

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Mayor Marquardt at 7:30 p.m., April 8, 2008, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Mayor	-Shirley Marquardt
Members	-Dick Peck -Zoya Johnson -Juanita Lewis -Katherine McGlashan -David Gregory -Roger Rowland
Absent	-None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Hearing no revisions, Mayor Marquardt declared agenda approved.

**MINUTES:** Hearing no revisions, Mayor Marquardt declared the minutes of March 25, 2008 adopted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Financial report for month ending February 2008 was included in the packet. Council discussion regarding fish tax and landing tax revenue and interest earnings.

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:** None

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:** None

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Chris Hladick, City Manager, is in California this week negotiating for the geothermal project; will also look at hybrid electrical vehicles; State budget includes DEC matching grant of \$2 million for wastewater treatment plant; \$1.5 million for geothermal, and \$1.5 for the powerhouse project; will monitor to see if these stay in the State's budget. Mayor and Council extend condolences to all in the Alaska Ranger tragedy; acknowledge those who organized and helped out; efforts were heartfelt and very organized.

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. CVB wine tasting fund raiser this Saturday at the Grand Aleutian.
2. Fund raiser for Glenda Holmes will be held at the senior center Sunday to help her with her medical issues.
3. Energy Committee has put a lot of time in on the recommendations to Council; hope Council considers them.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-19:** CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN GREGORY TO THE UNALASKA PLANNING COMMISSION/PLATTING BOARD.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-20:** CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JUDI RUDER AS A PUBLIC AT LARGE MEMBER TO THE MUSEUM OF THE ALEUTIANS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Marquardt declared the Consent Agenda adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-17:** DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF UNALASKA TO REIMBURSE ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES FOR COSTS OF SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITH PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT BONDS.

Johnson move to adopt Resolution No. 2008-17, Rowland second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that this item has been previously discussed; the State will reimburse 70% of the bond; voters need to approve bonds, and this will be on the October 2008 ballot.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-18:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KUMIN ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,454.00.

McGlashan move to adopt Resolution No. 2008-18, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that the City will manage the contract with Kumin & Associates due to expertise; clarification that the State will reimburse up to \$5.1 million based on preliminary numbers; the preliminary numbers are around \$3.2 million; costs will be refined through this contract process for placement on the ballot in October.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

### 3. **CITY OF UNALASKA FY09-FY13 CMMP NOMINATIONS**

John Fulton, Interim Planning Director, reviewed the draft FY09-FY13 CMMP; reviewed specific projects in the draft plan.

Council discussed specific projects including paving/resurfacing Airport Beach Road; may do some study work in FY10; do not see any sealing projects for Airport Beach Road due to the pending lawsuit involving the whole paving project; trying to determine what the failure was, so there has not been maintenance due to this issue; discussed enforcing weight restrictions.

Discussion that the General Fund will see a decrease in 2010, however, debt will be incurred due to the geothermal project; design of the UMC Position 3 replacement was discussed.

Discussion that the CMMP is a planning document to assist Council for the next five years; document was created with a lot of staff time; greatly appreciated; the CMMP with all the backup data will be distributed to Council.

Council reviewed information that showed what the fund balance and interest earnings would do over the next five years as the large projects are constructed; reminder that the general fund counts interest earned as revenue. Council discussion that we need to work on the financial sustainability plan; need to discuss major issues. Discussion that what we are doing now with the budget and CMMP is planning. Council discussion regarding the leachate project.

Discussion that Council should start thinking about the projects in the draft CMMP; Council could request Administration to show what projects would be viable with a lesser amount; Council could decide to pull specific projects; the bottom line is how much will the City spend in 2009.

Council discussion regarding the second generator for the new powerhouse; don't feel a plan is in place; haven't seen planning documents; do not have a cost plan.

Discussion that the CMMP will be put on the May 13, 2008 agenda for adoption.

### 4. **COMMUNITY ENERGY COMMITTEE:** RECOMMENDATIONS

Peck move to adopt the recommendations in the report and as recommended by the Community Energy Committee, McGlashan second.

Discussion that the Committee looked at three key areas; looked at City as a whole, cutting energy demand by 10%; looked at the community, expand the City's web site to include energy conservation information, provide \$26,000 to provide compact fluorescents to our citizens, and to bring an energy expert to Unalaska to conduct workshops; would like to act on the other recommendations.

Discussion that at the last meeting when the Energy Committee's report was discussed, Council requested staff to research and audit energy use, and report back in 180 days; staff has not had time, so why don't we wait; appreciate the work the committee has done; thankful for the effort; have assigned this to staff to follow up on committee recommendations.

Discussion that the Public Utilities Director spoke about the things the City is already doing; graphs were shown that show energy reductions; not sure if we are ready to demand a reduction of 10% when the City is doing what they can.

Discussion that there are a number of things the City is doing now; thought some of the energy committee items would be incorporated into the science class, but not sure; do not agree with providing a \$26K grant for light bulbs; believe it is a wonderful thing to conserve energy; as presentations have shown over the last few days, there are numerous energy conservation things going on now.

Discussion in appreciation of the Committee's work; can see Council Member Peck's issues; if report is adopted, we, as a City, are being proactive towards savings; in favor of adopting the recommendations.

Discussion that the minutes do not reflect an official acceptance or rejection of the recommendations; this agenda item was to get the discussion on the table tonight.

Discussion that if the report is accepted, we are accepting all the recommendations and details; some items will not be able to be done as school is almost out; did hear from the Finance Dept. expressing concern about the coupon recommendations; there are a lot of items in the recommendations; caution Council about directing staff to cut services without input from staff.

Discussion that the Committee was tasked to come up with short term solutions; the Committee did a great job; appreciated by everyone; this issue is not as cut and dried as accepting or rejecting; some recommendations were liked, some were not; why not work from that instead of all or nothing.

4. **COMMUNITY ENERGY COMMITTEE:** RECOMMENDATIONS – CONT:

Discussion that the issue with the recommendations is how we will work out the details; conceptual idea is good; how will we implement is the question; would like to adopt the recommendations, but do not want to lock us into something.

Discussion that we should wait for staff's recommendations; doesn't mean that we accept or reject the Committee's recommendations; we truly appreciate them; would like to wait for staff to come back with expertise, findings and recommendations.

VOTE: AYES – 2, NAYS – 4. Motion fails 4-2.

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07: FIRST READING:** CREATING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE FY08 BUDGET FOR FUNDING FOR GEOTHERMAL DRILLING.

Rowland move to schedule Ordinance No. 2008-07 for public hearing and second reading on April 22, 2008, Lewis second.

DISCUSISON: Proposed amendments will be presented at second reading regarding the PCB project and consultant fees for a UMC tariff review.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

6. **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE:** CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE – ANCHORAGE MAY 28-30, 2008.

Council Member Peck brought this conference to Council's attention; as we are dealing with these issues on the state level; someone on the Council should be involved, encourage attendance.

**COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:** None

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Community art show at the Grand Aleutian Friday, April 11, 2008; Laresa Syverson will perform.
2. CVB wine tasting Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. Public testimony that it doesn't matter if Council accepts or rejects recommendations; would like Council to recognize the work that the Committee did.

Mayor Marquardt adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.



Debra K. Mack  
City Clerk