

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF "LUTRI", THE CITY'S DRUG DOG

WHEREAS, the City of Dillingham purchased "Lutri", a drug dog, in January 2012 utilizing asset forfeiture funds; and

WHEREAS, training for "Lutri" and his handler were also completed using asset forfeiture funds; and

WHEREAS, since the City acquired "Lutri" it has gone through two handlers and has not been able to use the dog when vacancies occurred, and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the effectiveness of using a drug dog for illegal drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of "Lutri" to continue to work as a drug dog in the future; and

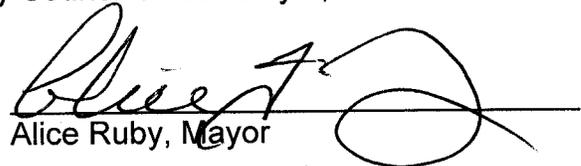
WHEREAS, the City worked closely with the Alaska State Troopers Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit in the utilization of "Lutri" in illegal drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the City does not feel it has the capacity to train another handler; and

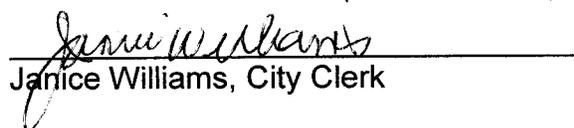
WHEREAS, the City would like to offer "Lutri" to either the Alaska State Troopers Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit or another municipality that would be able to use him as he was trained to do;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council approves the adoption of "Lutri" to an as described above entity that would be able to use him as a drug dog.

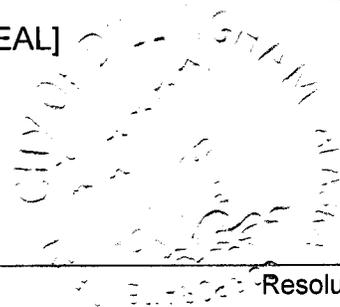
PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on January 9, 2014.


Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janice Williams, City Clerk

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Agenda of: January 9, 2014

Council Action:

Manager: Recommend approval.

City Manager: Rose Loera
Rose Loera

Route To:	Department / Individual	Initials	Remarks
X	Finance / Carol Shade	<i>CS</i>	
X	Chief of Police/Dan Pasquariello	<i>DP</i>	
X	City Clerk / Janice Williams	<i>JW</i>	

Fiscal Note: Yes _____ No X Funds Available: Yes X No _____

Other Attachment(s): None

Summary Statement.

The City of Dillingham has owned Lutri, its drug dog, since early January 2012. The dog was purchased and trained with a handler using Asset Forfeiture funds. Since Lutri's was acquired by the City there have been numerous arrests for illegal drug trafficking.

The City has just lost a second handler for Lutri and feels that the Dillingham Police Department no longer has the capacity to train another handler for the dog. Any work that Lutri does will only be recognized in court by trained handlers so having Lutri without a trained handler will not help the City with any drug handling cases.

The City feels that Lutri needs to be used for what he is trained for and being penned up is not in his best interest, so would like to offer him to the Alaska State Troopers Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit or another municipality that can put him to work.

The City has worked very closely with the State of Alaska's drug enforcement efforts in Dillingham and has offered up the dog to the State Troopers. The State Troopers have not given the City any official word yet that they will take him. If not the State Troopers, the City would contact other municipalities that would be able to use him in a drug trafficking capacity.