

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2003 ~ 5:00PM
City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska

The regular meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on June 3, 2003 in the conference room at City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska. Mayor Gilbertson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Council members present: Roy Gilbertson, Lou Heinbockel, Susie Kemp, Judy Dewar, Henry Summers
Council member excused: Mary Leith-Dowling (requested 5-28-03)
Council member absent: Mark Weller
City employees present: Dave Zimmerman, Pete Hallgren, Lamar Cotten, Dennis Dooley
Joyce McCombs, Pat White

Additionally there were 15 members from the community present.

Mayor Gilbertson reported Mary Leith-Dowling was doing well, recovering from surgery earlier today.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

White reported 1) two add-ons to New Business:

- ✓ Request for Council Approval - Sale of Two City Lots
- ✓ Additional Purchase Orders (#07925,07926,07927,07928)
 - 2) One add-on to Correspondence:
 - ✓ Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church – 2003 Gaming Permit Application
 - 3) One additional speaker under Request to Speak:

- ✓ Becky Wilburn to address Council on behalf of community youth and recreation

Summers moved to approve the agenda as amended; Kemp seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Kemp moved to approve minutes from May 20, 2003 as presented; Summers seconded. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

Laurel Jackson, Delta/Greely School District (DGSD) Assistant Superintendent, asked City Council to reconsider the funding for the Recreation Coordinator position. She distributed a written copy of her request to Council members. Jackson stated DREDC (Delta Regional Economic Development Council) approved their (Social Services) grant application but for only half of the amount proposed. She said half the funding could not support a viable program. The fear is that the program would not provide supervised activities that promote healthy living. Jackson's handout provided breakdown for the full (\$48,440) requested amount and a breakdown for a "trimmed" proposal of \$38,395. She said funding at the approved (\$24,220) would not provide a program that will be satisfactory. Cutting funding would cut back the length of the program to 40 or 45 weeks instead of the proposed 50 weeks. DREDC recommended omitting employee insurance and PERS. Under the negotiated agreement those benefits must be provided to district employees. Another suggestion is to remove bus transportation from the original proposal. The school district could utilize the vans that they already have. If not, they would have to rely on fund raising mechanisms to allow for travel related activities.

Jackson stated the program is needed for more than three hours a day. She presented a petition, which was started by local resident, Becky Wilburn. The petition supports the full-time position.

Hallgren reported that the original proposal requested a two-year program. It was cut back to one year. The biggest problem with the request addresses the \$16,000 needed for employee benefits and for school district overhead. There may be some other non-profit organization that could run such a program without providing fringe benefits.

Discussion followed regarding the district providing space, the liability agreement, supervision and DGSD union agreement.

Dewar asked how difficult it is to hire someone to work 15 hours versus a 40-hour week with benefits.

Jackson said last summer there were approximately 15 applications for the full-time position. She said when the position was cut back to five hours per day the school district had to locate and encourage people to apply.

Discussion followed regarding program participants, after-school activities and the extent of the program.

Heinbockel asked if recommendation would be made tonight regarding dispersing (Social Service grant) money for this program and others.

Dooley stated the State Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) would not be able to approve last night's recommendations made by DREDC for at least one week.

Heinbockel said he would be reluctant to make any changes until then.

Becky Wilburn stated she would like to strongly encourage Council consideration to fully fund the recreation coordinator position on behalf of community youth and recreation. Youth need opportunity to be involved in positive activities. Currently there are no recreation facilities available. Wilburn said parents feel the recreation program is worthwhile, no matter if their children attend the public school or are home-schooled. Interschool activities include soccer, Little Dribblers, skiing, swimming, weight lifting both before and after school and classes in leadership, drama, Spanish, sign language and art. In order for the program to be effective it must be funded at a minimum of 30 hours per week. The position is important for the whole community even though it is funded through a grant written by a school district employee. She asked to extend the program for one more year and during that time they will continue to locate more avenues of funding.

Dooley reported that DREDC, as a whole, recognized the coordinator position as a worthwhile exercise for the whole community. The effort was to get a broader-based community support for the program so it extends beyond the school district. The other fact was that there is not enough money to fund everything. He said he wanted it understood that DREDC found nothing wrong with this application. They felt it is a very positive program.

Wanda Morden asked Council to consider something done about traffic. She and her children have problems crossing the Richardson Highway. Most people stop to allow them to cross but drivers approaching don't pay attention to stopped traffic. Morden said she is worried about accidents and injuries.

