



March 20, 2001  
City Council – Regular Meeting  
5:00pm City Hall Conference Room

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Roy Gilbertson at 5:05pm with council members Susie Kemp, Nat Good, Rick Johnson, Lou Heinbockel and Mary Leith-Dowling present. Mark Weller was excused.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor added to New Business the retention of the Commissary and Gas Station, and Swimming Pool Correspondence. **Leith-Dowling moved** to approve the agenda with additions; Kemp seconded. **Motion passed** by unanimous consent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Leith-Dowling moved** to approve the minutes of March 6, 2001 regular meeting; second by Kemp. **Roll call vote** with the motion passing.

**Leith-Dowling moved** to table the minutes of March 13, 2001 special meeting until they are edited and shortened; second by Kemp. **Motion passed** by unanimous consent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Richard Anderson would like the council to consider his recommendations on the changes to Resolution 2002-10.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**A letter** was received from DEC Kent Monroe on the Landfill Permit for the City. The Landfill Permit will expire April 30, 2003. The council would like Pete Hallgren to follow through with the discussion with Richard Bonwell about the electric fence at the landfill.

**A letter** from Pete Hallgren to Paul Johnson on the EDC Progress was sent.

**A letter** from Governor Knowles on School Excellence Goals was received.

**A letter** from the City of Fairbanks, James Hayes, Mayor was received. The City of Fairbanks is loaning the City of Delta Junction a fire truck until we receive our replacement from Juneau.

Letters of thank you will be written to Mayor Hayes, Ronda Boyles and Chief Bobo for their hard work and dedication through this loss to the community.

**The swimming pool** was discussed and Richard Anderson will find out more on the cost details of keeping it open.

**The Chapel** was discussed. Richard Anderson stated nothing has been taken out of there so far. The windows are NAF and can be removed. Kemp would like the pipe organ to stay at the Chapel.

### **REPORTS**

**Airport** – Weller put in the packet copies of the survey report and the council asked for a workshop set up for the next council meeting.

**Cemetery** – Leith-Dowling reported on speaking to Pete Eagan at the Department of Transportation Right-of-Way. DOT was to be down in Delta and taking pictures of the Tanana Loop Road and Eagan would make the decision about the fence around the cemetery.

**Corrections Facility** – Mayor Gilbertson reported on HB149. Kemp, Good and the Mayor testified at the teleconference. Good & the Mayor went to a listen only teleconference today on HB149. Friday there is another teleconference and it will be in finance.

Hallgren reported telephonically that Phase 1 was cleaned up and summarized in the Prison Feasibility Study. The study says at 800 beds at \$70.00 a day per prisoner was not feasible. Even at \$97.62 a day per prisoner, with the lowest wages paid, would only break even. Phase II will cost \$30,479.

**Heinbockel moved** to authorize the contract to move to Phase II with Northern Economics; second by Good. **Roll call vote** with motion passing. Mayor Gilbertson voted no.

Hallgren reported the City would have the final landfill feasibility at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Library** – Leith-Dowling reported that April 28<sup>th</sup> is the Library Open House and she would be working on baskets. Joyce McCombs was thanked for getting the baby-changing table put in the women's restroom and Bob Morley for installing it. The library conference was in Sitka and Leith-Dowling, Nancy King and McCombs attended.

**Personnel** – Mayor Gilbertson reported we are shorthanded at this time. Heinbockel would like to see the City hire an administrator.

**Public Health & Safety** – Johnson reported on the fire truck donated by Juneau Borough Assembly to the City of Delta Junction. The fire truck will come up on the ferry to Haines, the Haines Fire Department will store it until Dave Kamrath can go down and get it. The ferry ride is being paid for by Representative John Harris and Dave Kamrath is donating his time to go pick it up. The Department of Natural Resources has another truck for us. This one will be housed at the City Dump to cut down travel time to a fire. The Fairbanks North Star Fire Department is making the truck sound and Department of Emergency Services is coordinating with them at no cost to the City. Our insurance level is at a nine and we need the extra truck to help make it down to an eight if we can. We have eight volunteers on the role. We have a serious volunteer problem and it has been discussed making the Deltana Fire Department and the City Volunteer Fire Department a unified department. Council discussed how to promote volunteerism. The ambulance charges were discussed.

**Heinbockel moved** to forgive the ambulance bills on list #1 titled “Deceased”; second by Leith-Dowling. **Roll call vote** with motion passing.

The list title “Applied for discount/request to write-off” was tabled until next meeting.

**Heinbockel moved** to send list #3 titled “Non-Compliant” to collection agency; second by Kemp. **Roll call vote** with motion passing.

Johnson reported on the benefits for the Kobierowski family. This is a message to our volunteers that the country and community care about them.

Kemp would like the City to look into additional coverage for our volunteers.

**Public Works** – Heinbockel reported Dan Beck would like him to come to the next meeting with the School District to discuss the North Clearwater Road.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Leith-Dowling moved** to waive fees for the Forget-Me-Knot Quilter’s using the Conference Room one a month; second by Kemp. **Motion passed** by unanimous consent.

**Leith-Dowling moved** to accept Resolution 2001-10 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute documents expressing the City’s non-objection to Army plans to demolish certain surplus buildings; second by Kemp. **Roll call vote** with motion passing.

**Good moved** to accept Resolution 2001-11 A resolution requesting FY02 Safe Communities funding from the Department of Community and Economic Development; second by Johnson.

**Roll call vote** with motion passing.

**Good moved** to approve Purchase Order #12908 to Guess & Rudd for Jan 01 (part Feb 01 Barger-Sheen grievance) in the amount of \$25,968.64; second by Kemp. **Roll call vote** with motion passing.

**Good moved** to approve Purchase Order #12909 to McConahy, Zimmerman & Wallace for Hearing Officer for the Barger-Sheen Grievance in the amount of \$900.00; second by Leith-Dowling. **Roll call vote** with motion passing.

Council asked when they could review the draft audit and a work session will be set up on April 3<sup>rd</sup> when Ellis is back.

**Good moved** to accept the letter from Roy Speight, Department of the Army, retaining the Commissary Presence at Fort Greely including the Gas Station; second by Kemp. **Roll call vote** with motion passing. Heinbockel voted no.

**Heinbockel moved to adjourn the meeting;** second by Leith-Dowling. Unanimous consent.

**Adjournment** at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sorensen  
City Secretary