

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2007

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Council Member Caldero at 7:00 p.m., January 30, 2007, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Members

- Katherine McGlashan
- Juanita Lewis
- Dick Peck
- Rocky Caldero
- Joanna Aldridge
- D. H. "Kris" Flanagan

Absent -Mayor Shirley Marquardt - excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Caldero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR PRO TEM: Aldridge move to appoint Council Member Caldero as Mayor Pro Tem, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Added Directives to City Manager to the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Caldero declared the agenda adopted as revised.

MINUTES: Hearing no revisions, Mayor Pro Tem Caldero declared the minutes of December 29, 2006 adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial report for month ending December 2006 was included in the council packets.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: Library Advisory Committee minutes are included in packet.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager's report included in the packet; City Manager gave update on Juneau trip; Unalaska will most likely feel impacts of a new administration; while in Juneau, held discussions on HB84 – redistribution of fish tax; Unalaska could lose \$200K annually if bill passes; City will do a white paper on our position on HB 84 – all entities in the region are opposing this bill; Power House permit is due tomorrow, and no problems are expected.

Gave update on recent SWAMC conference; discussions on energy, fisheries, representatives on a panel held discussions on different funding opportunities; discussed impacts from the cost of fuel, State STIP, and ADF&G budget; an award banquet was held for Representative Moses last Friday night; City presented an appreciation plaque to Rep. Moses; Frank Kelty emceed the event.

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Jerah Chadwick has resigned from the Library Advisory Committee; he will be taking a well-deserved sabbatical; City presented him an appreciation plaque; as a long time chair of the committee, Jerah was instrumental in the creation of the library.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Public testimony on Resolution No. 2007-01; requested Council to consider increasing the taxi flag drop rate by \$1.00; have had no rate increases in 16 years; fuel costs are higher; asking for support to raise the flag drop, other taxi companies do not support the raise; raise would not hurt the community; believe it is time for an increase.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **BROWNFIELD PCB CLEANUP GRANT: ANALYSIS OF BROWNFIELD CLEANUP ALTERNATIVES.**

Mayor Pro Tem Caldero opened the public hearing on the Brownfield PCB Cleanup Grant.

Chris Hladick, City Manager, explained that a requirement of the EPA grant is to hold a public hearing on the different alternatives to clean up the soil at the new powerhouse site; gave an overview of the preferred alternative to be used to cleanup the site; will continue to pursue the Corp for further cleanup; one more public hearing scheduled for February 13, 2007.

Mayor Pro Tem Caldero closed public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-02: ESTABLISHING DATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 REAL PROPERTY TAX AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION EFFORT.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-04: ADOPTING THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2008 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF UNALASKA.

Resolution No. 2007-01 was moved to New Business.

Flanagan move to adopt the Consent Agenda, Lewis second.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RECYCLING: SCOPE OF WORK FOR CONSULTANT

Lewis move to adopt the process that is presented by the City Manager, McGlashan second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion thanking the City Manager for developing the scope of work; still believe that when we are talking about scope of work, City tasked a recycling committee to do the work, council went forward with ad for interested parties, not in favor of the City doing the work; willing to grant the funds to the Qawalangin Tribe to get the project coordinator/grant writer and let them do the scope of work; feel all parties are on the same page; willing to give up the hands on approach.

Council discussion that there were two core areas that were discussed, aluminum and corrugated cardboard; don't see in the scope of work where we will be surveying customers to see if they are willing to pay a fee for recycling.

Council discussion that the City has not received a letter from the Qawalangin Tribal Council stating they want to do this project; we have always asked a lot of questions about recycling; would prefer to have the Tribe be accountable for the funds, and through this scope we are doing that.

Council discussion have always supported recycling; maybe consider raising the price of landfill so high that folks will recycle; agree that we should encourage the public; at a loss for ideas; talked to many people over the years; have to work closer with public and businesses; visited recycling facilities, they are quite elaborate and take a lot of labor; would like to see what the consultant comes up with.

Council discussion believe completely in recycling, but don't believe in handing over \$60K without guidelines; should go forward with scope of work; get together to have a conversation; haven't heard from the Tribe; we need to be fiscally responsible.

Council discussion that we requested a business plan from the Tribe; they stated the funding was necessary to put together the plan; the \$60K was to be used to get someone on board so the Tribe could research available grants and develop a business plan.

Discussion have looked on the internet for grant writing salaries; Tribe charges an administrative fee; don't think \$60K is enough; have a lot of questions; think the scope of work is the best way.

Discussion in support of what is presented; plan is well laid out; don't think we are convoluting anything; community is small and complex; questions need to be answered.

Public Testimony: Representative from the Qawalangin Tribe testified in agreement that there are mixed messages; Qawalangin Tribe has not been officially contacted by the City of Unalaska; since the \$60K was adopted, the Tribe has not been contacted; when the Tribe submitted a proposal there were no guidelines; had a lot of questions, and did our best to answer; without hearing something official from the City, hesitant to turn anything into the City; Tribal council meeting tomorrow night where this will be discussed; pleased to see a scope of work developed; City and Tribe need to work together to make the program work; Tribe is interested in recycling, but interested in hearing from the City.

