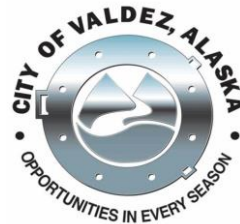


City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Valdez City Council Chambers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL

**Present: 4 - Mayor Jeremy O'Neil
Council Member Ron Ruff
Council Member Jim Shirrell
Council Member Darren Reese**

**Excused: 3 - Council Member Christopher Moulton
Council Member Lon Needles
Council Member Dennis Fleming**

**Also Present: 3 - City Clerk Sheri Pierce
Deputy City Clerk Allie Ferko
City Attorney Jake Staser**

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**1. Public Appearance: Mike Sutton, Director D.H.S.**

Public appearance cancelled. To be rescheduled at a later date when all City Council Members can be in attendance.

2. Staff Update Report on January Valdez Glacier Stream Flood Event

City Capital Facilities Director Nate Duvall reported on the Glacier Stream outburst event. His presentation included drone aerial photographs and video footage taken by his staff. Mr. Duvall explained the four finger dikes downstream of the bridge over the stream were functioning as designed. The NRCS dike was also functioning as intended. The bulk of the land downstream of the bridge was in relatively good shape, with the exception of some water coming across the highway.

City Public Works Director Rob Comstock explained that as the river came up, it flowed through the trees upstream of the bridge, filled up the state right-away, and ran across Dump Road. The bike path on that side of the highway was underwater. As the water level came up, it was forced towards 9th Street and the residences in that area. He said there was a lot of high water and efforts were made to keep water from going into any buildings. As the water started to drop, city staff were able to berm off where the water was going to the west on Dump Road, allowing it to recede more towards Airport Road.

Mr. Comstock explained DOT observed erosion on the west end of their bridge over Richardson Highway and were able to complete a temporary repair and keep the bridge functional. He stated the City closed Sawmill Road for a period of time to allow deep water close to the highway to drain. The culverts were overwhelmed by the amount of water inundating the area all at once and it just took time to drain.

Mr. Comstock explained, while the 2018 outburst was large, the one in 2016 was deeper. For example, the parking lot up at Glacier Lake in 2016 was covered by roughly seven to eight feet of water. With the 2018 outburst, the parking lot was covered in only 18 inches of water. He explained, despite it being smaller, it was still significant with effects lasting all day. He stated the water coming across Dump Road, covering the bike path, and heading west towards 9th Street was something new with this year's outburst event. Water filled the stream bank to bank and washed icebergs as far down as the bridge. Mr. Comstock said the two residences off Copper Ave which are below the bridge had pretty significant water coming into their yards. However, the water never threatened the homes in the area and they were able to do a few things to help it drain.

Ms. Pierce asked Mr. Comstock to explain how the City should coordinate with the State of Alaska project for Valdez Glacier Stream in the future. Mr. Comstock explained DOT awarded the contract today. DOT plans to build a significant revetment from the west end of the bridge upstream. He stated the City then has a design to go from there to the corner of Dump Road. There currently is a revetment in place that was built in an emergency situation three years ago, but this new build would be a design very similar to the new DOT revetment. Mr. Comstock explained, had those revetments been in place, none of the flooding would have gone west or over onto Copper Street. All the flooding was caused by inundation of the river through the trees and across the road so that will be completely sealed off by the DOT and City structures scheduled to be built fall 2018.

Council Member Jim Shirrell asked what was different about this outburst event which caused more flooding and rerouting of water than the larger 2016 event. Mr. Comstock explained the river decides what channel it wants to take and this year the river was channelized in a direction not typical in previous years. In 2016, the water flowed more towards the bridge and to the other side of the stream.

Mr. Comstock then described the current high water event on the Lowe River. He explained in 2017, the river filled the twelve-mile pit. Once the pit was filled, water started running through the trees towards the Alpine Woods subdivision. Mr. Comstock explained, over the years the river has cut various channels through the woods. He stated he went out to check on the area over the weekend before tonight's meeting. On Saturday, there was no water in the trees. On Sunday, water had inundated the area again, working its way through the trees towards dike three, which is the newest dike built a few years ago. He said they've been

monitoring waters proximity to the subdivision with the help of Valdez citizen, Mr. Rick Wade.