Hallgren reported Dooley addressed a letter to DOT, requesting an additional crosswalk with flashing pedestrian signs near the section of highway between IGA and the Post Office.

Morden asked if Council could consider speed bumps on Kimball Street also.

Heinbockel said he was adamantly opposed to speed bumps. He suggested assistance from law enforcement but cautioned that even they cannot be everywhere at all times.

Hallgren suggested speed limit signs. Also there will be less potential speeders now that school is closed for the summer. He agreed with assistance from the Alaska State Troopers (AST).

Dewar stated pedestrian paths would eliminate having to walk on the streets and roads. She said speed bumps create too much aggravation. She learned from experience.

Morden asked for a flashing light on Kimball to warn drivers about pedestrians.

Gilbertson stated we would wait on Gerald Rafson's response to Dooley's inquiry. He thanked Morden for addressing her concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter to Council from Diane Ludwig addressing playground equipment
- Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 2003 Gaming Permit Application

Heinbockel moved to show no opposition to the Catholic Church's application for a 2003 Gaming Permit; Summers seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

REPORTS

Rescue Squad – Lynn Harris asked about status on the new ambulance.

Hallgren reported it would be put out to bid by the end of the month. He said the Rescue Squad was budgeted the same as last year. The FY04 budget will be finalized and discussed at the June 17 meeting.

Harris asked about the new squad addition. Will it be constructed this year?

Hallgren reported there is a possibility it will be completed this year. Although, after meeting with MACTEC for two hours, the focus is presently on the fire department. Its bid is to be out by August 1.

Harris asked if the old part of the fire department would house the new ambulance should the extra EMS bay not get finished in time.

Summers stated the new fire department building should be in use by January 2004.

Harris reported she turned in old Rescue Squad blueprints to City Hall.

Harris reported ambulance runs are up by 15-20 runs from last year.

Airport – Hallgren reported Lot 1, Block 2 was sold from the Airport Subdivision. It was sold to Carl and Debra Clapp of Edmonds, WA.

Heinbockel asked to discuss the policy for airport hangar lots (Unfinished Business agenda item) so that JW Musgrove could present his opinions and not have to sit through the entire meeting. Council agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Topic out of agenda sequence for the convenience of public attendance.)

Policy for Hanger Lots

Hallgren reported there is a need to clarify restrictions on the airport lots. Local resident, JW Musgrove, initiated questions via an email on April 15, 2003. He asked about 1) a fly-in bed and breakfast with tie-downs and lodging, 2) fly-in camping with tie-downs, campsite and sanitary facilities, 3) an aircraft maintenance shop with a 2nd story apartment, 4) a hangar with an attached house and 5) a hangar with an adjacent house. Hallgren stated the (2002-19) resolution that accompanies the (2002-10) ordinance sets out restrictions for the 25-year period.

Heinbockel stated the topic had been discussed at the two previous meetings. He had no problem with the first three requests but he did with 4 and 5. He said he never anticipated the airport property having residents on them.

Heinbockel moved to recognize and limit approval to #1, 2 and 3 of Musgrove's requests; Dewar seconded.

Dewar said she felt the exact opposite, that a house with a hangar is related to the airport. She said we should support growth in the area and approve all five requests because "for many years we've dragged our feet. Now that area is the center of aviation and it is going to grow." She identified an area in town where zoning is not being followed. The airport lots are next to an airport and it is understood that their lots will be developed in that manner. The City is going through change. Dewar asked to accept it and encourage the development of aviation.

Hallgren stated, whether or not a house is built on an airport lot, the deed and ordinance read "covenants and restrictions shall include a restriction to aviation or airport related uses, such as aircraft hangars, aircraft tie-downs, commercial operations such as aircraft maintenance, air taxi, aircraft construction and conversion, flight training, commercial air cargo operations with necessary warehouse facilities to contain items actually arriving or departing from the City Airport." He said if a person did build a residence they must realize that their neighbor may be an air cargo operation.

Dewar said it should be made clear that this is a commercial aviation development area.

Hallgren stated the ordinance does not cover Mr. Musgrove's inquiries and therefore policy will be established with the outcome of his questions.

Heinbockel said his interpretation is that residential houses are not permitted in the area.

Kemp said it does not exclude them either.

Heinbockel asked if the lots are big enough to allow for water, septic, residence, hangars and/or an airport-related building.

Hallgren said most of the airport lots are .9 acres.

