



City Council Minutes
February 15, 2005 ~ 5:00PM

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska

The regular meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at City Hall in Delta Junction, Alaska. Mayor Gilbertson called the meeting to order at 5:10PM.

Council members present: Mayor Roy Gilbertson, Mayor Pro tem Mary Leith-Dowling
John Sloan, Susan Sandy, Lou Heinbockel

Council members excused: Leslie Feilner, Will Pecchia

City employees present: Pete Hallgren, Dave Zimmerman, Lamar Cotten, Pat White

Five members from the community were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

White reported two purchase orders to add to *New Business*:

- ✓ PO#09661 to ACS in the amount of \$752.80
- ✓ PO#09662 to Arctic Fox Safety & Supplies in the amount of \$9,127.77

Leith-Dowling moved to approve the agenda as amended; Sandy seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Leith-Dowling moved to approve the February 1, 2005 minutes as presented; Heinbockel seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Clint Crusberg, local veterinarian, had previously submitted a letter to the Council. He explained that he wished to discuss two issues, animal control and disposal of dead animals. In the past he deposited euthanized animals in a private holding bin and then informed the landfill operator who took appropriate measures to cremate or bury them. Presently there was no such arrangement and the pet owner must either bury their pet or take it to Fairbanks to be cremated. Heart Fur Animals, a local non-profit group, have taken the burden of dealing with stray animals but Crusberg said he felt it was a lot to ask. Crusberg asked for a workable arrangement to accommodate for the growing problem.

Discussion followed regarding designating an area at the local landfill, burying versus cremating and possibly inquiring with Ft. Greely about possibly using their incinerator.

Hallgren stated Crusberg could be given access to the landfill. Currently the landfill operation covers on a daily basis. The cost of an incinerator (at least half a million dollars) was not a consideration. He asked Crusberg to contact Dave Boadwine, Equipment Operator, to work out an arrangement at the old landfill. Hallgren would create a policy for when the new landfill opens.

Discussion followed regarding the effectiveness of a spay-neuter drive and similar animals problems on Ft. Greely.

Crusberg said problems rise as communities grow. He said pet owners that are not responsible to spay or neuter their animals are the ones who deposit entire litters in various places around town.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Gilbertson called for Council comments on non-agenda items with none being offered.

CORRESPONDENCE - Letters of Offer and Acceptance of Administrator Position

Hallgren stated his replacement, Gene Kane, would begin work as the new City Administrator on April 1. Hallgren would then phase out and resign by the end of that month.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

Sandy Hill, Delta Elementary School Principal, stated her purpose was to ask Council members, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, to support them in requesting funding from the State to complete the new elementary school. She said there was no money to finish the school (build a playground, add bleachers or furnish the library). Because of the recent decision to keep the Ft. Greely School open, furnishings would not be available to use in the new elementary. The State had already been approached but to date they provided nothing more than the \$90,000 toward initial construction. Hill stated DGSD Superintendent Dan Beck compared the cost of the new facility as a capital-funded project in a REAA and if Delta were to have been incorporated in a borough. The State saved a tremendous amount of money. The State's answer was to encourage community support by listing the school as a priority for this legislative session. She asked that the City, Chamber and Deltana to contact the legislature in support of the school both verbally and in writing.

Heinbockel asked what dollar-figure was needed to finish the school.

Hill stated \$1.1 million was needed to complete groundwork, cement and furnishings.

Discussion followed regarding correspondence with legislative representatives.

Gilbertson stated the City supported the school 100% but would not forsake other priorities, including the streets near the school district.

Hallgren asked if the \$1.1 million request still included \$250,000 reimbursement to the City.

Hill said she was unable to discuss the loan because she was not privy to current information.

Hallgren said the City had already submitted the Legislative Priority List last December. However, he would write a general letter of support.

Hill said a letter would be appreciated but prioritizing furnishing the school would be preferable.

Proclamation of Appreciation

Mayor Gilbertson, addressing Julia Phillips, expressed his appreciation for her service to the community, Council and area leaders. He said he wished to recognize her tireless efforts and contributions to the community through her work with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and as Emergency Coordinator/Project Manager for the Homeland Security Grants.

