

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Mayor Dennis Fleming
Council Member Austin Love
Council Member Alan Sorum
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Joseph Lally
City Clerk Sheri Pierce
City Manager John Douglas
Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes - June 4, 2024

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

1. Public Appearance: "The Riker Maneuver" Project

Cameron Harrison of Portland, OR and Jessie Desmond of Fairbanks, AK reviewed their presentation included in the agenda packet. Council voiced their initial support of the project.

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing: PRICE Grant Draft Application

Magdalena McCay, Valdez resident, shared her concerns with the application.

Jerry Devens, Valdez resident, shared her support for the application.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Proclamation: Recognizing Marcie Robertson for 30 Years of Service with the City of Valdez**
- 2. Approval To Go Into Executive Session Re: Escaped Property Litigation**

MOTION: Council Member Devens moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Devens, Lally and Foster

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Vacant City Council Seat

MOTION: Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Sorum, to Sharon Scheidt to vacancy.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Devens, Lally and Foster

Vacancy: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Municipal Naming, Monument, and Sponsorship Policy

MOTION: Council Member Love moved, seconded by Foster, to Approve Municipal Naming, Monument, and Sponsorship Policy.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Scheidt, Devens, Lally and Foster

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Approval of City of Valdez Annual Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal for the Period Beginning July 1, 2024 in the Amount of \$979,713

MOTION: Council Member Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Lally, to Approve the Annual Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal for the Period Beginning July 1, 2024 for the City of Valdez.

Council Member Foster requested additional information on the crime and police officer funding. David Hale, Hale & Associates, noted it was the nature of the beast, and rates were applied universally across the board.

Council Member Love requested clarification on if the actual budget was lower or higher than what was budgeted. Finance Director Jordan Nelson he expected to see a budget amendment resolution come through, and it would be reflected later in the year.

Council Member Love asked why the discounts were down. Hale outlined the APEI and AML merger's effect on the discounts.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Scheidt, Devens, Lally and Foster
MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion Item: Meals Hill Park Re-Naming

Council Member Love provided an update on the Meals Hill Park Re-Naming committee's efforts, shared resources used, and the current direction they were moving.

Council Member Love asked what timeline they should adhere to to meet the needs of the project. Director Duval stated it took about 6 weeks to get panels on site, and the contractor intended to be done in October, so within the next month would be idea.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

1. #24-29 - Authorizing the City Clerk to Dispose of Certain City Records

MOTION: Foster moved, seconded by Council Member Lally, to approve resolution 24-29.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 7 - Fleming, Love, Sorum, Scheidt, Devens, Lally and Foster
MOTION CARRIED.

XII. REPORTS

- 1. Procurement Report: Professional Services Agreement with Shannon & Wilson for Additional Site Characterization Activities, HHES**
- 2. Procurement Report: Contract with RSR Contracting, LLC for Landsharks Contaminated Soil Removal in the Amount of \$99,775.00**

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

1. City Manager Report

Director Douglas provided an update on legislative priorities, upcoming work sessions, and the Director's Retreat.

Director Duval reviewed the status of the Pipeline Club property sale.

2. City Clerk Report

City Clerk Pierce shared Deputy Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk had attended Professional Development 2 the previous week and was close to receiving her Certified Municipal Clerk designation. She had also attended Professional Development 4 the previous week, studying threat and disaster crisis management. She noted crisis and threat management training had not been done with the Council prior, and she would work with the Emergency Manager and Police Chief to provide said training later this summer.

City Clerk Pierce stated Board & Commission Training had been scheduled for July 30th and would be open to the School Board, community wide nonprofit organizations, and any community members interested in attending.

3. City Attorney Report

Attorney Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on for the City, including escaped property, and Alderwood.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Fleming shared his experience touring the recent cruise ship.

XIV. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Members congratulated Marcie Robertson on her retirement and thanked her for 30 years of service

Council Member Devens reminded those listening this week would be Strategic Planning week and if community members had any input, they should submit it via letter. He encouraged those listening to attend the Ren Faire.

Council Member Foster thanked Diane Selanoff for her help to incorporate Native Alaskan culture into everything we do. She asked those listening to welcome those arriving in town to work in the local fishing industry.

Council Member Lally thanked those who presented during the meeting. He shared his experience touring the recent cruise ship.

Council Member Scheidt shared her gratitude to be back on Council. She thanked those who worked on the Naming, Monuments, and Sponsorships Policy, as well as the Meals Hill renaming committee. She noted she would be unavailable for the Strategic Planning meetings.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting reconvened

XVI. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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