Mr. Comstock said all-in-all high water levels in both the Valdez Glacier Stream and Lowe River seem to be subsiding, but as always there are areas of concern being monitored by City staff.

Council Member Shirrell stated Valdez will likely receive more rain and water as the summer goes on. He asked if additional problems should be expected, is there any way to prepare for the potential of future flooding, and what predictions can be made about summer water levels. Mr. Comstock explained predictions are hard to make, but usually heavy rain days lead to more high water in area rivers. He stated Valdez Glacier Stream is not effected as much by rain. High water events on that waterway usually relate to glacial outbursts. The Lowe River, however, is effected by heavy rains. The river has also changed channels multiple times in the last few years and more water is flowing against the dike system. Many of the City's recent projects for the Lowe River relate to this type of occurrence and involve raising the free board of the dikes.

Mr. Comstock explained eventually big projects on these rivers have to be done. City staff actively look for and monitor vulnerable areas along the river and associated dike system. Oftentimes areas of high water observed one day will be high and dry the next day. He explained it is a constantly changing situation. City staff also use local resources and knowledge of residents, such as Mr. Wade, who live in the area and know the history of how the river has moved and flooded in the past.

Mr. Comstock explained, based on the current status of the waterways and dike system, if everything occurs as in a normal year, there should be no major flooding concerns for the rest of 2018. However, if a 2006-level flood occurs, there will most definitely be some issues.

Mr. Duval stated there are two large projects planned for the Glacier Stream. There will also be some smaller service contracts for the various dike systems to patch riprap, do brush cutting, and add freeboard. Mr. Duval reminded citizens who live close to a local river that the City will attempt to control as many factors as possible, but sometimes Mother Nature cannot be controlled. He reminded citizens to look into flood insurance if they own property around a waterway. He said those that live west of the Glacier Stream got an eye opener today and that sometimes it is necessary to cover your interests.

Mayor Jeremy O'Neil asked if the 2017 Flood Mitigation Plan is sufficient to address an abnormal year and asked if it contemplates days like today. Mr. Comstock said the Flood Mitigation Task Force is made up of representatives of the three different riverine area: Mineral Creek, Valdez Glacier Stream, and Lowe River. The Task Force discusses the bigger issues, direction, resources, projects, and then produces recommendations. He stated he believes outburst

and high water events are recognized and included in discussions and considerations made by the Task Force. Their mission is to figure out which project is most appropriate.

Ms. Pierce recommended a joint work session between City Council and the Flood Mitigation Task Force bring everyone up to speed on planned and proposed projects, DOWL designs, and implementation schedules. Council Member Reese stated a joint work session would be beneficial to the group, as Council Members not already on the Task Force cannot attend routine meetings. Council Member Ron Ruff asked if it would be advantageous to have the DOWL hydrologist attend the joint work session to better explain the science behind the situation. Ms. Pierce stated she would coordinate to ensure the DOWL hydrologist could participate in person. Council Member Ruff pointed out that as the sediment drops out of these riverbeds, the water is going to move into low lying neighborhood areas. He expressed concern about the difficulties in preventing this from happening.

Mayor O'Neil commended teamwork amongst City departments and their attentiveness to citizens and businesses effected by recent high water events.

V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Patty Relay, executive director of the Valdez Museum and Historical Archive, expressed gratitude to the City on behalf of the board and staff of the museum. She expressed thanks to the City Council for their continued support of the museum's missions and said the museum received the third quarter installment of its City grant.

Ms. Relay shared some highlights of how the year had been shaping up. She said the museum galleries have been full of tourists from all over the world. As of June 15th, general admissions are up 26% since last year and tour bus admissions are up over 36%. Regularly scheduled buses from Princess Cruises have been coming three to four times a week. She said visiting hours expanded at the main museum. The Remembering Old Valdez exhibit continues to bring in visitors. Summer brings programs and offerings for all ages. Currently the museum is featuring Cordova artist David Rosenthal in the Egan commons. His exhibit is titled *David Rosenthal: Art and Science at the Katmai Coast*. It includes paintings of glaciers from around Prince William Sound. The artist aims to tie together fine art and science. Ms. Relay said funding for the exhibit was supported by the City, the Alaska State Council on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Copper Valley Electric Association Community Foundation. The show runs through Labor Day.