REPORTS

Fire Department – Carin Bear reported for the first time they were able to pump “perfectly clear water” from their new tender.

Hallgren said the old tender (Engine 5) needed a new tank, which will cost \$10,000 or \$15,000. Funding was not presently available.

Discussion followed regarding dealing with Engine 5.

Hallgren said he would research and propose solutions at a later date.

City Clerk – Pat White reported annual Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) Financial Disclosure (POFD) Statements were due. Packets were placed in Council boxes and statements must be turned in no later than Tuesday, March 15. Late or incomplete reports are subject to a civil penalty. She said two statements had been returned to date.

White reported she attended the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks (AAMC) Conference in Juneau February 2 through 6 and that it was the best conference she had attended. Records Management and Notary

Services were two topics of interest as well as a tour of the Governor's Mansion and the State Capitol. White explained how two municipal clerks gave testimony on their lengthy experiences in establishing workable records management programs. She appreciated the course and would concentrate on improving Delta's records to bring back for discussion at a later date. As a follow-up to the course she and Letha Burcham attended a teleconference on February 11 in which records management was discussed.

Heinbockel brought up a memo written by White in which she said some communities do not provide notary service unless it was municipal-government related and others charge for the service so as to not compete with local businesses. Presently City Hall provided the service at no charge. White's memo asked for feedback.

Heinbockel moved to charge for notary services equal to or above the highest rate (\$5) charged by a private business so that the City was not in direct competition; Sloan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

City Administrator – Pete Hallgren reported he had been exceptionally busy with the final EDA grant report, potential borough formation and E911 mapping.

DREDC – Susie Sandy reported DREDC was actively pursuing a VISTA volunteer to head the initial phase of a recreation coordinator position in the community and hopefully determining if the program could be self-sustaining. VISTA representatives were present for the February 14 meeting. There was a large pool of job seekers who want to work in rural Alaska. By hiring a VISTA volunteer the Social Service grant funds would stretch further. However, a supervisor was necessary to oversee the position for 2-5 hours each week. Office space and housing were also needed. Many college graduates benefit from involvement in the VISTA program because they gain experience to advance into the business world. Sandy explained that the application requires a sponsoring agency and that the City would be most likely. Issues relating to the part-time supervisory work, office space and housing needed to be resolved before DREDC could apply for a VISTA volunteer.

Library – Mary Leith-Dowling reported the library staff received a \$1,000 grant from the Alaska Library Association to be used toward travel to this year's conference in Barrow. \$1,400 in donations was received in the past month toward the Rasmuson Matching Grant, \$500 of that from members of the Lions Club. Leith-Dowling stated a letter and \$800 donation was received from the former Delta Dog Musher's Association. The group formed in 1977 but was no longer active. They asked to dedicate their savings toward an Alaskan Memorial bookshelf in the new library.

Public Works – Lou Heinbockel distributed spreadsheets showing electricity and fuel oil costs for City facilities during the month of January, totaling approximately \$10,000. He said grant funding allowed the construction but PILT operates the City. That (\$420,000) is subject to change at any time. Heinbockel said there was a period of time when the City could not afford to pay \$202/month to keep streetlights lit. He was concerned about the amount of money spent to design, engineer and construct buildings that won't be affordable to operate. The landfill building alone was not even in use and cost \$2,049. The new library cost \$2,648 and the new fire hall cost \$2,183.

Fire Chief Carin Bear explained problems with heating and lighting of the new fire station. She said the 4X4' opening in the roof was finally closed but she would appreciate assistance in lowering the building's temperature and a demonstration on how to turn off the lights.

Gilbertson said the frustration is directly related to original design. He knows of older buildings equal in size that require less than 10% of the new facilities energy costs.

Heinbockel said he was not an engineer and was not comfortable second-guessing but the figures were not wrong. Renting space and paying \$1,500/month for the Public Works Department would be better than paying the exorbitant fuel and electricity prices. He has always wanted to level the old fire hall with a bulldozer but now the old "ugly and embarrassing energy inefficient albatross" is less expensive to heat than the new building.

Gilbertson said the initial landfill problems were mechanical and over-designed.

