

ROLL CALL

Jim See, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Present were Julie McDonald, Jim See, Millie Schoonover, Michael Kampnich, Chanel McKinley, and Timothy O'Connor. Hannah Bazinet was absent excused.

Staff Present: Brian Templin, City Administrator; Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk; Samantha Wilson, Planner; Hans Hjort, Harbormaster; Jessica Holloway, Aquatics Manager; Doug Ward, Parks and Public Facilities Director; RJ Ely, Chief of Police; Russell Dill, Public Works Director; Tsai, EMS Coordinator and Victoria Merritt, Recreation Director. Sheri Purser, Treasurer and Patricia Gardner, Librarian attended by phone.

Audience Present: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes June 16, 2022
MCKINLEY/SCHOONOVER

Moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
BY VOICE VOTE

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comment.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor – No comment.

Administrator – Submitted a written report. Councilwoman McDonald inquired about the breakwater status. Brian Templin replied that we are still moving forward on the project. Construction will likely be in the next year or two, pending the completion of environmental work.

Treasurer – Submitted a written report.

Aquatic Manager – Submitted a written report.

Clerk – Submitted a written report. The next meeting will be on July 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Planner – Submitted a written report. Samantha Wilson was praised for her hard work on multiple projects. Samantha said she has a survey posted for the cemetery expansion, which contains drawings of possible layouts. Open houses will be at the end of the month for the public.

Fire / EMS – Submitted a written report

Harbor – Hans Hjort provided a verbal report. He said he has been busy. The Harbor Advisory Committee met. They recommended some changes that will be coming to the City Council soon. The icehouse has been running well so far. The chains on the rake

system are worn out, so a few links broke before the season began. New chains should be here in about a week. Councilman See asked if we can put in stainless steel chains to avoid that problem. Hans replied that is not the industry standard, but he can look into it. Councilwoman McDonald asked if the emergency ladders are supposed to stay down all the time. Hans said no, but they are frequently left down. Stuff will grow on them, but they are a high grade of stainless steel. He joked that if they have barnacles the ladders will have extra traction!

Library – Submitted a written report

Police Chief – Submitted a written report. Chief Ely said there have been a significant number of thefts in North / South Cove over the last few days. The person responsible is in jail. He recommended that everybody check their boats. Councilman Kampnich asked if the surveillance cameras helped, and Chief Ely confirmed the ones that are working helped. If there were better videos at the end of North Cove and people knew there was surveillance covering both harbors then people would be less apt to take things.

Public Works – Submitted a written report

Recreation – Victoria Merritt updated the Third and Fourth of July celebrations went well. Bubble blowing and the greasy pole were both popular. The kids enjoyed catching fish. Soccer will begin on Thursday next week. The bounce house was reserved to rent but was never picked up. So, there will be a teenage night tomorrow. The duck race first place winner was Andy Bresser. Second place was Ernie Ray. Third place was Christina Safford. Victoria was excused at the end of her report to leave for volleyball.

Parks and Facilities – Doug Ward provided a verbal update. Terry was out for two weeks so the department focused on cutting a lot of grass and weeds. Graffiti has been a problem at the ballfield, restrooms, and cemetery. The camera system failed so they were unable to see who did it. Community members emailed with concerns. Chief Ely is aware of the problem. The graffiti is getting tagged by “The Midnight Owls.” The North Cove cameras installation was planned, but the lighting system went down. The cameras were then sent to False Island. New cameras are ready to install at the burn pit. A new machine is coming soon for the ball field cameras. Tim O’Connor added that August 15 is the set date to put in a totem pole on Big Arm Trail. Josh Bennett will do the form and help fill the concrete. Hans Hjort said that Doug installed cameras at the boat launch, dock, ramp, restrooms, trailers, and shop. The communication also bounces to the icehouse and his office so he can monitor activity. Hans is getting set up with an external hard drive so data can be stored for a month at a time.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. Fishery managers call for deeper look at salmon bycatch, but decline to tighten rules.
2. With a way of life on the Y-K Delta at risk, the North Pacific Council declines to reduce trawl bycatch, and instead wants more study of climate change.

