

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

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Council Member McGlashan at 7:00 p.m., July 8, 2008, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Members

-Katherine McGlashan
-Dick Peck
-Zoya Johnson
-David Gregory

Absent

-Mayor Shirley Marquardt (excused)
-Roger Rowland (excused)

MAYOR PRO TEM:

Peck move to appoint Council Member McGlashan as Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hearing no revisions, Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan declared agenda adopted.

MINUTES: Hearing no revisions, Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan declared the minutes of June 24, 2008 adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: None

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: None

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Happy Birthday to Roger Defendall.
2. Mobile mammogram will be at the Iliuliuk Clinic next week; encourage women to make an appointment.
3. Landfill will accept hazardous chemicals this weekend.
4. Candidacy period for the upcoming City election will open Monday, July 14th; period for filing will run through August 18th.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-13:** AMENDING THE CITY OF UNALASKA'S SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES – ELECTRIC RATES TO REFLECT THE NEW COPA RATE.

Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2008-13.

Public testimony regarding the electric rates and the COPA rate; how much will people pay before the City starts adjusting electric rates; understand that City is working on other resources but the Geothermal project will be years off; fuel costs continue to increase; very difficult for the residents of this community to deal with the rising cost of fuel.

Council discussion that Alaska Housing Finance Corporation has \$300 million in grant monies available to communities for energy efficiency programs for weatherization; no energy rater in this community to assist people at this time; this is a good opportunity and encourage everyone to apply for the grant.

Dan Winters, DPU Director, explained that this amendment is not increasing electric rates; this is to change the electric rates to reflect the change in the base fuel rate (COPA).

Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-13:** AMENDING THE CITY OF UNALASKA'S SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES – ELECTRIC RATES TO REFLECT THE NEW COPA RATE.

Peck move to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-13, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that City has no control on rising fuel costs; City is not increasing the electric rates; COPA is to cover costs to produce electricity for the community.

VOTE: GREGORY-AYE, PECK-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE, JOHNSON-AYE. Motion passes 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-15: FIRST READING:** CREATING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FY09 BUDGET FOR THE UMC SURVEY.

Johnson move to schedule Ordinance No. 2008-15 for public hearing and second reading on July 22, 2008, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: PECK-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE, JOHNSON-AYE, GREGORY-AYE. Motion passes 4-0.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-44:** APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE UNALASKA HIGH SCHOOL.

Peck move to adopt Resolution No. 2008-44, Johnson second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: MCGLASHAN-AYE, PECK-AYE, JOHNSON-AYE, GREGORY-AYE. Motion passes 4-0.

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-14: FIRST READING:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF UNALASKA TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500,000 TO FINANCE THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE RENOVATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE OCTOBER 7, 2008 CITY ELECTION.

Gregory move to schedule Ordinance No. 2008-14 for public hearing and second reading on July 22, 2008, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: JOHNSON-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE, GREGORY-AYE, PECK-AYE. Motion passes 4-0.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-45:** ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER JUANITA LEWIS AND DECLARING COUNCIL SEAT CC-F VACANT.

Peck move to adopt Resolution No. 2008-45, Johnson second.

DISCUSSION: Debra K. Mack, Acting City Manager, explained that when the resolution is approved, Council is required to appoint within 30 days; Council will accept letters of interest until July 17th and consider appointment on the July 22nd meeting; this will allow time for the vacant seat to be advertised within the candidacy period for the October election.

Discussion to request a resume or a one page explanation of how applicants can help the City or their interest in being on the Council; this will assist Council to determine who will be appointed. Council suggestion to accept a resume and a letter of interest.

VOTE: MCGLASHAN-AYE-AYE, PECK-AYE, GREGORY-AYE, JOHNSON-AYE. Motion passes 4-0.

5. **MAYOR/COUNCIL TRAVEL:** OIL & GAS INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY & GULF OF MEXICO TOUR.

Peck move to allow two Council Members to attend the Oil and Gas Industry tour in Mexico, Johnson second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that the City is the best port in the Southwest Alaska area and will have some impact with the oil and gas exploration; encourage Council Members and everyone with general business and fishing interest to attend; Council Member Rowland had expressed interest and available to travel on September 18 to September 20th.

Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan is interested in attending to see the oil industry and technology and be able to educate the community.

AMENDMENT: Peck move to amend the main motion to insert the names of Council Members Rowland and McGlashan, Johnson second.

5. **MAYOR/COUNCIL TRAVEL: Cont.:**

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: GREGORY-AYE, JOHNSON-AYE, PECK-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE. Motion passes 4-0.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: JOHNSON-AYE, GREGORY-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE, PECK-AYE. Motion passes 4-0.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES: None

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Farewell party for Terry Quirk on Friday, July 11th, 5:30 p.m. at Kelty Field.
2. Mobile mammogram next week at the Iliuliuk Clinic.
3. Cruise ship will arrive this Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
4. Council Member Peck went fishing with John Lee, new IFHS Director of Admin. Services; caught a 44 lbs and won 2nd place.

Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.


Rowena Lacson
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED
7/22/08