Heinbockel said he still does not support residences. There are many airplane owners on Rapids Street.

Gilbertson said the lot size would not allow much beyond a hangar and tie-downs.

Dewar said she could foresee a hangar with a house for a small air taxi or transport company as in Tok where they transport parcels to and from Fairbanks.

Kemp said she would not expect a wave of people building houses because of the price the lots are being sold for. A commercial air taxi service carrying freight could operate 24 hours a day in the summer time. Unless one is a pilot or associated with aviation, most people won't want to live on a busy airstrip. She said she had no problem because she believes there will not be that many people wanting to build houses in that area.

Discussion followed regarding building homes on the airport lots.

Dewar said there are already houses with hangars in that general area.

Gilbertson asked Musgrove if the airport lots are big enough for a hangar, parking, place for business and a place for a house.

Musgrove stated there would not be Fed-Ex or 747s in Delta Junction. The road, pipeline and power lines already fix the length of the runway. It is not uncommon for a small airport like Delta to have hangar/houses on a second tier of the taxiway frontage. Hangars usually are on the taxiway. He said he considered this batch of airport lots to be second tier because of the greenbelt between them and the runway. He said he doubted large houses would be built unless two adjoining lots were purchased. Two hundred feet is needed between well and septic. It is conceivable to have a moderate hangar/house. He, personally, wants to build a hangar with an upstairs apartment. It is not uncommon to have a house with an overhead garage door. In Alaska some think of their airplane more like their car or their boat, not just part of a commercial operation.

Motion failed on a roll call vote with two (Heinbockel and Gilbertson) voting in favor and three (Dewar, Kemp and Summers) voting against limiting Council approval to #1, 2 and 3 requests.

Kemp moved to approve all five requests; Dewar seconded.

Heinbockel said he would change his vote for the reason that it has taken the Council 1 ½ months to make a decision.

Musgrove asked that once a decision is made, if it could be forwarded to other airport lot owners. He said the information would benefit new buyers as well.

Dooley asked to send information to the State Division of Aviation also. It is possible there are State covenants on the lots. There is similar discussion in other communities across the State.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote to allow all five inquiries.

REPORTS CONTINUED

City Clerk – Pat White requested authorization to attend clerk training in Seattle. She said the training works toward a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) certification, which requires three development sessions. The cost, if postmarked prior to June 7, is \$335 for the classes and \$162 for the housing.

Hallgren stated there is money budgeted for clerk training and enough miles accrued from use of the credit card to provide a free airline ticket.

Kemp moved to approve request for training; Summers seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Department of Economic Development – Pete Hallgren reported a meeting between 6:00 and 8:00pm on June 4. MACTEC engineers will discuss the new landfill and answer environmental questions. Public comments are welcomed as part of the environmental clearance process. It was advertised in the Delta Wind and notice was posted at IGA, City Hall and the post office.

Hallgren reported Mill-Tan Road would be paved Thursday and Friday, June 5 & 6. Asphalt will be delivered from North Pole with 30 trucks making two trips each to Delta.

Dewar asked for advertisement on the local student radio station.

Kemp asked for advertisement to be put on the DeltaNewsWeb.

Hallgren reported he received a notice from the City attorney. As of noon yesterday there has been no decision by the Army regarding the Eddy Drop Zone proposal. It was understood they had to have their response by the end of May. Hallgren said the City has nothing yet to report.

Hallgren reported recent legislature decisions. \$153,000 was granted for Delta roads and paving. Hallgren said he specifically asked if any funds could be used on Mill-Tan. It could, even if Mill-Tan is paved before July 1. There has been \$62,000 authorized from the City's unencumbered reserves for the project. This \$153,000 is subject to being vetoed by the governor. A \$100,000 grant study for the downtown domestic water and sewer system is unlikely to be vetoed. The \$25,000 for cemetery upgrade is also unlikely to be vetoed. And status of the \$25,000 for the Fire Department is unknown. Hallgren reported Legislature authorized a \$500,000 loan to the City. It is to go toward the prison settlement. Last year \$1 million was appropriated but was later vetoed by the Governor. He said the City has a hired attorney to dispute the validity of the note. The Governor is threatening to veto Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities. The City stands to lose \$55,000 to \$60,000 in income. Approximately \$90,000 from the legislative grant will be left for additional paving potentials once Mill-Tan is completed.