Ms. Relay shared information on the programs that were coming up. This Saturday there is a free photo walk with Mr. Gary Minish, where participants can learn how to take photographs. The museum continues to have Tuesday night history talks. Next Tuesday's topic is "Bird Lore and Birding Tools" with Faith Reveille who will also talk about her bird-related art

Ms. Relay said the museum continues to offer Old Town walking tours. These easy one-hour walks coincide with low tides, low water, and access through the waterfront. The museum's July hands-on history and art camp for children is supported by United Way of Valdez. There are also some art workshops taught by local artists that will happen throughout the summer.

Ms. Relay said the museum is participating with the Blue Star museum program, a collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums around the country. Museums in this program offer free admission to the active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In addition to programs and projects, museum board members and staff are currently coordinating the 17th annual roadhouse dinner and fundraiser, set for October 6th. This year's theme is "winter wonderland" and the dinner will be celebrating Ms. Karen Stewart for co-founding the World Extreme Ski Challenge.

Ms. Relay expressed gratitude for the generosity of the city, community, and volunteers allowing the museum to offer programs and exhibits for the community of Valdez.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval To Go Into Executive Session Regarding Active Litigation Matters

MOTION: Council Member Ruff moved, seconded by Council Member Reese, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 4 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Shirrell and Council Member Reese

Excused: 3 - Council Member Moulton, Council Member Needles and Council Member Fleming

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Contract Amendment #1 with RSA Engineering, Inc. for VCT Electrical Repairs Professional Services Contract No. 1341 in the Amount of \$52,324

MOTION: Council Member Shirrell moved, seconded by Council Member Reese, to approve Contract Amendment #1 with RSA Engineering, Inc. for VCT Electrical Repairs Professional Services Contract No. 1341 in the amount of \$52,324. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Council Member Shirrell said a number of recent projects at the Port facility were expanding the port's capabilities regarding shipping and this was a good example of one that will produce revenue as return on investment, when historically that

has not been the case.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 4 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Shirrell and Council Member Reese

Excused: 3 - Council Member Moulton, Council Member Needles and Council Member Fleming

2. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Copper Valley Telecom for Dark Fiber Lease in the Amount \$864,000.

MOTION: Council Member Reese moved, seconded by Council Member Ruff, to approve the professional services agreement with Copper Valley Telecom in the amount \$864,000. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Council Member Shirrell asked for clarification on the method by which the contract dollar amount was reached and what was being approved under this contract. City Information Technology Director Matthew Osburn explained the current structure for services from Copper Valley Telecom (CVT) includes lines from each City facility connecting individually to CVT. With that configuration, each line is required to be encrypted, which limits City capabilities and network speeds. To change the configuration to a point-to-point connection, it would almost double the cost currently being paid and involve a substantial implementation cost. The third option involves renting CVT's dark fiber, with the City leasing space at CVT's central office for our switch. The City can then do much more with our own network and provide many more services with that configuration.

Council Member Reese asked why the contract covered 14 physical locations, with only 13 locations currently identified. Mr. Osburn clarified the 14th location was included in anticipation of the new fire station facility.

Council Member Shirrell asked how the accounting for this item would be managed. Mr. Carlson explained approval of the agenda item commits to a five-year contract, but only commits to unbudgeted funding to get through the 2018 budget year. The resolution later on the agenda back-fills the shortfall. In subsequent years, this item will be a budgeted line item under the IT Department's operational budget. With that, there will be an incremental increase in the communications line item for the department. Mr. Carlson provided a breakdown of how the lease amount was calculated.

