

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Council Member Rowland at 7:00 p.m., September 23, 2008, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Members

-Dick Peck
-Roger Rowland
-Zoya Johnson
-David Gregory
-Earl "Skip" Southworth

Absent

-Mayor Shirley Marquardt - excused
-Katherine McGlashan - excused

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts presented the flags and colors, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

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

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add to New Business: 1) Mayor/Council travel – AML, and 2) Executive Session Geothermal negotiations strategies, Mayor Pro Tem Rowland declared agenda adopted as revised.

MINUTES: Hearing no revisions, Mayor Pro Tem Rowland declared the minutes of September 9, 2008 adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: None

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: None

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: Chris Hladick, City Manager, reported on the recent lobbying trip to Washington DC; discussed the boat harbor federal funding; met with Corp of Engineers regarding harbor design; met with AHFC regarding housing programs; City is completing the loan application for housing with AHFC; discussed the weatherization rebate program; State is training raters; met with Corp regarding PCB's, City will file a claim for the cleanup at the powerhouse site; met with National Marine Fisheries regarding the salmon bycatch cap; met with Coast Guard regarding the ETS and housing; met with Alaska delegation and staff.

Council Member Johnson reported on the visit to Walter Reed Hospital; visited young soldiers; they were very excited about the Deadliest Catch shirts and caps; was a very humbling and memorable experience; soldiers have a positive attitude.

Council discussion regarding the PCB claim; will need to file a claim with Dept. of Justice; there is some agreement that there is partial liability of the Corp; energy rater expected to come to Unalaska tomorrow.

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Public input regarding biofuels project; request to provide report to Council at a later date.
2. Library summer reading club party on Saturday; TWIC is here issuing cards to those who enrolled during last trip.
3. Channel 8/KIAL Candidates Forum on October 1, 2008.
4. Blueberry Bash fund raiser, Sunday, at the School.
5. Senator Lyman Hoffman is trying to attend the Blueberry Bash; very interested in alternative energy.
6. City regular election October 7th.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Thank you to Council for Ordinance No. 2008-17 and removing the cap on fuel sales tax ; this will help with some of the programs that fuel distributors are promoting such as purchasing fuel upfront; inquiring when the other energy options previously discussed would be coming back to Council.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-17:** AMENDING UNALASKA CITY CODE TITLE 6 – REVENUE AND FINANCE TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL HEATING FUEL AND TO AMEND THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REFUND REQUESTS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION.

Mayor Pro Tem Rowland opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2008-17.
Mayor Pro Tem Rowland closed the public hearing. No public testimony.

CONSENT AGENDA:

UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-60:** SUPPORTING THE INCREASED FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA THROUGH AN APPROPRIATION OF MATCHING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT EMBODIES THE ALASKA SEAFOOD MARKETING INSTITUTE.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-61:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN A RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC CONNECTION ON LOT 4, BLUEBERRY SUBDIVISION, OWNED BY MICHAEL EHLHARDT, PER RESOLUTION NO. 2007-32.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Rowland declared the Consent Agenda adopted.

Council discussion regarding the ASMI support resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-17: SECOND READING:** AMENDING UNALASKA CITY CODE TITLE 6 – REVENUE AND FINANCE TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL HEATING FUEL AND TO AMEND THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REFUND REQUESTS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION.

Peck move to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-17 Version A, Southworth second.

DISCUSSION: Debra Mack, City Clerk, explained the revisions as outlined in Version A; the 200 gallon fuel cap has been deleted as instructed by Council at the last meeting; sales tax exemption now applies to all sales of residential heating fuel.

VOTE: JOHNSON-AYE, GREGORY-AYE, PECK-AYE, SOUTHWORTH-AYE, ROWLAND-AYE. Motion passes 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **FISHERIES UPDATE:** Frank Kelty, Resource Analyst, provided a fisheries update and an overview of the upcoming North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting in October 2008.
2. **MAYOR/COUNCIL TRAVEL:** NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2008. No travel authorized.
3. **MAYOR/COUNCIL TRAVEL:** AML

Southworth move to authorize the Mayor and three Council Members to attend the AML conference in November, Johnson second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: GREGORY-AYE, PECK-AYE, JOHNSON-AYE, SOUTHWORTH-AYE, ROWLAND-AYE. Motion passes 5-0.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES: None

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Public input that Council should have had an opportunity to direct Manager to pursue alternative energy options under Council Directives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Southworth move to adjourn into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss geothermal negotiation strategies, Peck second. Meeting reconvened to regular session at 8:40 p.m. No action taken in executive session.

Mayor Pro Tem Rowland adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.


Debra K. Mack
City Clerk

APPROVED
10/15/08