

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2008

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Mayor Shirley Marquardt at 7:00 p.m., April 22, 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 -Katherine McGlashan -Roger Rowland
Absent	-Juanita Lewis (excused) -David Gregory (excused)

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

1. Members of the public wearing polar bear costumes.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Add to New Business: Executive Session: Update on Union Negotiations. Mayor Marquardt declared agenda approved as revised.

**MINUTES:** Hearing no revisions, Mayor Marquardt declared the minutes of April 8, 2008 adopted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Financial report for month ending March 2008 was included in the packet. Council discussion regarding investment interest earnings; rate is at 3 1/2%; City will earn approximately \$6 million this year on interest earnings.

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

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. GFOA – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Mayor Marquardt announced that the Finance Department has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting; expressed appreciation to Tonya Miller, Finance Director, and the Finance Staff for all the good work.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Chris Hladick, City Manager, reported on the meeting last week with Jack Wood regarding the Geothermal project agreement; Mike Hubbard is working on several royalty options for the City to review; met with Dr. Andrew Frank, Lead Engineer for University of California Davis - regarding the hybrid electrical vehicles; is interested in working with the City to develop hybrid vehicles for Unalaska; City will seek grants to fund this project; the estimates for the LSA boat harbor project increased tremendously; gave an update on the City's vacant positions; have been interviewing for the Assistant City Manager and HR Manager positions; will review applications for the Fire Chief position.

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Shannon & Kim Morrison will leave the community on Thursday; Kim worked with the City for 17 years; great working with her.
2. Jamie Sunderland, DPS Director, and five members of the community attended a homeland security work shop in Anchorage; among the topics that were discussed were emergency management, evacuation plan, and school violence; Department of Health & Social Services gave the City a portable ventilator; nice addition to medical services.
3. The Alaska Press Club gave six awards to Unalaska; five awards went to Charles Homan of KIAL/Unalaska Community Broadcasting; Monica Southworth from the Dutch Harbor Fisherman/Alaska Newspapers won 1<sup>st</sup> place for the small newspapers and publications for the Camp Quangayaax articles; please tune in to Channel 8 for a pre-taped show on Leaving Green in the Aleutians; Alaska Oceans Festival is on May 9-10.
4. Tonight on NOVA will be a special on Dr. Frank of University of California-Davis laboratory; will have big competition on the electric hybrid vehicles in Washington this May.
5. Congratulations to Debra Mack and Scott Jacobsen; will get married in Las Vegas this Saturday.
6. Thank you for putting the Geothermal Project in the agenda.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

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1. ORDINANCE NO. 2008-07: Cont.:

Mayor Marquardt opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2008-07.  
Mayor Marquardt closed the public hearing. No public testimony.

**WORK SESSION:** Rowland move to adjourn into a work session at 7:16 p.m., Johnson second. Unanimous vote. Items discussed in the work session were:

1. **CITY OF UNALASKA FY09-FY13 CAPITAL AND MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:**
2. **CITY OF UNALASKA FY09 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS:**

Reconvened to regular session at 9:02 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Johnson move to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-07, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion regarding funding for the Geothermal project; City is working with Brad Gilman and Congress for the funding that has been appropriated for renewable energy projects; will seek funding sources for Geothermal through Congress and the State.

Council discussion regarding the proposed budget amendment on the cost of contracting technical services versus hiring for the Electrical Engineering Technician position; City has not received a lot of job applications for the position; will do cost analysis; City benefits more on professional services in terms of consulting on many issues.

AMENDMENT: Johnson move to amend Ordinance No. 2008-07 per Proposed Amendments No. 1, 2 and 3, McGlashan second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: UNANIMOUS

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: UNANIMOUS

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-22:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN A RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC CONNECTION ON LOT 1, HENNING SUBDIVISION, OWNED BY JERRY & NISAMAT KHONGSUK, PER RESOLUTION NO. 2007-32.

Rowland move to adopt Resolution No. 2008-22, McGlashan second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-21:** ESTABLISHING THE SUM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE CITY OF UNALASKA TO THE UNALASKA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009.

Peck move to adopt Resolution No. 2008-21, Johnson second.

DISCUSSION: Public Testimony In support of adopting the resolution; School's request is a seven percent increase from last year and close to \$1 million outside the maximum funding; disappointed regarding the cultural program in the school; Museum of the Aleutians has funding requested for the cultural program but the funding was re-allocated for utility costs; heard support from the community for this program; believe that it is important to have the School and Council joint meeting.

Council discussion that the request is a lot of money; pleased to see how the students do well in school; school is rated top three statewide; good teachers make good students; satisfied with the results we are getting; keep up the good work; would like to retain students in the community; will support the request.

Council discussion served on the School Finance Committee; pleased to see the amount of effort and thoughtfulness that went into the creation of the School budget; it is a real conscientious effort of the School, School Board and the members of the committee to

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-21: Cont.:**

meet all the community demands and not to cut any of the programs that the School and students will benefit from; will support the highest amount requested.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-23:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COATINGS UNLIMITED FOR THE LEAR ROAD WATER STORAGE TANK INTERIOR REPAINTING AND CATHODIC PROTECTION REPLACEMENT AND THE CHLORINE TANK RESERVOIR COATING MAINTENANCE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$514,540.

Rowland move to adopt Resolution No. 2008-23, Johnson second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion inquiring why bids for the City projects are continually coming in over engineer's estimates. Chris Hladick, City Manager, explained that the engineer's estimates becomes the base bid; very few projects like the Spit Dock were within the engineer's estimates; the bridge is worst example with the engineer's estimate of \$17 million and the bid received at \$28 million.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

4. **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Rowland move to appoint Council Members Gregory and Johnson to the Scholarship Committee, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion served with the Scholarship Committee last year; fascinated to read all students goals, dreams, future plans, and involvement in the community; really an eye opener.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

**COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:** None

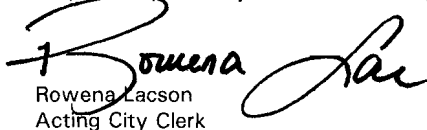
**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. A member of the public reported that Unisea, Inc. has recently hired an Unalaska graduate who left the community ten years ago.
2. Please watch the last swim meet on Saturday at 10:00 am to 12:30 pm; a lot of fun to watch.
3. Student art show is now going on.
4. Kudos to swim program.
5. The Exhibit Kayaks and Canoes of Alaskan Siberia will go back in the State Museum in a week; please see the exhibit; the Museum annual membership meeting is on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Grand Aleutian Hotel Makushin room.
6. Public Library has two programs, the continuing children story hours on Saturday and the summer reading; join the Library and the Museum of the Aleutians in celebrating one of the finest books in American Literature "To Kill a Mockingbird"; book discussion will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum of the Aleutians.
7. Two Canadian sub-hunters, the Regina and Ottawa ships were in town last week; ship commander gave compliments that this is the nicest community he has ever been to; the people are friendly, warm and fun; offered free tour on the ship.
8. Jerah Chadwick is leaving the community next month; very talented, innovative, warm, and wonderful person.
9. Kristine King resigned from PCR; worked with PCR for 5 years; will have a going away party.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: UPDATE ON UNION NEGOTIATIONS.**

Johnson move to adjourn into executive session at 9:35 p.m. for an update on Union negotiations, Rowland second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE. Meeting reconvened to regular session at 9:50 p.m. No action taken in executive session.

Mayor Marquardt adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

  
Rowena Lacson  
Acting City Clerk

**APPROVED**  
5/13/08