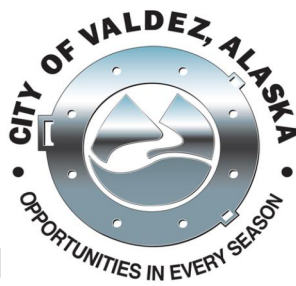


City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes – Draft

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

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

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Jeremy O'Neil
Council Member Ron Ruff
Council Member Christopher Moulton
Council Member Sharon Scheidt
Council Member Darren Reese
Council Member Dennis Fleming
Council Member Alan Sorum

Also Present: 4 - Interim City Manager Roxanne Murphy
Deputy City Clerk Allie Ferko
Records Manager Shelley McMillen
City Attorney Jake Staser

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019**

The City Council regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2019 were approved as presented.

V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

VI. NEW BUSINESS**1. Approval of a Contract Award with Curtis Electric, LLC for the Clinic Backup Generator Project in the Amount of \$139,000**

Mayor O'Neil recused himself from discussion and voting on this agenda item due to a potential conflict of interest. He designated Council Member Scheidt to serve as meeting chair and departed the dais.

There was a brief discussion about the requirements to be recused from debate and vote on an agenda item. City Council expressed no objections to Mayor O'Neil abstaining from participating in the discussion and vote on this agenda item.

MOTION: Council Member Moulton moved, seconded by Council Member Fleming, to approve a contract award with Curtis Electric, LLC, for the Clinic Backup Generator Project in the amount of \$139,000. The motion carried by the

following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Council Member Fleming asked for clarification on the local bidder preference requirements. Mr. Nate Duval, City capital facilities director, explained City procurement code requires a contractor to have a Valdez mailing address listed on their state of Alaska business license to qualify as a local bidder.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Council Member Ruff, Council Member Moulton, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

Recused: 1 - Mayor O'Neil

VII. RESOLUTIONS

- 1. #19-30 - Amending the 2019 Budget by Accepting the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry 2019 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$2,633 and Authorizing Expenditure**

MOTION: Council Member Moulton moved, seconded by Council Member Reese, to approve Resolution No. 19-30, accepting a grant from SOA DNR Forestry in the amount of \$2,633 and authorizing its expenditure. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Council Member Moulton asked how the funds would be used. Chief Tracy Raynor, Valdez fire chief, stated the funds would be used towards departmental training efforts. Chief Raynor provided a brief overview of the upcoming annual Fire Symposium.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 7 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Ruff, Council Member Moulton, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese, Council Member Fleming and Council Member Sorum

VIII. REPORTS

- 1. Report: Two Change Orders with Orion Construction, Inc. for the Valdez Swimming Pool Renovation Project**

Council Member Fleming asked for an update on the costs associated with the project. Mr. Duval provided the general costs related to design and construction. Council had a brief discussion regarding how the project was bid and associated costs. Mr. Duval explained the project is on schedule to be completed prior to the start of the school year.

- 2. Report: Legal Billing Summary - April 2019 (Brena, Bell & Walker, P.C.)**

3. Report: Application Requirements for “Coast Guard City” Designation

Both Council Member Sorum and Mayor O’Neil expressed support for exploring efforts to qualify for the “Coast Guard City” designation.

4. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Summer Camp Update Report**5. Report: Q1 Financial Statement - Period ending 3/31/2019****IX. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS****1. City Manager Report**

Ms. Murphy provided updates on the status of the local state DMV office and the junk vehicle abatement program. She thanked the Port Department staff for their hard work before, during, and after cruise ship visits.

Ms. Murphy explained the North Meyring shelter was demolished due to safety concerns with the structural integrity of the structure. The shelter is scheduled to be rebuilt by summer 2020.

Ms. Murphy stated staff are continuing to move forward with the Meals Hill acquisition. She announced the City’s new website would go live on June 17th. She thanked Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for providing herself and several members of Council a tour of SERVS and the Valdez Marine Terminal. She thanked staff and volunteers involved in the City’s military appreciation weekend activities.

Ms. Murphy asked Council if they would be supportive of a housing work session with a local banker, local realtor, and housing developer. Council expressed their support for scheduling the work session. Ms. Murphy took coordinating the work session for action.

2. City Clerk Report

Ms. Ferko provided an update regarding upcoming City Council dates and events. She also provided an overview of planning efforts for the upcoming Community Town Hall regarding the state budget. Council gave consensus to livestream the Town Hall event utilizing the services of Seed Media. She stated the City Clerk will be back in the office on June 12th.

3. City Attorney Report

Mr. Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including the AKLNG project regulatory process, Title 6 and 17 municipal code updates, coordinating with the state court system to incorporate the Title 8 fine schedule in the state uniform minor offense table, the C-Plan adjudication process, the Barton v City of Valdez case, the Meals Hill acquisition and development project, and Pacific Pile & Marine claims mediation, and the stop work order for the Kimley-Horn project.

Mr. Staser explained his firm is working on a formal borough formation presentation for Council to be presented by Mr. Robin Brena in executive session in early fall.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor O'Neil provided a verbal report on his recent activities, including his participation and appreciation for the Valdez High School commencement ceremony and Gilson Middle School 8th grade graduation, issuance of the City's annual All America City Scholarships, Military Appreciation Weekend, and tours of visiting cruise ships. He echoed thanks to the city staff and community members who were involved in planning and execution of these recent community events. He encouraged local business owners, vendors, and others to retain Valdez authenticity during cruise ship visits.

Mayor O'Neil announced the upcoming USO show which was opened to the general public as a thank you for local support of military members during the recent federal government shutdown. He also announced the Valdez Consortium Library's Facebook page went live this week.

X. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Reese stated he would be traveling for several weeks. He reminded the community about the upcoming anniversary of D-Day.

Council Members Ruff and Sorum thanked City staff for all their hard work and a successful start to the summer season. Council Member Sorum provided an overview of his impressions of the cruise ship visits.

Council Member Moulton provided an update on the Alaska State Firefighters Association local scholarships. Funds for the scholarships are raised during the Splash-in Event and Santa Snowtown Deliveries. He discussed the recent Valdez Adventure Alliance Shoup Trail work day and the Far North Follies play.

Council Member Scheidt discussed her experience on her recent tour of the Valdez Marine Terminal and SERVVS facilities, as well as the VCVB's summer kickoff event. She expressed her appreciation of City staff who attended the VCVB event. She reiterated the primary importance of the city manager search. She congratulated the Valdez High School class of 2019.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor O'Neil adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.