Hallgren reported sale of another airport lot. He said the (\$8,000) sale is enough to complete promised improvements (200' taxiway for the front lots and electricity for half the lots).

Hallgren reported the City applied for a permit from the Army to allow our TV repeaters at Donnelly Dome even though they've been on their structures for many years. The Corps of Engineers informed the application was approved and they will send it in writing. Final design of the system is in progress. Still discussed is the matter revolving around a digital broadband company who would provide microwave for high speed Internet in the Delta area. There will be a problem with analog once stations are forced to go digital. Once digital, our repeater system will no longer work because a digital system will not reach from Fairbanks to Donnelly Dome. If we have a microwave relay it would allow digital quality from Donnelly Dome into Delta. Hallgren said, "No matter what is done this summer we need better reception than what is available now."

Hallgren reported he attended a meeting this morning, designing the new fire hall, with architect, Merle Jantz, and engineer, Richard Bonwell. The Mayor, Councilman Summers and Fire Chief Jim Eden-Kilgour were also present. Hallgren presented Jantz' preliminary drawing. An engineering price proposal will be prepared by tomorrow, June 4. Hallgren will then present it to Council for approval. The goal is to have the design and bid package ready no later than August 1.

Dewar asked if residents living in the area are aware of this project.

Hallgren said no. He said Delaware Street has a 100-foot right-of-way. However, the street was built on the west half of that right-of-way so there is a buffer. The edge of the street has another 50 feet further east.

Cotten reported he and the mayor had a series of conversations with Dan Beck, DGSD Superintendent, regarding education money. It is a school district issue. However, the City's efforts working with the school are appreciated. A letter will be drafted to reintroduce the funding issue.

Cotten reported he met with the chief finance officer at GVEA as a representative of the Regional Government Options Study Committee. He will have more data at the next meeting on June 17. He said

data would explain what it would cost to accurately take over the responsibility of the City since the study is prefaced with the idea that we will be one government, not two (City and borough). The assets and liabilities of the City would then be transferred to the regional government borough. Facts and figures have been derived and the findings will be summarized for the Council and also the Chamber of Commerce.

Finance – Roy Gilbertson stated Dave Zimmerman provided a report.

School Liaison – Judy Dewar reported community members had asked if the \$300,000 for the job training building had come through for the school construction program. She discussed the topic with Hallgren and reported to fellow Council members that a proposal has yet to be produced from the school that meets the requirements of the State grant overseers.

Dewar reported 1) local high school graduate, Chad Pinkleman, received an apprenticeship with the Operator's Union. 2) There have been three calls from contractors for carpenter and laborer interns from the school. 3) Students participated in two days of tours and job shadowing at Ft. Greely. 4) Most students have their OSHA-10 cards. 5) Next year's program registration for Juniors and Seniors has already started. 6) There will be a 2-hour advanced class added next year. 7) Students toured the Fairbanks union halls, listened to speakers and "got a taste" of union life.

Dewar reported the US Army Space and Missile Association announced winners of the 2003 Space Camp Scholarship. Two local students, Matthew Joslin and Ruby Bynum, will spend one week attending the camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

Hockey Rink – Lou Heinbockel stated the library, the City Hall and the fire hall are all functional. He said, "We also have an unheated sports facility." He asked that something be done to make it more people-friendly.

Landfill – Lou Heinbockel reported the landfill is opened Tuesday nights between 4:00 and 6:00pm in accordance with the contract that states it is to be open to the public one night each week.

Library – Joyce McCombs reported she identified three candidates for the part-time summer hire. She will hire Becky Riche. Her main shift will start Sunday between noon and 4:00pm. Riche is willing to be on call with flexible hours and is willing to cover when other library employees are away this summer.

McCombs reported statistics on library use. 981 patrons visited the library in May 2002. 1,126 visited in May 2003. Internet use was 119 in 2002 and 353 in 2003. She said the new Gates computers have proven to be an asset to the library. McCombs stated employee, Amy VanderZwaag, reported a tourist was grateful for a very important e-mail. Another response from a patron was, "What a great library...in the middle of nowhere."

Hallgren reported the FY04 draft budget includes the library being open on Sunday afternoons to service construction workers and employees at the missile base.

Park – Judy Dewar reported signs were put back up at the park. There is trouble in having them removed.

Dewar invited others to join her and Hallgren at 3:00pm, June 4, 2003 for a walk-in-the-park. They are open to suggestions and ideas on park improvements. The purpose of the park visit is to discuss placement of playground equipment and the basketball court.