Heinbockel asked how it was possible to have such a bill when the landfill lights are not even turned on.

Fred Sheen said the bill may have been "estimated."

Discussion followed regarding energy costs at the landfill, the scale house and equipment building, and a recent incident when the library temperature ran over 90 ° for a few days and what it took to control it.

Heinbockel explained past history of how long it took to relocate the old jail and the old library. He said innovative methods are now needed to raise revenue. He felt a borough had a very slim probability but possibly a sales tax within the City could be considered.

Discussion followed regarding the high electric and heating bills expected during winter months.

Heinbockel said he felt the engineers were responsible for the design of the new public buildings.

Charter Commission – Lamar Cotten reported the Charter Commission would meet again on February 16. Old news was that the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FSNB) expressed interest in annexing the pipeline and Pogo mine. Nothing new had come forth. Cotten stated the Charter Commission had completed the charter petition in a draft form. Discussion presently revolves around how a borough would be financed and would be a topic at tomorrow night's meeting. Cotten stated State Assessor Steve Van Sant reported residential property value alone in the Delta area was roughly worth \$100 million and does not include agriculture, commercial, industrial or raw land. Van Sant estimated 1620 residential dwellings (1490 residents and 130 apartment units) are located in the Delta area, excluding Whitestone and Quartz Lake. There are also 466 garages.

Hallgren said local realtor Cleeta Barger reported as long as property can be financed and meets AHFC standards it was selling quickly. Presently there was no resistance to homes in the \$200,000 range.

Cotten stated agricultural land was speculated to value between \$25 and \$35 million.

Missile Defense Roundtable – Cotten said Public Affairs Director Ron Pierce reported early investigation of Residential Construction Initiative (RCI). The City passed out a copy of the current Ft. Greely base allowance for housing (BAH). Pierce reported the military was investigating a recreation center outside the fence to allow both communities to benefit. Lodging was also being evaluated and there was possibility of bringing in a franchise such as a Holiday Inn or Marriott.

Discussion followed regarding training and location of the Stryker Brigade and private contractors handling operation and maintenance of Ft. Greely utilities.

Sandy stated that of the 350 Ft. Greely residential units only 125 were set aside for military. The rest were designated for civilians.

Fred Sheen urged the Council to consider releasing the Visitor's Center facility to the Chamber of Commerce. He said the roof had major problems requiring maintenance and the Chamber had paid for numerous projects.

Department of Transportation (DOT) Liaison – Mary Leith-Dowling reported DOT scheduled a public meeting on March 3 at the Community Center from 5:00PM to 8:00PM and will discuss rebuilding the Jarvis Creek Bridge and resurfacing the Richardson Highway between Mile 261 and 265 (near Jarvis).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation of Appreciation – Julia Phillips

See last item under *Request to Speak*

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2005-05, A Special Ordinance Setting Interim Landfill and Septic Rates

Sandy moved to open the public hearing and second reading of Ordinance 2005-05, A Special Ordinance Setting Interim Landfill and Septic Rates; Leith-Dowling seconded.

Janet Boyer asked if Delta Sanitation operators concurred with the rates stated in the ordinance.

Hallgren said the landfill operators did and they issued a letter to their customers informing of rates they will charge for garbage pickup. The rates set out in the ordinance constitute a 150% increase of City charges to Delta Sanitation and a 40-45% increase to those that dispose of their own garbage. Delta Sanitation will now charge \$29/month to residents for roadside service. The rates are in line with what MACTEC engineers estimated last year. When the rates are increased again next spring the average home pick up will be \$43-44/month. Using the new rate Delta Sanitation will pay \$30/ton to deliver garbage compared to the old rate of \$12.75/ton. The overall costs would be reduced if Ft. Greely participated.

Leith-Dowling moved to close the public hearing; Sandy seconded.

Heinbockel moved to adopt Ordinance 2005-05 as presented; Leith-Dowling seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with four (Heinbockel, Leith-Dowling, Sloan, Gilbertson) voting in favor and one (Sandy) voting against.

