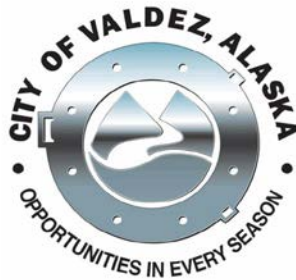


City of Valdez

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

12:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Flood Mitigation Task Force

I CALL TO ORDER

City Manager, Mark Detter called the meeting to order at 12:10PM.

II ROLL CALL

Present 5 – Task Force Member – Allen Crume

Task Force Member – Robert Dunning

Task Force Member – Dwight Dunning

Task Force Member – Rick Wade

Task Force Member – Alan Sorum

Task Force Member – Donna Schantz

Excused 1 – Task Force Member - Jim Burzinski

Also Present - City Manager Mark Detter

Project Manager – Scott Benda

Public Works Director – Rob Comstock

Capital Facilities Director – Nate Duval

Planning Director – Kate Huber

Dowl Rep via Phone – Euan MacLeod

Executive Assistant – Debbie Roberts

III DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Discussion Item: Dowl Contract design for the Lowe River

Attachments: [Flood Task Force Letter to Alan Crume](#)

Nate Duval, Capital Facilities Director discussed a phone call that he and the City Manager had with Clark Cox and Carol from Department of Natural Resources (DNR) about the permitting process in regards to the Lowe River. The Lowe River is not designated as a Material Sales site which could take 2 – 5 years to get a permit. Mr. Cox suggested to not remove the gravel from the river bed but that it could be moved around in the river bed, i.e. a trench or stacked on the sides. The City will be applying for a Land Use application to do this. The permit for material sales will still be ongoing but hopefully the Land use application will be approved before the spring floods so we can mitigate some of the problems from the past. Several people asked how this process would work and discussion continued. Nate then brought up AS 38.05.872 proposal which could be incorporated in the DOWL river project at 10 Mile. The City would put together a proposal/contract for each river Mineral Creek, Glacier and Lowe River outlining the maintenance repair and emergency response based on the Statue, if DNR agreed to it then the City would not have to get a permit and it would be good for up to 10 years as long as the guidelines of the Statue were followed. Nate asked Brad from Dowl to incorporate AS38.05.872 in the contract from Dowl. Dwain Dunning wanted to make sure that

the whole Alpine area would be looked at, including the land to the bay. Nate stated that he wanted to make sure we are only including the land areas that the City is responsible for but cover as much as we can. Discussion continued about the areas that should be covered and how to do it. Nate reviewed the process and plan, and stated that the permit process is long and involved. Rick Wade brought up issues from the past flooding issues and permitting process. Discussion continued on how to move forward with the plan. Since the Dowl contract would be going to Council at the first meeting in February the next meeting in February will be cancelled and there should be more to discuss at the March meeting.

IV ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 PM.