

**CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015, 6:00 PM  
UNALASKA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm, April 28, 2015, in the Unalaska City Hall council chambers. Roll was taken:

**PRESENT:**

Shirley Marquardt, Mayor  
Tom Enlow  
Roger Rowland  
Zoya Johnson  
Alejandro Tungul  
David Gregory  
Yudelka Leclere

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** Dempsey Thieman and Lisa Baughman, PND; Elaine Brown and Don Stone, Delta Western.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None. Resolution 2015-41 was removed from the agenda.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting were adopted as submitted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Included in the packet.

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:** None.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Marquardt presented Daniel Winters with a plaque in recognition of 10 years of service and presented Michael Holman a plaque in recognition of 20 years of service. Mayor Marquardt presented the Unalaska Electric Utility Safety Award to Daniel Winters, Director of Public Utilities.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** City Manager Moore reported the list of city projects and contractors was ready for distribution to the council. City Manager Moore also mentioned a joint effort between the City and OSI for a Stream/Bank Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Moore also stated Emmitt Fitch contacted the City regarding the installation of light boxes to improve internet coverage.

Council Member Gregory commented on the Stream/Bank Rehabilitation Project and restated previous public comments in favor of fish weirs and sonars.

City Manager Moore answered council's question.

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Cathy Jordan mentioned the CVB Coupon Book Fund Raiser as well as the cruise ship's arrival date and time into the Unalaska port.

Frank Kelty expressed appreciation for all involved in making the Annual Ballyhoo Lions Easter Breakfast a success.

D. Tyrel McGirt, PCR Director, announced the dates and times of operation for the Aquatics Center. PCR Director McGirt also announced the new show times for the Missoula Children's Theater production. The Director also shared information on the Unalaska Community Clean-Up.

Kelly Stiles announced the upcoming Aleutian Arts Council's presentation of "Just Desserts" featuring Laura Dean as the featured performer.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

Leclere made a motion to move into Work Session; Tungul seconded. Motion passed by consensus.

**WORK SESSION:**

1. **PRESENTATION:** PND – UPDATE OF UMC DESIGN AND PERMITTING.

Peggy McLaughlin, Ports Director, gave a brief update on the UMC project and introduced Dempsey Thieman, PND.

Dempsey Thieman presented a report on the UMC project design and permitting updates.

Council Member Johnson asked for more information regarding the time limit to make a decision on the proposed crane rails for the project.

Council Member Rowland asked for clarification on the driving costs for the 12.6 million. Council Member Rowland stated he was in support of the development of the quarry near the project site to avoid possible heavy loads of rock across the paved roads.

Mr. Thieman, PND answered Council's questions and pointed out the development of the quarry would be a cost benefit and would also make for shorter hauls of rock to the proposed project site.

Mayor Marquardt stated this information will be provided to the public at a meeting the next evening.

Mr. Thieman, PND, stated project scoping level is currently at 10% and PND was interested in and moving forward to the 30% level.

2. **PRESENTATION:** DELTA WESTERN METHANOL OVERVIEW.

Don Stone, Delta Western, gave a presentation on Methanol.

Council Member Enlow asked if Delta Western had looked at any of the private energy users on the island.

Council Member Rowland asked if Delta Western had future plans in their business plan to bring Methanol, portable power, to Unalaska.

Don Johnson, Delta Western, answered Council's questions.

Mayor Marquardt encouraged Delta Western to have continued contact with Dan Winters, Director of Public Utilities, and share any future information regarding Methanol.

3. **FOLLOW-UP:** FY16 OPERATING BUDGET, COMMUNITY SUPPORT, CMMP AND SCHOOL SUM.

**Operating Budget:**

Mayor Marquardt announced a change in the Mayor and Council Travel budget.

**Committee Support:**

Mayor Marquardt announced Patricia Soule, Finance Director, would have additional information for Council on Community Support which will list last year's requested amounts and actual amounts appropriated by Council. Mayor Marquardt reviewed the different options available to Council when deciding how much money to appropriate to Community Support.