Mayor O'Neil asked for further information on increased capabilities of the new network, how it would add value, and what the City will receive under this lease. Mr. Osburn explained following the resignation of the former City IT Director, the City contracted with Mr. John Lynch to provide assistance with City information technology needs. Mr. Lynch presented an IT status update to City Council in December last year with multiple recommendations. With Mr. Osburn now in place as the new IT Director, the City has rolled out several improvements including a Microsoft software purchase and update which streamlined and improved capabilities. One of the biggest issues identified by Mr. Lynch during his time at the City was the age and limited speed of the network, slower than

most home internet connections. Dark fiber allows us to have one centralized phone system, wireless internet for police and other City operations, security cameras, and other services. In the long run this will provide more capabilities, productivity, services, and cost savings in the other services City departments can provide. Mr. Osburn said the long-term goal is to work with Public Works and Capital Facilities as they do projects like road maintenance and start installing the City's own fiber to become self-sufficient. However, that process will take years.

Council Member Shirrell clarified the agenda item before Council was to approve the lease of dark fiber from CVT. The cost for the lease was merely provided as an estimate, but would fluctuate based upon usage and other factors. Mr. Carlson confirmed this as an accurate description. Council Member Shirrell stated the contract with CVT is for five years, with two additional five year renewal options. He asked if the City must take action to prevent automatic renewal of the contract. Ms. Pierce confirmed the City must take provide notice within sixty days of expiration or the two additional five year renewals would be automatic. Mr. Staser also stated there is a termination for convenience clause with a six month notice provision.

Council Member Reese asked for a roll-out timeframe. Mr. Osburn explained it would be rolled out in stages, with the library and pool first. He stated the timeframe would be 60 days at the earliest, but the contract did not need to be signed immediately. Prearrangements would need to be made with CVT, but the cut-over should be relatively smooth. Mr. Osburn stated he hopes to have all City facilities on the same type of switch and have everything in place by the end of the year. The airport facility will be the most challenging due to location and the amount of City staff operating out of that facility.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 4 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Shirrell and Council Member Reese

Excused: 3 - Council Member Moulton, Council Member Needles and Council Member Fleming

3. Approval of Community Jail Contract with State of Alaska

MOTION: Council Member Ruff moved, seconded by Council Member Reese, to approve the Valdez Community Jail contract with the State of Alaska for a five year term beginning July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Council Member Shirrell asked if the City was actively involved in discussions regarding alternate options for management of pretrial programs, such as electronic monitoring. Police Chief Bart Hinkle said the State of Alaska pays for electronic monitoring, which the police department then manages on their behalf. The costs of this program are outlined in the jail contract. The State of Alaska originally requested four services from the police department as part of this contract. Chief Hinkle explained his department is only capable of supporting, and thus only agreed to assist with, three of the four services. He stated

monitoring of sentenced individuals is being quasi-conducted, with the process currently being formalized. City Council may see an amendment to the contract based upon the outcome of that process formalization.

Council Member Shirrell stated it will be critical to recapture both direct and indirect costs of these types of programs and challenged City administration to keep that in mind. Chief Hinkle explained his department already required electronic monitoring materials onsite, including computer software provided by the Department of Corrections. Monitoring devices and shipping costs are also covered by the Department of Corrections or through the fines levied. He said police department staffing can also support the program without having to modify schedules.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 4 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Shirrell and Council Member Reese

Excused: 3 - Council Member Moulton, Council Member Needles and Council Member Fleming

4. Approval of the City's Property and Casualty Insurance Program Renewal with AML-JIA for the Twelve Months Beginning July 1, 2018.

MOTION: Council Member Ruff moved, seconded by Council Member Shirrell, to approve the City's Property and Casualty Insurance Program renewal with AML-JIA for the twelve months beginning July 1, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Mayor O'Neil asked what factors were involved in the decision to move from a three-year to a two-year contract, as he thought it involved losing a discount. Mr. Carlson explained a longer term contract involved a membership commitment. He said the City switched from API to AML-JIA last year and wanted to determine how the renewals came back before locking into a multi-year membership commitment. This year, City staff recommend a three-year contract with AML-JIA. The insurance broker contract is separate two-year agreement, with the term of the contract being driven by procurement code. The length of the separate insurance and broker contracts do not need to align.

Mayor O'Neil asked for clarification on loss of the discount which he believed would equate to \$15,000. Mr. David Hale from the city's contracted insurance broker clarified a three-year contract would include a discount. This length of contract was not proposed last year to make sure everything was in order and the City was not hit with a huge increase in cost after the first year. The contract was shopped to API and AML and standard markets this year. AML came in lower than API again. Mr. Hale said it was his recommendation to go with a three-year contract and take advantage of the discounts.

