



more budget meetings. Brian said that the budget committee meeting had finished its work and had recommended the budget to full council consideration. He also said this is the first reading of the ordinance enacting the budget and then we will discuss it more at the next meeting.

**Treasurer** – Submitted a written report. No questions from the council.

**City Clerk** – Submitted a written report.

**Planner**- Submitted a written report. Kampnich made a comment about a compliance issue that needs to be addressed. The mayor explained it is an issue that is being addressed.

**EMS** – Submitted a written report. The mayor attempted to briefly explain what was going on with EMS from his standpoint being a member. Tsai is currently on vacation. The mayor said the ISO rating determines the rate you pay for insurance. Craig has a rating of 5, that is the good rating for insurance. If you live out Port Saint Nicholas the ISO rating is 10 which results in payments about 70% higher for insurance than in town. it is 70% higher for insurance out there Brian said we have been a 5 for a number of years. Likely we will stay at 5. We are fortunate to have this rating.

**Harbormaster**- Submitted a written report. The mayor mentioned that when we were soliciting bids for the boat ramp. We were pressed for time, and we were not able to post as we normally would. Brian informed the council that the Army Corp of Engineers had approved the permit for the project.

**Library** – Submitted a written report. Patricia stated that they started being pretty busy up there. The library has some projects going on. The library has a meeting this Tuesday with Zane Jones (architect) and the Library Board for concept work that is due June 1, 2023. The library will keep working on the project and the state funding for the state fiscal year 2024. Library staff will keep pushing and renovation or new construction and keep moving in the right direction.

**Police** – Submitted a written report. Everyone was certified and trained on the tasers, except for RJ. Chanel asked if they had received all the chargers for the tasers RJ explained that there was a learning curve with the old tasers versus the new tasers with new technology and all. He was in Anchorage during the training. He will carry an old one until he is certified on the new one.

**Public Works** – Submitted a written report. Brian shared that Russell has left for California and that they have asked Tony Nelson to step up to keep things organized at the shop in the meantime. David is also helping him until they hire a new Public Works Director. Brian is taking care of the management of staff in the meantime, and they are on the hunt for a new Public Works Director. He is in the process of sorting through the applications. Chanel asked about the tour they had spoken about at a previous meeting. David said he would set aside a day to take a group or one at a time. He said he would need a day's notice. Millie asked about the selection of the applicants. She was curious as to how they chose Tony and what they were looking at. Experience or seniority? Her second question was if we had a hiring committee, but it was practice to involve others in the hiring process. Brian said that if Millie or other council members were interested, he would include them in the interviews. David Nelson was there to answer any questions. The mayor explained that he sits in on the interviews and that we had conducted an exit interview with Russell while Brian was on gone.

**Recreation** – Submitted a written report. Telephonically participated. The mayor asked about how busy she was. Ellie told the council about a karaoke night for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. She said they will be having a dance as well.

**Parks and Public Facilities**-Submitted a written report. Absent/Excused tonight.

#### **READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

- Request for Funding – P.O.W. Little League-The mayor said Kevin McDonald would be able to answer the questions better than anyone. Kampnich commented on the timing being off for a request such as this, being that we just went through our budget process. Brian said it is a big ask, the amount he requested matches what we are asking for our capital projects. A lot of city money is tied up in matching funds for grants. The water system project we requested are both being put through the process of being put in appropriation bills. Julie spoke up and abstained from voting because it is her husband. Kevin got up and wanted to reiterate that his request was not just asking for a million dollars. They are just starting the process of raising funds. They just started their “brick” fundraiser, and he urged us to get the word out. Their goal is to sell 5,000 bricks so they can raise \$200,000 beyond what they spent to get the bricks bought and shipped here. They are also doing a gun raffle right now; their goal is to get tournaments to Prince of Wales Island. Like Ketchikan and other communities. He is not comparing us to Ketchikan, but it has been 23 years since we put any work into the ball field. Brian said they would continue to work with Doug. Kevin said they would have the funding to replace all of the fencing. They are also putting in a net fence. Kampnich asked if there were any other opportunities for funding. Kevin explained how he approached major league baseball teams and if they would buy a brick and they all said “no”. Chanel asked

Brian if the city has, in the past, loaned people large amounts of money. Brian recalled that they did loan some money to IFA, \$125,000, several years ago. Chanel said it would be easier to discuss the funding request if the project was broken down. We could look at the overall processes and what they need rather than just looking at a bulk amount. Kampnich asked about the property and who owned what. Brian explained the city property and where the long-term lease is currently held with Shaan Seet. The mayor referred to a possible land trade.