Mayor Marquardt encouraged Council to contact Interim City Manager Moore with any Community Support budget questions.

Council Member Enlow asked for clarification on the appropriation options for Community Support and asked for more information regarding the funding cap formula.

Council Member Leclere stated she appreciated the follow up contact from different Community Support groups.

4. **DISCUSSION:** ORDINANCE 2015-09 – AMENDING UNALASKA CITY CODE CHAPTER 2.20 TO PERMIT PHYSICALLY ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY WITH PRIOR NOTICE.

City Manager Moore stated this item came up after a review of upcoming critical issues Council will be faced with and the unpredictability of having a quorum over the next few months. Mr. Moore stated he is familiar with other communities using telephonic communications and said it seems to be a good tool if needed.

Mayor Marquardt stated concerns about difficulties with the upcoming summer schedule and the importance of having an option for telephonic participation for Council members to use in order to conduct and vote on important City business.

Council Member Rowland stated he reluctantly supports Ordinance 2015-09 as it is currently worded with the sunset clause. He stated he is currently not in favor of extending telephonic participation beyond the sunset clause date.

Council Member Johnson stated she is in agreement with Council Member Rowland regarding council members being physically present for council meetings but also understood the importance of getting business done. Council Member Johnson suggested Council research changing the ordinance from super majority to simple majority.

Council Member Leclerc stated her support for telephonic attendance and stated interest in extending this option beyond the sunset clause date.

Council Member Gregory stated his support for Ordinance 2015-09 on a trial basis for the summer.

Council Member Enlow stated his support for Ordinance 2015-09 on a trial basis for the summer. Council Member Enlow also stated he has not heard any compelling argument to suggest need for a physical presence of all council members for council meetings.

Council Member Tungul stated he is in support of telephonic presence of council members during council meetings for the summer.

Council Member Rowland stated several concerns with the option for extended telephonic participation beyond the sunset clause.

Mayor Marquardt encouraged any further questions or ideas to be routed to City Manager Moore who will forward to City Attorney.

Council Member Rowland requested additional discussion regarding the number of council members required to be physically present while other council members were telephonically present. Council Member Rowland requested specific language as to how many times a council member may be permitted to use the option of telephonic attendance.

Mayor Marquardt stated this item will be brought back before Council for further discussions.

Council Member Rowland restated he will not support long term use of telephonic presence for council members beyond the sunset clause date.

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Marquardt announced the Consent Agenda Adopted.

1. **RESOLUTION 2015-27:** ADOPTING THE CITY OF UNALASKA FY16-FY20 CAPITAL & MAJOR MAINTENANCE PLAN.
2. **RESOLUTION 2015-34:** REQUESTING FY16 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
3. **RESOLUTION 2015-40:** SUPPORTING THE CITY OF UNALASKA'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING OF THE UNALASKA MARINE CENTER EXPANSION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT THROUGH THE USDOT TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM.



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION 2015-35:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STANTEC ARCHITECTURE, INC. TO PERFORM THE DESIGN OF THE BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,365.

Leclere made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-35; Tungul seconded.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

2. **RESOLUTION 2015-38:** ESTABLISHING THE SUM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE CITY OF UNALASKA TO THE UNALASKA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016.

Leclere made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-38; Gregory seconded.

Mayor Marquardt acknowledged John Conwell, UCSD Superintendent and Holly Holman, UCSD Business Manager, for their work.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

3. **RESOLUTION 2015-41:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KNIK CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,040,537 FOR THE 2015 PAVING PROJECT.

Mayor Marquardt removed Resolution 2015-41 from the agenda at the request of City Manager Moore.

4. **ORDINANCE 2015-07 – FIRST READING:** AMENDING UNALASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 8.04.060 TO CHANGE THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING TIME FROM 7:00PM TO 6:00PM.

