

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

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

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

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Jeremy O'Neil
Council Member Christopher Moulton
Council Member Sharon Scheidt
Council Member Darren Reese
Council Member Alan Sorum

Excused: 2 - Council Member Ron Ruff
Council Member Dennis Fleming

Also Present: 6 - City Manager Mark Detter
Assistant City Manager Nathan Duval
Assistant 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 February 4, 2020**

The City Council regular meeting minutes of February 4, 2020 were approved as presented.

V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Lanette Oliver, Joe Kay & Haason Johnson-Scott, Valdez Adventure Alliance (VAA)

Mr. Kay invited Council and the community to attend the joint VAA and Outdoor Leadership's Outdoor Skills Extravaganza on Monday, March 2nd. Ms. Oliver presented the "By the Foot" Campaign to fundraise for the repair of Shoup Bay Trail.

Several Council members stated they were impressed with the recent level of participation in VAA's ice climbing festival.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval To Go Into Executive Session - RE: Municipal Boundary Issues and TAPS Ad Valorem Tax**
- 2. Approval of Beverage Dispensary License Renewal for License #3461**

Puddle Jumpers Saloon and License #4675 The Fat Mermaid

MOTION: Council Member Moulton moved, seconded by Council Member Sorum to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Moulton, Council Member Scheidt,
Council Member Reese and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 2 - Council Member Ruff and Council Member Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

VII. NEW BUSINESS**1. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Corvus Design, Inc. for the Valdez Comprehensive Plan Revision in the Amount of \$404,438.50**

MOTION: Council Member Reese moved, seconded by Council Member Scheidt, to approve Professional Services Agreement with Corvus Design, Inc. for the Comprehensive Plan Revision in the amount of \$404,438.50.

Council Member Sorum asked about the estimated end date of the revision process. Mr. Detter stated the proposed timeline is approximately one year. He outlined the project schedule and the citizens committee which helped make the selection of the contractor.

Council Member Scheidt asked why certain elements of the planning process would be repeated in this phase of the project. Mr. Detter expressed the need for information which was more specific than the data collected by the previous contractor. The data analysis needed to be more robust, specifically regarding land use. The existing data would be incorporated and then built upon to complete the project.

Council Member Reese requested an update on the status of the City's relationship with Kimley-Horn, the previous project contractor. Mr. Staser confirmed the contract had been closed out and all work product created has been turned over to the city.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Moulton, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 2 - Council Member Ruff and Council Member Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Approval of Contract with Build Alaska General Contractors, LLC for Civic Center Exterior Staining & Upgrades in the Amount of \$310,155

MOTION: Council Member Reese moved, seconded by Council Member Moulton, to approve contract with Build Alaska General Contractors, LLC for Civic Center exterior staining & upgrades in the amount of \$310,155.

Council Member Moulton inquired why the cost of the project was lower than the amount budgeted. Mr. Duval replied the project included the Civic Center and the school district administration building. The elementary school was removed from the scope of the project, which lowered the overall cost. Some of the funding was also used for an ADA compliant entrance ramp on the Civic Center.

Council Member Scheidt asked how often this type of project needed to be completed. Mr. Duval answered approximately every seven to ten years.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Moulton, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 2 - Council Member Ruff and Council Member Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval to Purchase 680 Bear Resistant Carts from Rehrig Pacific Company in the Amount of \$188,438

MOTION: Council Member Moulton moved, seconded by Council Member Scheidt, to approve the purchase of 680 Bear Resistant Carts in the amount of \$188,438.

Council Member Moulton noted there was a difference between the budgeted amount and what was being spent. He requested more information on how the remaining balance would be used. Public Works Solid Waste Manager Erick Garcia explained a more cost effective and reputable company had been chosen over what was originally brought before Council. Chief Hinkle added the \$188,438 was specifically for the 680 wildlife resistant carts being ordered. However, there was more involved with the project which was included in the total budget figure.

Council Member Scheidt inquired about the new automated trash collection system. Mr. Garcia explained the specifications of the two new retrofitted truck attachments, the cost of which was included in the budgeted amount.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Moulton, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 2 - Council Member Ruff and Council Member Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Discussion Item: Proposed Schedule for Department Reports to Council

Mr. Detter gave a brief overview of the purpose of the proposed schedule, and explained the reports would be more in-depth.

VIII. ORDINANCES**1. #20-01 - Amending Title 8, Chapter 8.08, Titled Garbage Collection and Disposal. Second Reading. Adoption.**

MOTION: Council Member Moulton moved, seconded by Council Member Reese to approve Ordinance #20-01. Second Reading, Adoption.