Heinbockel stated two meetings ago there was a wish list from the park committee. He asked Council to authorize \$10,000 for the committee to spend as needed, requesting it be made in the form of a motion. The funds would be used to improve the playground equipment. Kemp seconded the motion.

Dewar reported replacing one piece of playground equipment would cost a minimum of \$16,000. She asked to postpone any decision until she can present a catalog, make contact about freight costs and provide exact figures and choices. She feels the cost would be more than \$10,000. She asked about the bid process.

Hallgren said replacing broken playground equipment may not affect the general fund budget because the money might come from a grant. The break on full bids is \$10,000. However, a change in the ordinance approved two meetings ago, states proposals up to \$100,000 can be accepted without fully advertising bids as long as it is allowed in the grant rules.

Heinbockel withdrew his motion to authorize spending \$10,000; Kemp seconded.

Public Health & Safety – Henry Summers reported he met with the City Fire Department, Deltana Fire Department and the Rescue Squad to write a grant proposal for several items. The main item requested is a communications radio system. Money presently available is needed to upgrade the existing radio system. Summers reported the group of volunteers decided to fix what is already available. Any new radios will need to be compatible with these existing radios. Changing to ALMR (Alaska Land Mobile Radio) will be a consideration at a later date.

Public Works – Pete Hallgren reported work has been completed at the existing landfill. He said there were a number of applications for the summer-hire positions of equipment operators. Dave Boadwine will be interviewing and making the hiring decisions.

Hallgren reported MACTEC has surveyed the landfill and will provide all the necessary grades to do the work in-house, preparing it for ultimate closure. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has not yet rescheduled an inspection. They were to do it last week but the landfill contractor was out of town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Continued

DREDC Recommendation for Social Service Funding

Dooley provided a report of DREDC nominations for the Social Service grant funding. He suggested Council members ask questions of the grant applicants who were present in the audience.

Kemp moved to accept the latest DREDC recommendations for the purpose of discussion; Heinbockel seconded. Motion carried.

Dewar asked what the reason was to not include benefits in the request for the Recreation Coordinator position.

Nancy Morris said it was because of other grant applicants not asking for the same. There needs to be a partnership between City and school because of liability issues. The coordinator position is for community service projects and not necessarily related to a school district employee.

Dewar asked if the school would handle administration of the funds for the coordinator position.

Morris confirmed. She said the position evolved with the Safe Schools grant.

Discussion followed regarding the position, benefits and how they would be covered.

Dooley stated the Delta Youth Court (DYC) program coordinator, also affiliated with the school district, does not receive employee benefits either. The school hosts DYC but at the same time it is viewed as a separate entity from the school district.

Heinbockel asked about the recommendation from DREDC to purchase half of van. He asked, “Where would the match come from?”

Steve Fields, representing DREDC, stated it would come from Alpha Omega. He said this program was not high on the list for recommendations. At the end of decision making, with less than \$20,000 remaining, it was decided to award it to Alpha Omega in the hopes that they could find additional funding. Fields said Bob Carpenter is currently working with Seekins in Fairbanks.

Discussion followed about funding and what happens if it is not dispersed.

Dooley said representatives were present from counseling agencies that provide different levels of treatment for domestic violence, drug abuse and alcohol abuse. Most counseling services are on an on-demand basis. It is hard to forecast the need for these services.

Dr. Carey Turnbow, Hope Counselor, introduced himself. He said he works with Julia Phillips, a local social worker. Turnbow stated their proposal is to provide a “wrap-around services that includes assessment, intervention and prevention.” It is a combination of psycho-education of both teaching and evaluation, followed by a counselor who assesses and evaluates and then providing the necessary counseling. Funding will provide enough to start up a program in the Delta Junction area.

Kemp stated she attended the DREDC meeting. There was effort made to stretch the money for services. The stranded traveler program was first thought to not affect a broad enough scope of people. She feels the need will increase with newcomers moving to Delta in hopes of getting jobs. That was one reason for funding that application as well as a hospice program. They were small dollar items but overall they will be of great value. Kemp stated she feels the list of DREDC recommendations offer a tremendous amount of services to the community.

Dewar asked Turnbow where he gets referrals.

Turnbow said in Delta referrals for counseling will come from assessing and developing programs within the community. Experience proves it will come naturally.