Johnson made a motion to move Ordinance 2015-07 to Second Reading and Public Hearing on May 12, 2015; Leclere seconded.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

5. **ORDINANCE 2015-08 – FIRST READING:** CREATING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 10 TO THE FY15 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE THE AIRPORT PARKING LOT PROJECT FOR THE OVERAGE ON THE FINAL BILL FROM KNIK; INCREASE THE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH FUNDS FROM THE 2014 PAVING PROJECT FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT PAVING AND LIGHTS; AND INCREASE THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT FOR CONTINUED ENGINEERING SERVICES.

Johnson made a motion to move Ordinance 2015-08 to Second Reading and Public Hearing on May 12, 2015; Leclere seconded.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

6. **ORDINANCE 2015-09 – FIRST READING:** AMENDING UNALASKA CITY CODE CHAPTER 2.20 TO PERMIT PHYSICALLY ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY WITH PRIOR NOTICE.

Rowland made a motion to move Ordinance 2015-09 to Second Reading and Public Hearing on May 12, 2015; Leclere seconded.

Frank Kelty stated support for Ordinance 2015-09 on a trial basis. He also stated the importance of clarifying how many times a council member could utilize this option within a year. Mr. Kelty also expressed concern with using this option during Executive Session. Mr. Kelty also suggested looking into Skype technology.

Council Member Enlow stated he agreed with Mr. Kelty's comments.

Mayor Marquardt restated Ordinance 2015-09 has a sunset clause and further discussion whether or not to extend this option will be taken up at a later date.

Council Member Leclere stated in support of Ordinance 2015-09.

Council Member Rowland stated support for Ordinance 2015-09 as written but stated approachability is very important.

Council Member Johnson stated she is sure council is all in agreement that Ordinance 2015-09 is a way to solve the problem of a lack of quorum during the meetings and is confident that all the safe measures to prevent abuse will be in place.

Mayor Marquardt stated Ordinance 2015-09 would also allow as many council members as possible the opportunity to participate in council meetings and make important decisions for the City.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

7. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL TRAVEL:** INTSOK ARCTIC OPERATIONS CONFERENCE, ANCHORAGE, MAY 27; NPFMC, SITKA, JUNE 1-9; AML SUMMER CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEGISLATIVE MEETING, KETCHIKAN, AUGUST 19-20; INSTITUTE OF THE NORTH ARCTIC CONFERENCE, FAIRBANKS, SEPTEMBER 28-30.

**INTSOK:**

Rowland made a motion for Mayor Marquardt, Council Member Johnson and Council Member Gregory to travel to the INTSOK Arctic Operations Conference in Anchorage on May 27, 2015; Tungul seconded.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

**NPFMC:**

Frank Kelty stated there is a lack of hotel accommodations for this conference. In addition, Mr. Kelty stated Amendment 80 and other segments that do business in Unalaska were worried about some extreme percentages coming forward and they were seeking a letter of support from the City.

Mayor Marquardt commented on the intent of the proposed letter addressing this issue.

Council Member Rowland stated he had difficulty with the focus on the Amendment 80 dollars.

Council Member Enlow stated the need to focus on the travel issue at and not to get bogged down in the response issue.

Rowland made a motion for Mayor Marquardt to attend the NPFMC conference in Sitka for specific discussions; Johnson seconded.

Council Member Rowland restated his opposition to the letter.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

**AML:**

Gregory made a motion for Mayor Marquardt to travel to the AML conference in Ketchikan on August 19 – 20, 2015; Leclere seconded.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

**ION:**

Rowland made a motion for Mayor Marquardt, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Tungul and Council Member Leclere to attend the ION Conference in Fairbanks on September 28 -30, 2015; Enlow seconded.

Council Member Gregory stated he is interested in being an alternate for this conference should Council Member Tungul not travel.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

**COUNCIL DIRECTIVES TO MANAGER:** None.

**COMMUNITY INPUT ANNOUNCEMENTS:** John Conwell mentioned the upcoming UCSD Awards Night and the UCSD Junior Prom.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

  
City Clerk