Mr. Hale outlined the different factors his brokerage firm considers as part of the recommendation and selection process for insurance companies. He also outlined trends in the different automobile, property, casualty, and liability insurance markets. There have been several property casualties recently which has caused an increase on those policies. The good thing is that the City's claims are driving the rates instead of a pool.

Mr. Staser clarified the two-year limit on professional services agreements is codified in City Charter, which explains the two-year term limit for the professional services agreement with Mr. Hale.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 4 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Shirrell and Council Member Reese

Excused: 3 - Council Member Moulton, Council Member Needles and Council Member Fleming

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

- #18-23 - Amending the 2018 City of Valdez Budget by Transferring \$64,200 from Reserve Fund to General Fund, and Appropriating Same for Provision of Dark Fiber Services from Copper Valley Telecom**

MOTION: Council Member Ruff moved, seconded by Council Member Reese, to approve Resolution #18-23, amending the 2018 City of Valdez Budget by transferring \$64,200 from Technology Reserve to General Fund - Information Technology Department, for provision of Dark Fiber Services from Copper Valley Telecom. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 4 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Shirrell and Council Member Reese

Excused: 3 - Council Member Moulton, Council Member Needles and Council Member Fleming

IX. REPORTS

- April and May 2018 New Boat Harbor Report**

Council Member Reese asked when drilling and demolition of rocks will occur. Mr. Duval stated blasting has been going on for the last week or so, with completion anticipated in two to three weeks. Council Member Reese asked if they are getting good results from blasting efforts. Mr. Duval stated blasting was working better than mechanical methods.

2. Procurement Report - Service Agreement with Clark Contracting LLC, dba Servpro of Douglas County for School District Office Water Damage Abatement

Council Member Shirrell asked for clarification on how this damage would be reimbursed from the City's insurance company. Mr. Duval explained the \$100,000 threshold is the City's deductible obligation. The response to this incident under this agreement will cost more than the deductible. The obligation on behalf of the City is the balance of the deductible. FM Global is responsible for the remainder. He said this agreement is in uncharted territory in procurement between emergency procurement, professional services, and contracting. To get the issue handled quickly, they followed the advice of FM Global and are presenting this report with the understanding that action must be taken immediately.

Council Member Shirrell expressed concerns with procurement for this agreement, as he believes it should require Council approval instead of appearing as a report, even if the expenditure will be offset by insurance reimbursement.

Mr. Duval said Finance, Capital Facilities, and the City Manager all had to figure out the best way to approach the issue. He said this was in the best interest of the City. Mr. Hale explained cost to the City is the deductible. Additionally, an associate from FM Global will come in July to look at the tank that failed. He said there is a really good chance of subrogation on the tank manufacturer because it was still under warranty. If that is the case, FM Global will recover the deductible for the City.

Council Member Reese asked for an estimate on when the district office will be remediated. Mr. Duval said the project team is currently working on placement of insulation and painting. New carpet and new flooring must be ordered and engineering support is needed to fix a few issues with the boiler system to ensure a back-up boiler is in place and operational. He said the facility will be somewhat put back together within the next month and will be fully operational before the school year.

3. Procurement Report - Professional Services Agreement #1391 with Michael Baker International, Inc. for Animal Shelter Kennel Remodel in the amount of \$64,200.00

Council Member Shirrell asked if this is a budgeted item. Mr. Duval confirmed it was an approved budget item. Council Member Shirrell asked for future items to be declared budgeted items if they're budgeted.

4. Procurement Report - Agreement for Services CF-003 with Alaska Testlab, LLC

Council Member Shirrell asked if this is a budgeted item. Mr. Duval explained the city had three separate service agreements with Alaska Testlabs for three different projects. Mr. Duval said staff want to capitalize on the agreement to bring similar services performed by the firm for different projects under one central contract. In the past, these types of services would have been handled individually using a purchase order. He explained he had no intention of exceeding the costs outlined in the agreement.