Hallgren stated the interim increase was to recover the City's loss for the past year of operating the old landfill. The more garbage collected, the lower the rates will be charged. Unless Ft. Greely participates local residents will ultimately pay between \$43 and \$44 a month.

Sandy stated the federal government "forced" building the landfill and it was predicated on the military using it. She said they "created this monster, it's proven that the City can operate it cheaper so why are they not participating in using it?"

Hallgren said he challenged them to review and compare their costs and continually addresses the issue at Roundtable meetings. He said the current landfill would have been full within a year. Expanding was not possible because it would require a higher level of regulation and the new cells would require lining because of ground water. The federal government paid 100% for construction of the new landfill.

Gilbertson said the location of the new landfill could have been more accommodating. However, it was needed, the federal government paid to build it and it is a blessing that the community needed. We now need to focus on managing the cost of operation.

Discussion followed regarding energy costs and cutting them.

DGSD – Fee Waiver for Use of the Community Center Feb 28/March 1

Chamber of Commerce – Fee Waiver for Use of Community Center Feb 12/13

White explained the request from the Chamber was to use the Community Center this past weekend during the Festival of Lights activities. She said standard procedure (submitting a waiver request) was not followed because of a misunderstanding that the waiver would be granted as it was last year. She apologized for not conveying the proper procedure.

Sandy moved to approve both the Delta-Greely School District and the Chamber of Commerce requests to waive fees associated with renting the Community Center; Sloan seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Liquor License Renewal – Jack's Liquor Store

Heinbockel moved to show no opposition to renew the liquor license request by Jack's Liquor Store; Leith-Dowling seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Survey Agreement on Visitor Center Property

Hallgren reported the State would give the property in which the Visitor's Center is located if the City would pay the survey costs. He said he inquired with local surveyor Art Saarloos who completed part of the work several years ago. However, quotes from both local surveyors (Saarloos and M2C1) have been requested for work on the Waldo property.

Rent of Conference Rooms and Community Center

White explained an on-going complaint related to cleaning of the Community Center. On February 5 Bob Morley stripped and waxed the floors. He spent six hours alone scrubbing around the toilets and urinals. White stated she asked the pastors to accompany children into the bathrooms if their parents could not. The City earns approximately \$4,000/year from renting the Community Center for church services on Sundays and Wednesdays. However, the problem had not been resolved.

Gilbertson said the income did not offset custodial costs. He said he met with one of the parties and informed him that he would recommend a 90-day notice. He said the Community Center should not be tied up but it should be available for use by the whole community.

Leith-Dowling stated the City was in competition with others that have available facilities.

Heinbockel said there was no incentive to build when the City's rates were so reasonable.

Gilbertson said waiving fees for community groups was acceptable but not when profits were being made.

Sandy said church services were not profiting. However, they were being given reduced rates to use the facility. She said a 90-day period to relocate would be fair. Every other church had a facility to hold their meetings. She said she would be surprised if commercial buildings were not available to rent.

Sloan said \$25/day did not cover the heating, electricity and cleaning.

Heinbockel said the philosophy was to pay at the facility rates as long as it was left as clean as when it was rented. If consistent cleaning was necessary the deposit was forfeited. If no action is taken the behavior is accepted.

Discussion followed regarding raising the rates and limiting the time any one group uses the facility.

Sloan moved to keep rates the same (\$25/linoleum, \$75/carpet, \$100/whole building with kitchen), take the \$300 cleaning deposit, require it be replaced and allow 90 days from this date to relocate; Sandy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Fire Station Change Order #3

Hallgren explained the major point of the change order was to install an automatic start on the generator so that it isolated the building from line current and kicked itself on if and when electricity failed. It was a necessary item. He said the generator was moved to the new facility and operates flawlessly.

Heinbockel moved to approve Attachment A to Change Order #3 for the Delta Fire Station and Delta Rescue Squad (DRS) Addition as presented; Sandy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote with four (Heinbockel, Leith-Dowling, Sandy, Gilbertson) voting. Sloan stepped out of the room momentarily.

