

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scheidt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Sharon Scheidt
Council Member Ron Ruff
Council Member Susan Love
Council Member Dawson Moore
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Alan Sorum (*by telephone*)

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Fleming

Also Present: 7 - City Manager Mark Detter
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval
Assistant City Manager Roxanne Murphy
City Clerk Sheri Pierce
Deputy City Clerk Allie Ferko (*by telephone*)
Records Manager Shelley McMillen
City Attorney Jake Staser

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021

The City Council regular meeting minutes of February 2, 2021 were approved as presented.

~~**V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**~~

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of 2021 Community Purpose Property Tax Exemption Program Applications**
- 2. Approval of Waiver of Annual Application Deadline for Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption Program - Applicant: Andrew Shidner - 443 Resurrection Loop**
- 3. Approval of a Senior Citizen Hardship Property Tax Exemption - Applicant: Barbara Ezell - 333 Klutina Street**

4. **Approval of Waiver of Annual Application Deadline for Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption Program - Applicant: Leia Alessandrini - 105 Dadina Street**
5. **Proclamation: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Love to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Moore, Council Member Devens and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Rowena Palomar, Advocates for Victims of Violence (AVV) Executive Director, introduced Mr. Jon Berkeley, Valdez High School principal. Mr. Berkeley thanked Council for addressing teen dating violence through the proclamation. He outlined active steps the school was taking to bring awareness to students including hosting presentations from AVV and the Copper River Child Advocacy Group. Mayor Scheidt asked if a parent was looking for resources on this topic to discuss with their children, where could they go. Mr. Berkeley suggested speaking with the High School Guidance Counselor.

~~VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS~~

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Item: COVID 19 Update

Mr. Detter reviewed current case counts both in state and locally, noting a downward trend in both. He outlined the status of current vaccination efforts.

Public Health Nurse Terri Lynch further explained the vaccination schedule, stating Valdez did not receive a February allocation due to being ahead of the rest of the state, thus making round two doses the focus for the month. She explained an early March allocation clinic would occur on the fourth for those currently eligible.

Mr. Detter explained the Valdez Unified Command's intent to distribute state allocated vaccine to the community as fast as possible within state guidelines.

Mayor Scheidt asked if the numbers provided included numbers from groups who receive their own allocations from the state, such as the Coast Guard and the Valdez Native Tribe. Ms. Lynch confirmed the numbers included both groups.

Mr. Detter updated Council on the Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force initiatives, including the Economic Recovery Program and the Advertising & Marketing Grants.

Dr. Angela Alfaro, physician consultant to the Valdez Unified Command, provided

observations of what she was hearing in the medical community. She outlined current local testing options available and encouraged the community to follow all mitigation measures available.

2. Approval of a Contract with Wolverine Supply, Inc. for the Valdez Elementary & High School Water Piping Replacement in the Amount of \$1,169,000

MOTION: Council Member Ruff moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve the contract with Wolverine Supply, Inc. for the Valdez Elementary & High School Water Piping Replacement in the amount of \$1,169,000.

Council Member Love asked why the project would not replace existing water piping located within the walls to the fixtures. Mr. Duval explained those renovations would be included in the larger high school renovation project, and the situation at the elementary school was similar. He outlined the efficiencies gained by moving forward in this manner.

Mr. Detter complimented Mr. Duval's team for the electronic bidding method used for the project. Mr. Duval outlined how his team would use electronic bidding on larger projects in the future.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Moore, Council Member Devens and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval to Purchase a 2021 Peterbilt 520 Truck Equipped with a Labrie Automizer Side Loader Refuse Body from Peterbilt of Alaska in the Amount of \$343,589

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Ruff, to approve the purchase of a 2021 Peterbilt 520 Truck Equipped with a Labrie Automizer Side Loader Refuse Body from Peterbilt of Alaska in the amount of \$343,589.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Moore, Council Member Devens and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approval to Purchase a 2021 Pierce Encore Rescue from Hughes Fire Equipment Inc. in the Amount of \$424,426

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Ruff, to approve the purchase of a 2021 Pierce Encore Rescue from Hughes Fire Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$424,426.

Chief Tracy Raynor, Valdez Fire Department, explained the unit was a replacement piece and was on the regular city equipment replacement cycle.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Moore, Council Member Devens and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

X. ORDINANCES

1. #21-02 - Adoption of New Official Zoning Maps. First Reading. Public Hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Council Member Ruff, to approve Ordinance #21-02. First reading. Public hearing.

Planning Director Kate Huber explained the new zoning maps reflected all 34 rezoning ordinances made since May 1996 and brought the City's GIS mapping system up to date.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Moore, Council Member Devens and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

1. #21-08 - Authorizing the Continuance of the COVID-19 Local Government Disaster Declaration

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Council Member Moore, to approve Resolution #21-08.

Mr. Staser explained how the Local Government Disaster Declaration was maintainable after the State's Disaster Declaration expired.

Mr. Detter reminded Council the local declaration allows flexibility in many aspects, including Valdez Unified Command's ability to function for the benefit of community public health. He recommended clarifying within resolution language the local declaration was not tied to the state declaration.

Council Member Love shared her support of Valdez Unified Command continuing to look at a methodical approach to phasing out of emergency status. Mr. Detter agreed his intent was to bring a draft recommendation from Valdez Unified Command back to Council during an upcoming regular meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Mayor Scheidt, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Love, Council Member Moore, Council Member Devens and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

~~2. **#21-09 - Authorizing the Negotiated Sale of 200 Acres Within Tract B, of ASLS 79-116 to Valdez Property Co, LLC.**~~

Administratively withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

XII. REPORTS

1. **Comprehensive Plan Update**
2. **Change Order Report: Change Order No. 1 with KC Corporation for Animal Shelter Incinerator Replacement Project**
3. **Monthly Treasury Report: December, 2020**
4. **Report on Implementation of Hazard Mitigation Plan**
5. **Procurement Report: Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment Packages for Valdez Fire Station 1 Replacement Project in the Amount of \$106,881.60**

Council Member Love asked if the \$106,881.60 for the project fell within the overall fire station replacement budget. Mr. Duval confirmed it did.

XIII. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS

1. City Manager Report

Mr. Detter stated he had authorized analysis of the area surrounding what was commonly referred to as the Rydor property. He commented on the RFP process for the federal lobbyist and the intention to remain with the existing firm.

2. City Clerk Report

Ms. Pierce confirmed disposal of city property would be worked into the Comprehensive Plan process. She reviewed upcoming Council meetings,

including work sessions on personnel regulations and projects the following week.

Ms. Pierce reminded Council petitions to run for city council, school board, and mayor were available in the Clerk's Office.

3. City Attorney Report

Mr. Staser provided updates on projects and cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including the Alaska Trappers Association, redistricting, escaped property, city employee personnel regulations, code revisions, food truck ordinance, and Pacific Pile & Marine.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Scheidt updated Council on the federal lobbyist interview process. She reminded the community public input was still being accepted on the Meals Hill project. She outlined discussion held during the recent Alaska Municipal League meeting.

Mayor Scheidt informed Council of her meeting with Ms. Kate Dugan, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, and stated they would meet on a quarterly basis to develop an opportunity for an open line of communication between the city and APSC.

XIV. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Several council members thanked those involved in the federal lobbyist interview process. They also thanked the volunteers involved with vaccination efforts.

Council Member Moore expressed his enthusiasm for upcoming efforts to refine the CSO process discussed during the Council work session earlier in the evening.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Scheidt adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.