## **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- **Resolution 23-06 – Adjusting the Mayor’s Salary**

Brian explained that the budget committee had already included this in the draft budget and that it is related to the 4% COLA raise for all employees. Millie commented that last year we raised his salary and Tim said they looked at it. Brian explained that last year the council gave the mayor a raise so he could put money in his retirement accounts instead of receiving PERS. Millie commented that last she thought they had raised the mayor’s salary substantially last year to make him eligible for PERS. The mayor said no they did not. The budget committee and council decided that the amount to make him eligible for PERS was too much and gave him an additional amount to pay toward his own retirement accounts instead. Communities are still battling with the state over PERS contributions and there has been no resolution to this date. Kampnich stated that any raise for the mayor should go through the budget process. Brian explained this resolution reflected what was approved by the budget committee and is in the budget ordinances and how nothing happens without council approval. Julie reiterated that this is not a pay raise, it is Cost- of- Living Adjustment

KAMPNICH/MCKINLEY

Motion to pass and adopt.  
Resolution 23-06  
Motion passed with ROLL  
CALL VOTE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Brian explained that the council had the option of going into executive session if they wanted to talk about confidential matters related to the appointment to the vacant council seat and the council declined. The council discussed how to proceed with the selection of a new council member since there were several letters of interest. The council must select a council member based on the list of names submitted. Millie commented that she was happy with the number of people who applied for consideration. Millie nominated Cody Schwegel, McDonald seconded it.

Brian suggested that instead of nominations to start, the council might want to write down their selection in order to narrow down the number of candidates for consideration. Millie retracted her motion so they could move forward. Brian asked each council member to write down on a piece of paper which name they would like to be the new council member. The council voted and handed them to the city clerk to open and count. There were four votes for Cody Schwegel and one for Pat Tyner. The council moved to appoint Cody Schwegel to Council Seat C. seconded.

KAMPMNICH/MCKINLEY

Motion passed with  
a voice vote.

- Island Daycare Donation- This item as presented to the council at earlier meetings The council requested more information. The mayor asked if it was a donation or a loan. Brian said the request letter allowed for either. In the letter Vanessa offered to repay 50% of the donation. Brian has had several conversations with Vanessa regarding the daycare. The council requested to see more items. Vanessa was not on the phone. The mayor asked if it was a donation or a loan. Brian has had several conversations with Vanessa regarding the daycare, including conversations ensuring that there is a city representative on the board. McDonald would like to see a quarterly report from the daycare board. Millie said she would rather it be a loan for them to be specific. Brian said the letter outlined an option for a loan and payment schedule. The council discussed the loan and how much they would need to have repaid. Millie specified that we have it in writing Kampnich commented on how daycare is a struggle for everybody and how it is a tough business. Kampnich would be more inclined to make a donation of \$6,000 and have \$3,000 paid back in six months. The council would like them to be successful and they are considering the start-up costs. And the fact that they are trying to educate the children. Millie's only concern is that the amount of time and what they are doing is not adequate to expect repayment. They are looking at more like nine months. Brian would negotiate those terms with Vanessa and bring it back to the council for approval. Motion to fund the daycare \$6,000 to have the \$3,000 loan repaid within a year.

MCDONALD/BAZINET

Motion to fund the Island Daycare  
\$6,000 with \$3,000 to be repaid.  
Within a year. Motion passed with a  
Roll Call Vote.

- Appropriation of Jail Funds to CEO Position

Brian explained that this situation is similar to when we funded the CEO position for Officer LaRue. This will put a new officer in place to replace an officer leaving the department this summer. Having them start as a Code Enforcement Officer will allow them to train in dispatch and the jail and will free up time spent by other officers for minor violations. The position would be funded through the extra jail contract funding. RJ does have somebody in mind, he had not had the chance to speak to Sergeant Page yet. Regarding the interested individual. The mayor commented on how this position has been a benefit to the community. The Code Enforcement Officers cites people who are violating our garbage disposal guidelines and who are illegally dumping their refuse.

MCDONALD/BAZINET

Motion to fund the CEO position with excess jail funds. Motion passed with Roll Call Vote.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Millie had several comments, 1) The organization of the packet needs to be improved. She understands and appreciates the saving on paper but had trouble with the way the packet was organized. Needs to be divided better easier to read. 2) The potholes at the Post Office. The mayor is waiting for Tony Nelson to come back so he can discuss this with Brian. He also mentioned a couple of other areas. Brian said there is funding in the current year budget, but the work will not get done this fiscal year. He also mentioned a couple of other areas that need work. He is keeping an eye on it. 3) She asked about the "Richard Trojan" letter and inquired as to who else reviewed it. Brian stated they e-mailed it to council members and put it in front of their seats to read before the beginning of the meeting. Millie asked to schedule an executive session in the next council meeting to discuss the letter further.

**The next City Council Meeting will be on May 18, 2023.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

SCHOONOVER/BAZINET

Moved to Adjourn  
at 8:11 P.M.

APPROVED ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2023.

  
TIM O'CONNOR, MAYOR

  
KECIA WEATHERWAX, CITY CLERK