Resolution 2005-05, A Resolution Authorizing the Amendment of the Participation Agreement Between the City of Delta Junction, Alaska and the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska to Delete the Municipal Administrator Category from PERS Coverage

Hallgren explained both he and his replacement were retired under PERS. However, Kane had taken an early retirement and therefore did not qualify to be employed in a PERS covered position without being covered by PERS. Hallgren asked to remove the administrator category from the PERS participation agreement. The action would not stop the City (or possible borough) from reinstating the category at a later date. Mr. Kane stated he would accept \$68,500 plus half of the PERS savings (= \$73,330) in wages. Kane's employment would cost the City less than Hallgren's, who currently made \$76,500. Any full time City employee was required to be covered by insurance benefits.

Heinbockel moved to adopt Resolution 2005-05 as presented; Sloan seconded.

Hallgren said the law had changed since the City applied for PERS. Council members are excluded from PERS. Now the law cites that they can be excluded whether they earn salaries or not.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 2005-06, An Ordinance Authorizing the Negotiated Sale of Municipal Land to Golden Valley Electric Association to Provide Emergency Power Generation Capacity for the Delta Area

Sandy moved to introduce Ordinance 2005-06, An Ordinance Authorizing the Negotiated Sale of Municipal Land to Golden Valley Electric Association to Provide Emergency Power Generation Capacity for the Delta Area, hold the first reading and set the public hearing date for March 1, 2005; Leith-Dowling seconded.

Hallgren said the newer version, distributed at the meeting and different from what was placed in the packet, included amendments by the City Attorney. Hallgren explained changes between the two drafts and said GVEA would appreciate not paying more than the fair market value for the property (referring to the 200% policy).

Heinbockel said 8 acres of land for \$40,000 was not enough. He suggested appropriate wording and figures for missing information in the ordinance draft. He asked to replace the option price from \$100 to \$5,000, set May 31 as the expiration date and increase the sale price from \$42,000 to \$50,000.

Hallgren said wording was inserted that was not necessary. It simply was a reminder that "net monies received by the City (after subtraction of City expenses) shall be ultimately deposited by the City into the corpus of the City Permanent Fund." Hallgren said that is normal procedure but by ordinance the money could be used elsewhere.

Leith-Dowling asked to change "Delta area" to "Delta Junction area" because of being in a formal document.

Heinbockel said "junction" is the reason this community exists.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 2005-07, An Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Chapter 1.67, Enhanced 911, Section 1.67.020 to Include Surcharge on All Locally-Billed Wireless Phone Numbers and Adding Section 1.67.030 to Define the Delta Junction Area

Hallgren said income had been received from surcharges collected from regular telephone lines (75¢ per month for each line) for several years. Part of the E911 monies collected fund the mapping project. Currently nothing was collected off cell phones in the Delta area. In 2001 the State Statute changed to include charging for cell phones and would be collected by communities in which the cell numbers were billed. Recently the phone company delivered a preliminary monthly cost for E911 service in Delta and it is higher than what is collected off regular phone lines surcharges. Several hundred dollars would be lost each month by the City in providing E911 service to the whole area. Hallgren said it was not known how much income would be collected from cell phones or what the phone company will actually charge. Each cell phone company will need to be contacted.

Heinbockel asked to not exclude Ft. Greely because emergency services would be provided to anyone and there would be no distinction between 895 or 869 prefixes.

Discussion followed regarding 911 on Ft. Greely and the dispatch process.

Hallgren said FNSB dispatching costs less than \$10,000/year. Currently \$1,800/month was collected off E911 surcharges but ACS E911 service would increase to \$2,300/month.

Hallgren said he recommended removing “(excluding Ft. Greely for wire line telephones).” in section 1.67.030.

Leith-Dowling moved to introduce Ordinance 2005-07, An Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Chapter 1.67, Enhanced 911, Section 1.67.020 to Include Surcharge on All Locally-Billed Wireless Phone Numbers and Adding Section 1.67.030 to Define the Delta Junction Area as presented to include the amended wording in section 1.67.030 and set the public hearing date for March 1, 2005; Sandy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Purchase Orders

PO#09647 to Anchorage Daily News in the amount of \$713.16 for 2 weeks advertisement of City Administrator position

PO#09648 to Arctic Fire & Safety Co. in the amount of \$16,490.00 for two thermal image cameras to be used by the Fire Departments (Homeland Security)