Council Member Shirrell asked if there are specific projects identified under this contract. Mr. Duval explained City buildings included inspection requirements, which are identified in the 2018 work plan. Some can be performed in-house, but many must be performed by a contracted firm. He said staff are waiting on proposals from two other firms who also perform similar services. Mr. Duval said in the past, a PO would've just been sent and they'd take care of it, they'd perform the services, and move on. Mr. Duval said he has no intention of exceeding the cost of the agreement.

Council Member Shirrell expressed concerns regarding the manner in which this agreement was formatted. Mr. Duval clarified that his departmental budget does not include a \$100,000 line item for Alaska Testlab. Any work they perform is captured within a budgeted project or contractual service. These agreement allows staff to better track what is being spent on these types of services provided by this particular company. The agreement would be renewed for 2019 budgeted items at which time a different method could be used. Council Member Shirrell stated there is value in setting up multi-year service agreements to lock in price, create escalators, or have renegotiations. Mr. Duval said the majority of the service agreements are for longstanding issues and using them allows staff to be proactive rather than reactive.

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

1. City Manager Report

Ms. Pierce said City Manager Elke Doom would be back Friday morning. Until that time she is serving as acting City Manager.

Ms. Doom and the City's state lobbyist were in Girdwood at a meeting the Girdwood Citizen's Council to listen to a presentation regarding the proposed formation of a borough. Representatives from the communities of Cordova, Whittier, and Chenega were also in attendance.

2. City Clerk Report

Ms. Pierce reminded Council of the Air National Guard memorial ceremony, which would be held Saturday at noon at the west entrance of the new boat harbor. Mr. Chuck Volanti, the airmen with whom she has been working with for several years to get the memorial in place, and his wife would be in attendance. Other scheduled attendees included Governor Walker, members of the Air National Guard command and friends and family of the fallen airmen. She said a program will be sent out to the Council. Mr. Duval reminded everyone the new boat harbor uplands was still an active construction site and public access would be limited during the memorial ceremony.

Ms. Pierce stated the Council is invited to an open house on June 21st at 10:30 a.m. for the Valdez Fisheries Development Association. She also reviewed events that took place the previous week during the Last Frontier Theater Conference, including a dinner and reception hosted by the City for conference participants.

3. City Attorney Report

Mr. Staser reviewed his efforts in conjunction with City staff regarding revisions to Valdez Municipal Code. He provided a brief overview of the status of several cases being worked by his firm, including the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas project.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor O'Neil said he was able to attend the Last Frontier Theater Conference and commented it was remarkable that hundreds of professional thespians and artists attended. He said they offer six shows free of charge. Mayor O'Neil gave credit to Dawson Moore for his contributions in pulling off a world-class event. He commended President O'Connor and Prince William Sound College for their efforts and energy.

Mayor O'Neil explained the Alaska Chamber of Commerce was visiting Valdez. He and Council Member Shirrell attended some of the scheduled Chamber events. He said there was representation from every industry in the state on the Chamber's delegation to Valdez, who received a tour of the TAPS terminal, a tour of the fish hatchery, and received exposure to the Valdez community. He said he was given a symbolic umbrella, which the Chamber gives out when visiting rainy communities.

XI. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Shirrell spoke about how the community wants nothing to do with incorporation into a borough. He asked people to consider that it would mean an additional level of government and pointed out the City would also then share property tax funds with other municipalities in the borough. Mayor O'Neil said it is beneficial to have the city manager attending meetings on the topic, as it's good for the city to have

some visibility on the discussion. Ms. Pierce stated staff should be involved, most especially, if the City of Valdez was a topic of discussion during borough meetings. She said the City's presence would not be meant to indicate support of the concept, just involvement in the discussion. Council Member Shirrell explained he wanted the community and the Council to understand the downsides.

Council Member Shirrell made comments regarding the Providence Valdez Medical Center Health Advisory Council's work on addressing addiction and other mental healthcare needs in Valdez. He explained those types of connect to underlying themes of underemployment, income, housing, poor medical support, and poor education. He said that these are all things the Council is taking an initiative on to make a healthier community.

XII EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council transitioned into executive session at 8:49 p.m.

XIII. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council returned from executive session at 10:29 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor O'Neil adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.