City Manager explained that he has met with the Qawalangin Tribe Administrators, and discussed the issues before the last memo from Joel; Council needs to approve the process first.

Council discussion regarding Task 10 in the scope of work; heard things are going on in the community right now; would like to separate out what the Tribe will do as well as other organizations; after it's developed, scope of work will be brought back to Council.

VOTE: MCGLASHAN-AYE, PECK-AYE, FLANAGAN-AYE, LEWIS-AYE, ALDRIDGE-AYE, CALDERO-AYE. Motion passes 6-0.

2. UNALASKA ELECTRIC FEES: COPA (COST OF POWER ADJUSTMENT)

Lewis move to let current electric rates stand until April, and bring back for further evaluation, McGlashan second.

2. UNALASKA ELECTRIC FEES - CONT:

DISCUSSION: Council discussion inquiring about the electric rate study that was recently done; if COPA was in place, would have collected \$700K.

Chris Hladick, City Manager, explained that, last year, in the Jan/Feb timeframe, the surplus was building up, but then went down to \$8,500 by audit time; tasked consultant to research why this happened; evaluated each quarter, there was a bust in the formula of power purchased; wrong assumption was made; will be doing the analysis on a monthly basis because fuel costs are fluctuating so rapidly; possibly hold a special work session to discuss funding needs for electric; under the COPA formula, have collected all but \$273K, and the plan is to collect it.

VOTE: LEWIS-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE, ALDRIDGE-AYE, PECK-AYE, FLANAGAN-AYE, CALDERO-AYE. Motion passes 6-0.

3. ILIULIUK FAMILY & HEALTH SERVICE: PRESENTATION REGARDING STATE OF ALASKA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT.

Elizabeth Masoni and Sonia Handforth-Kome, IFHS, gave presentation on the status of the IFHS's State behavioral health grant; the IFHS board of directors have chosen to not apply for the grant this year due to the requirement to provide patient confidential information to the State; this will provide the Clinic an opportunity to expand behavioral health services; thank you to council and community for all the support.

Council discussion applaud the Clinic Board for taking a stand for your patients. Council Member Peck disclosed the he is a member of the Clinic Board, and an interested participant in the process.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-03: ADOPTING A NEW POLICY GOVERNING MAYOR AND COUNCIL TRAVEL.

Aldridge move to adopt Resolution No. 2007-03, McGlashan second

DISCUSSION: This policy incorporates the changes discussed by Council at last work session.

VOTE: PECK-AYE, LEWIS-AYE, CALDERO-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE, FLANAGAN-AYE, ALDRIDGE-AYE. Motion passes 6-0.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2007-01: FIRST READING: AMENDING THE CITY OF UNALASKA SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES - SOLID WASTE RATES AND POWER COST FACTOR FOR ELECTRIC.

Flanagan move to schedule Ordinance No. 2007-01 for second reading and public hearing on Feb 13, 2007, Lewis second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion regarding the rate study that was completed in December, the recommendation was to not change power factor adjustment; the rates will remain the same until May, then will be re-evaluated; and then discuss the three recommendations made by the rate study; management will bring back the rate report in May.

Council discussion regarding Schedule G and machinery; Schedule G addresses scrap metals that are not cut up; if scales are not operating, there is a formula to calculate the fees.

Council discussion regarding the proposed fees for nets; discussion regarding the specifics of the fees to bring to the landfill; management will review and possibly prepare an amendment for second reading; will also review metal language.

VOTE: LEWIS-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE, ALDRIDGE-AYE, FLANAGAN-AYE, PECK-AE, CALDERO-AYE. Motion passes 6-0.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-01: ESTABLISHING TAXICAB RATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007 AS REQUIRED BY UNALASKA CITY CODE.

Lewis move to adopt resolution 2007-01, Aldridge second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion not in favor of a rate increase; would like to see all taxi companies united in a request for increase; if raising rates, would like to see comparisons of other Alaskan communities. Council discussion in support of the rate remaining the same; would like to see waiting time fee changed; nicer roads have cut down on vehicle maintenance.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

COUNCIL DIRECT —:-

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Council discussion that Frank Keltz will be attending the February meeting in Portland; no Council Members will attend.

ELECTRIC RATES:

Peck move to direct the City Manager to explain why the general electric rate structure is not generating enough revenue as required. Aldridge second.

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COUNCIL DIRECTIVES - CONT:

ELECTRIC RATES - CONT:

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that management will bring back a report on this issue at the next meeting; Council Member Peck will meet with City Manager on this issue.

Motion withdrawn with concurrence of second.

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Council Member McGlashan's son Keifer plays on the Unalaska Raiders basketball team; they just competed in a tournament in Kotzebue and took 2nd place.

Mayor Pro Tem Caldero adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.



Debra K. Mack
City Clerk

APPROVED
2/13/2007