Julia Phillips stated she works closely with DFYS, the court system and the school district. She said there are issues of drug and alcohol abuse, health education, relocating families of missile defense, gangs, violence, smoking and issues related to the increase of the Slavic population. Presently statistics do not reflect accurate numbers for Delta. A process must be developed to gather data so that Delta is not included with southeast Fairbanks. Also addressed will be issues for the older population in grief counseling and other areas. Dr. Andreassen has asked Phillips to research tuberculosis within the community. Ruth Provost, therapist, currently assesses mental health issues.

Dooley stated Fairbanks Mental Health has been working in the community for a number of years. They requested funding for a part-time receptionist, allowing them to dedicate their time to take on more clients and eventually be self-sufficient. That request was funded also.

Nancy Morris said clients have had to travel to Fairbanks for many years because services have not been available to Delta. Morris said Phillips has done an outstanding job and feels students respond to her personality.

Kemp moved to table discussion until the June 17 meeting when DREDC can provide more input; Heinbockel seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 2003-03, An Ordinance for the City of Delta Junction, Alaska Providing for the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2004

Hallgren, referring to draft budget handouts, reported the budget is based from last year's budget. He fixed an error that increases the proposed surplus to around \$10,000. He asked Council to read his memo closely and be prepared to discuss the budget at the June 17 meeting. If not, a special meeting will be required in order to pass the budget ordinance by the end of the fiscal year (June 30). The three largest sources of income are the (federal) PILT, (state) Revenue Sharing and (state) Safe Communities. \$380,000 was received in PILT money last year. Because it is unknown at this time, PILT was budgeted at \$350,000. The Governor is threatening to veto Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities as part of his budget reduction. Hallgren stated he is speculating that he will only veto the Revenue Sharing but does not know for certain. The Governor has until shortly after July 1 to exercise his right to veto. If both are vetoed the draft budget will fall short by \$30,000. At that point there will be some cutting in the budget. This may come out of roads. Hallgren said the general fund budget proposes \$573,000 in income with expenses \$10,000 less than that. He explained different areas of the budget for Council to review.

Kemp moved to introduce and hold the first reading of Ordinance 2003-03 and the public hearing be set for June 17; Heinbockel seconded.

Hallgren stated grant money does not show in the general fund.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Approval – Sale of City Lots

Hallgren explained the sale process. Title search is requested and Council must approve sales.

Kemp moved to accept the sale of the City property (Lots 20 & 21, Block 31); Heinbockel seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Purchase Orders

PO#07906 to Airport Equipment Rentals, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for equipments used on landfill

PO#07907 to Guess & Rudd in the amount of \$4,846.34 for legal services (impact grant, Donnelly protest, loader bid)

PO#07908 to Heiman Fire Equipment in the amount of \$571.85 for fire department hose adapters

PO#07909 to PDC, Inc. in the amount of \$37,875.50 for City facilities survey

PO#07910 to Aetna WHO-AAS in the amount of \$4,224.50 for June health insurance

PO#07925 to Airport Equipment Rentals, Inc in the amount of \$1,406.00 for equipment rental used to cover landfill after fire

PO#07926 to Bank of America in the amount of \$844.87 for May 03 credit card charges (LEPC manual copies, Hallgren meeting in Fairbanks with MD, Cotten airfare, Verbatim DVD writer)

PO#07927 to Lamar Cotten in the amount of \$7,080.82 for May 03 consultant services

PO#07928 to Hendricks Auto Parts in the amount of \$797.00 for Fire Department vehicle parts

Kemp moved to approve purchase orders #07906 through 07910 and #07925 through 07928 as presented; Summers seconded.

Heinbockel stated he is in favor of paying bills. However, he disagreed in paying for rented equipment to do the job of the landfill contractor. It was for the evening of the fire as well as afterwards. Looking at the proposed budget for next year, there is nothing for emergency work at the landfill.

Dewar asked if the contractor could be billed. She asked, "Was the fire the fault of the landfill operator?"

Hallgren stated there is question about the responsibility of the bill because it was work done during an emergency. The fire was not faulted to the contractor. However, it is not known had the area been properly covered.

Heinbockel said maintenance expected at that landfill is not being accomplished.

Hallgren said the current landfill agreement expires August 1 and he is investigating options.

Heinbockel said \$3,600 was spent on an emergency. It had to be done but we should not be paying for it.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote to approve purchase orders.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Gilbertson called for additional public and Council comments with none being offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Heinbockel moved to adjourn at 6:55pm; Summers seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat White
City Clerk