Council Member Moulton encouraged public education on the project.

Council Member Reese expressed concern over the cost difference between the fines associated with the ordinance and the actual cost of a replacement can.

Chief Hinkle clarified the cost to replace a can was not included in the fine. He also stated the multi-department group working on the campaign had held off on planned public outreach efforts, pending Council approval of the ordinance.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Moulton, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 2 - Council Member Ruff and Council Member Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

IX. RESOLUTIONS**1. #20-12 - Authorizing Lease Amendment No. 3 to a Lease with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for an 11.35 Acre Portion of ATS 564**

MOTION: Council Member Moulton moved, seconded by Council Member Reese, to approve Resolution #20-12.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Moulton, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 2 - Council Member Ruff and Council Member Fleming

MOTION CARRIED.

2. #20-13- Establishing the Geographic Location for Expansion and Consolidation of the Valdez Museum & Historical Archive Facilities

MOTION: Council Member Moulton moved, seconded by Council Member Scheidt, to approve Resolution #20-13.

Council Member Reese asked Valdez Museum and Historical Archive Director Patty Relay if the museum had received everything they needed to begin their fundraising process once the resolution passed. Ms. Relay confirmed passing the resolution gave the museum the starting point they needed. She verified with Mr. Duval they would be meeting in March to begin working on an RFP together for an architectural design.

Mayor O'Neil suggested establishing a place for the new museum project on Council's priority list. Mr. Deter offered the project had not been on the official list of projects to this point. He stated if it was something Council wanted to include, it should be placed within Council's other established priorities. Council Member Scheidt questioned whether it was too early to add the project to the list. Mr. Deter stated he felt that it was important to include if the resolution passed.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Moulton, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 2 - Council Member Ruff and Council Member Fleming
MOTION CARRIED.

3. #20-14 - Supporting the Maintenance of Strong Alaska Laws and Regulations Related to the Prevention, Response, Contingency Planning Financial Responsibility, Oversight and Monitoring Related to the Safe Handling and Transportation of Oil and Other Hazardous Substances

MOTION: Council Member Sorum moved, seconded by Council Member Moulton, to approve Resolution No. 20-14.

Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (RCAC) Executive Director Donna Schantz conveyed RCAC's support of the resolution.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 5 - Mayor O'Neil, Council Member Moulton, Council Member Scheidt, Council Member Reese and Council Member Sorum

Excused: 2 - Council Member Ruff and Council Member Fleming
MOTION CARRIED.

X. REPORTS**1. Valdez Fisheries - Robe Lake Habitat Study Update Report**

Valdez Fisheries Development Association Executive Director Mike Wells provided a verbal overview of the report filed in the agenda packet.

2. Wayfinding Project Report

Council Member asked Ms Martha Barberio, City economic development director, if the signs located in snow lots would be permanent posts in the ground. Ms. Barberio confirmed they would remain in place. She explained she and Mr. Duval would evaluate locations before they were installed.

3. Monthly Treasury Report - December, 2019

Finance Director Brian Carlson gave a brief overview of the document provided in the agenda packet.

XI. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS**1. City Manager Report**

Mr. Detter highlighted the Director's Retreat on the 28th and 29th at the Civic Center. He provided commentary on the results of his recent trip to Juneau for the legislative fly-in.

2. City Clerk Report

Ms. Ferko updated Council on the upcoming election and reminded citizens to register thirty days prior to the election to be eligible to vote. She reminded Council to provide their input on City Clerk Sheri Pierce's annual evaluation to the city human resources director by the following Wednesday.

Ms. Ferko listed upcoming vacancies on the Museum Board, the Economic Diversification Commission, and the RCAC board of directors. A joint work session between the Economic Diversification Commission and Council was scheduled for March 31st to discuss the housing study results.

3. City Attorney Report

Mr. Staser outlined projects and provided updates on cases his firm is working on behalf of the City, including Hilcorp and the C-Plan.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor O'Neil highlighted upcoming sections of his calendar.

XII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council Member Reese reminded everyone to be safe and aware of the weather.

Council Member Sorum summarized his experience in Juneau for the legislative

fly-in.

Council Member Scheidt summarized her experience in Juneau as well. She requested clarification on the Clerk's annual evaluation process. She suggested Council evaluate the process itself in the future.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council transitioned into executive session at 8:13 p.m.

XIV. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council transitioned out of executive session at 9:14 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor O'Neil adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.