, 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 was present.

Council Members present and establishing a quorum (a quorum being four):

Tracy Hightower	Chris Maines
Bob Himschoot – (attended via teleconference)	Keggie Tubbs
Paul Liedberg	

Council Member Holly Johnson was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance:

Rose Loera, City Manager	Janice Williams, City Clerk
Carol Shade, Finance Director	Dan Pasquariello, Police Chief/Sergeant at Arms

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 7, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes were unavailable.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Paul Liedberg seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

V. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Loera reported on the following (these items were in addition to the August monthly report in the packet):

- Offered the position of police officer, waiting for a background check on another, and then should have a full police force;
- Michael Foster and several associates visited Dillingham; suggested doing a second test on the ground soil at the landfill and see if it produced the same results;
- Expecting to receive a letter from a citizen regarding the mill rate assessed on private planes;
- Visit from Alaska Rural Water Association – rep showed staff that they needed to agitate the intake lagoon before they take their samples; and
- Four Acre Group is available to conduct a strategic session November 8.

Paul Liedberg, Chair for Code Review Committee, reported an ordinance to add plant starts as an exemption from sales tax was recommended, and the committee had reviewed imposing a fine for improper dumping of fish waste and for dumping hazardous materials at the landfill.

Alice Ruby, chaired the Finance and Budget Committee, and reported the meetings were being moved to the 3rd Monday of the month to accommodate getting information in the Council packet; staff was continuing to work on fiscal policy development; committee was reviewing: equipment rates and harbor and dock fees and reviewed options for operating DMV; and DMV staff would be logging time spent on DMV transactions,.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-51, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Supporting the Proposed EPA Determination on the Pebble Mine

MOTION: Tracy Hightower moved and Chris Maines seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-51.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-52, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Approving the Write Off of Bad Debts Payable to the City for Personal Property Tax, Sales Tax, Harbor and Dock Invoices

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Paul Liedberg seconded the motion to postpone Resolution No. 2014-52 to the next meeting.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

(Bob Himschoot dropped off the teleconference line at 7:24 PM.)

- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-53, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Accepting Alaska Department of Public Safety Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

MOTION: Chris Maines moved and Paul Liedberg seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-53.

City Manager Loera reported staff had applied for a full-time position in the public safety dept. The City was funded for one half the amount (\$50,000). If accepted, the city would assign one of the police officers to be the new WAANT officer 50% of their time. The City would not be required to have the position for a certain number of years if the grant was accepted.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- A. Citizen Committee Appointments
1. Cemetery Committee, 4 Seats Open
 2. Planning Commission, 2 Seats Open
 3. Parks and Recreation Committee, 3 Seats Open
 4. Senior Advisory Board, 2 Seats Open
 5. Library Board School Seat

Mayor Ruby recommending appointing Erika Schneider to represent the Dillingham City Schools on the Library Advisory Board.

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tracy Hightower seconded the motion to concur with the Mayor's recommendation.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Annexation Reconsideration

1. Public Hearing Set for September 24 at 6 PM, in the Council Chambers

Manager Loera reported consultant Barb Sheinberg would be in Dillingham September 23 & 24 to assist the City with the public hearing. Letters were sent out to the various communities with an offer to present information on the proposed annexation. Keggie Tubbs reported he might be out of town on the 24th.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Broadband Discussion

Mayor Ruby reported she had been invited to attend a meeting with one of the FCC commissioners, staff members from the congressional delegation, and other local leaders to discuss broadband services, noting the report put together by BBNA was very well done.

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

Gabe Dunham introduced himself noting he was the new U of A Fairbanks Marine Advisory Program agent for all of Bristol Bay.

XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tracy Hightower:

- Explained he had voted against the draft petition to annex, because he felt the City should push for a borough first; and
- Noted he gets a lot of questions on the City's tax structure, mainly the inventory tax.

Paul Liedberg:

- Thanked staff throughout the City for everything they do.

Keggie Tubbs:

- Welcomed City Clerk back and offered his condolences for losing a family member; and
- Suggested if the traffic was going to be rerouted to Waskey Road over the weekend, might want to consider grading it.

XIII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ruby:

- Asked if any of the Council members were interested in attending the Alaska Municipal League Conference in November, especially new Council members, to let her know;
- Asked for the Council's concurrence for staff to present an assessment at the October meeting on the retention of employees at the Public Safety Dept.; and
- Asked for a moment of silence to recognize those lost since the last meeting.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel Matter

1. Manager's Contract

B. Legal Matter

1. Public Safety Department – Investigations Report

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Chris Maines seconded the motion to enter into executive session to discuss two matters, Personnel Matter - Manager's Contract, and Legal Matter - Public Safety Department-Investigations Report [7:48 p.m.).

VOTE: The motion to enter into executive session passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Ruby invited Manager Loera, and Police Chief Pasquariello into the executive session on Public Safety Department, Investigations Report.

(The meeting recessed for a short break.)

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tracy Hightower seconded the motion to come out of executive session [9:24 p.m.].

VOTE: The motion to come out of executive session passed unanimously by voice vote.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.



Mayor Alice Ruby

ATTEST:

[SEAL]



Janice Williams, City Clerk

Approval Date: 10/2/14