The council is disagreed with the decision of the North Pacific Council and their power in Alaska. Mayor O’Connor would like to have something on the ballot to get them removed. Councilman Kampnich shared that a black cod was tagged eight years ago in

Adak. It was found here. The bycatch affects everyone in Alaska because of the fish migration patterns.

3. Marathon Wrap Up

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. Resolution 22-17 Advocating for a Reduction of Trawl Bycatch

SCHOONOVER/KAMPNICH

Moved to adopt Resolution 22-17,
Advocating for a reduction of trawl
bycatch
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL
CALL VOTE

2. Resolution 22-18 Adopting Harbor Rates

The council discussed the webloft fees. Years ago, the council voted to use a higher fee for people using the webloft commercially. The current \$10 a day, according to Councilman See, does not cover electricity. He would like to see a commercial rate of \$100 a day. Hans said he will see what other weblofts are charging. Brian clarified that the fees aren't changing in this ordinance. The crane usage and wharfage are being changed.

SCHOONOVER/KAMPNICH

Moved to adopt Resolution 22-18,
Adopting harbor rates
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL
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3. Resolution 22-19 Adopting Prince of Wales Community Advisory Committee Resolution 22-02, Opposing an Alaska Constitutional Convention

Brian gave some background on this resolution by explaining that this resolution was placed on the agenda at the request of POWCAC. At the last POWCAC meeting this resolution was passed, and now it needs to pass by the majority of the communities and tribal governments that make up the POWCAC membership. The consensus of the council during discussion is that they are opposed to a Constitutional Convention.

SCHNOONOVER/KAMPNICH

Moved to adopt Resolution 22-19,
adopting Prince of Wales Community
Advisory Committee Resolution 22-
02, opposing an Alaska Constitutional
Convention
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY
ROLL CALL VOTE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Child Care City Budget and RFP

No formal action is needed. A firm date of August 31 was given to return the center to the city. Brian shared that if the city ran the daycare the rate would be \$3,000 a month per child to reach a breakeven point at 10 children. This rate would not include a food program. Projected revenue over expenses would be (\$76,335.00) The options of releasing the facility to a private interest and looking for proposals were brought up. The council agreed on putting and RFP out to get things started. Brian finished the discussion by saying the city will finish the RFP and put it out on the street. It will come back to the council in a few months.

2. Fuel Tax Cap Memo June 2020

Brian is looking for guidance on this item. If action is wanted it will require an ordinance. This goes back to Joel Steenstra's letter. After speaking to Juneau, we can cap the sales tax

charged on fuel as long as we don't change the tax rate. It can be approached broadly (all fuel sales) or narrowly (home heating fuel within city limits was used as an example). See wanted to know if an ordinance can be changed by a resolution? Brian confirmed that. He recommended putting a sunset date on the ordinance so it can be changed or removed. The council agreed that \$4.50 a gallon would be helpful to the residents and people at the fuel dock and heating fuel to people in town. Brian said he will bring an ordinance to the council for the first reading at the next meeting with a final reading set for August. The cap will be set by resolution at \$4.50 a gallon. This would take effect by mid-August. McDonald suggested setting the sunset time with the fiscal budget.

3. Liberty Church Donation Memo

\$1,500 will cover one week of expenses. Mayor O'Connor said 55-75 kids are coming out to eat each day.

SEE/MCKINLEY

Made a motion to donate \$1,500 to the Liberty Church.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor O'Connor said a totem pole is being put in. It is 16-18 feet high. A plaque will be installed to explain the totem.

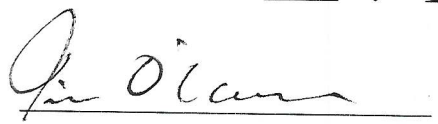
Kampnich wanted to have some talking points agreed upon prior to Senator Murkowski's meeting next month. McDonald agreed that it would be good to brainstorm so each person has the same message to deliver. Brian said to put that on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

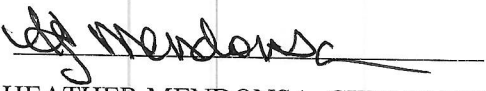
SEE/KAMPNICH

Moved to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED on the 8 day of Sep. 2022



MAYOR TIMOTHY O'CONNOR

ATTEST: 

HEATHER MENDONSA, CITY CLERK