PO#09649 to ATT & Alascom in the amount of \$810.14 for Feb '05 E911 phone service

PO#09650 to Bank of America in the amount of \$4,378.94 for credit card charges (E911 mapping software and two Homeland Security saw kits)

PO#09651 to Buffalo Center Auto Parts in the amount of \$1,114.05 for batteries and flashing lights for new tanker and oil, grease, drain pans and tester for equipment

PO#09652 to Clearwater Signs in the amount of \$4,647.50 for balance remaining on City Hall and Community Center signs

PO#09653 to Dell Marketing L.P. in the amount of \$2,035.20 for 4 computers at new library

PO#09654 to Delta Fuel Company in the amount of \$8,381.42 for Jan '05 heating oil

PO#09655 to Delta Texaco in the amount of \$1,709.67 for diesel fuel

PO#09656 to GVEA in the amount of \$2,662.46 for Jan '05 electricity

PO#09657 to Hope Counseling Center in the amount of \$9,805.70 for Social Service Grant Progress Pmt #2

PO#09658 to Motorola Inc. in the amount of \$40,484.00 for (8) Homeland Security portable radios

PO#09659 to Office Max in the amount of \$4,760.54 for desks, file cabinets and chairs at new Fire Station

PO#09660 to State of Alaska, DEC in the amount of \$830.00 for permit at new septage facility

PO#09661 to ACS in the amount of \$752.80 for Feb '05 phone service

PO#09662 to Arctic Fox Safety & Supplies in the amount of \$9,127.77 for chocks and safety air bag set

Zimmerman explained the portable radios (09658) would be distributed between the chiefs of various departments involved with Homeland Security. The radios are compatible with the AST, the Fire Departments and the Rescue Squad. Another 27 are on order but they are half the price of these 8.

Hallgren said the digital system was to be in effect the summer of 2003. Money must be fronted to purchase before an application for reimbursement can be requested.

Discussion followed regarding the application process and items that have been purchased.

Sloan asked about 09662.

Zimmerman stated chocks and air bags are used to lift vehicles off victims.

Leith-Dowling moved to approve purchase orders 09647 through 09662 as presented; Sandy seconded.

Heinbockel said he would vote against the motion simply to protest the horrendous energy expenses.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with four (Sloan, Sandy, Leith-Dowling, Gilbertson) voting in favor and one (Heinbockel) voting against.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hallgren reported visiting Donnelly Dome to check TV signal problems but found nothing wrong with the TV translator. The translator for the public radio station was not operating and proper authorities were notified. He said the small critter that was evicted last year happily returned and survived the winter very well.

Janet Boyer asked about borough issues involving Gilbertson and Leith-Dowling because neither one is part of the Charter Commission.

Hallgren stated both are part of the Charter Subcommittee.

Leith-Dowling said there was nothing official to report and she had no power to deliver information, as it had not yet been presented to the Charter Commission.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Heinbockel said Gary Wilken, according to today's newspaper article, was taking exception to the Governor's plan to provide money to rural areas because of higher energy costs. Delta Junction would receive \$75,000 based on that formula. He said Wilken does not care about rural areas of Alaska. If he did he would champion and support aid to areas that are hit by these costs. GVEA costs have increased and they hammer it to the consumer. Gasoline prices have increased and it costs \$1.89/gallon in Fairbanks versus \$2.20+ in Delta. Home heating fuel was not comparable either. Wilken expects small rural communities to "pay their fair share" when they do not have the ability as a community.

Hallgren said Alaska Municipal League (AML) requested comments on the Governor's bill. He said Zimmerman submitted a letter explaining how the prices had increased and specifically identified fuel oil and gasoline prices in Delta compared to Fairbanks. The Daily News-Miner article indicated that Senator Wilken felt Fairbanks prices were too high and therefore they should qualify for assistance.

Discussion followed regarding Anchorage prices and how fuel is tanked from North Pole.

ADJOURNMENT

Sloan moved to adjourn at 7:30PM; Heinbockel seconded. Motion carried.

Pat White

City Clerk

City of Delta Junction

Date of approval: March 1, 2005