



City Council Minutes
May 16, 2006 ~ 5:00PM

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska

The regular meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at City Hall in Delta Junction, Alaska. Mayor Pro tem Mary Leith-Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:08PM.

Council members present: Mayor Roy Gilbertson, Mayor Pro tem Mary Leith-Dowling, Lou Heinbockel, Pablo Martinez, Mike Jenkins, Mike Tvenge, Leslie Feilner

Council members excused: none

City employees present: Pete Hallgren, Jim DeWitt, Butch Ellis, Pat White

Approximately 16 members from the community were present along with 8 representatives from U.S. Army Alaska, Ft. Wainwright Fire Department, and BLM – Alaska Fire Service.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Leith-Dowling reported two items to add to *New Business*:

- ✓ Proclamation – Hunger Awareness – June 6, 2006
- ✓ PO#010845 – MEDTEC Ambulance Co. in the amount of \$607.66

Heinbockel asked to change the meeting layout, moving *Reports* and all other business to the end of the meeting so that *Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance 2006-06* could be discussed first.

Jenkins moved to approve the agenda as amended; Heinbockel seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Heinbockel moved to approve the May 2, 2006 minutes as presented; Gilbertson seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Tim Webb asked about repairs on city roads. He questioned repaving Nistler Road between Salcha Avenue and the school. “Why not include Richardson Avenue and remove one more bad bump?”

Heinbockel said the two bumps that were obvious were in front of George Sandlin’s residence and near the elementary school. He said he didn’t recall the streets named, just the bumps that needed repair.

Hallgren reported the legislature granted the City \$400,000 for paving in this last session but must still pass the Governor. We asked for \$900,000 several years ago when Council prioritized a paving plan. Kimball Street was of top priority and Rapids Street to North Clearwater and South Clearwater were also included. \$400,000 was not enough to complete repairs on the main streets would help considerably with the \$360,000 that was leftover from previous years. His recommendation was to complete the engineer work this summer, review priorities and put it out for bid this winter for construction in the summer of 2007.

Webb asked if any action is being taken regarding flood control for the creek that crosses Alaska Highway, Nistler Road and Jack Warren.

Hallgren said the area in question on Nistler Road is State owned and maintained. Part of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between U.S. Army Alaska (USARAK) and the City of Delta Junction includes joint effort by USARAK and the City to get a dike system on Jarvis Creek, which was designed a number of years ago. If the system is built and is successful it will stop flooding problems similar to what occurred 2 years ago. It would also resolve the reoccurring problems on Nistler Road.

Heinbockel said low water crossing on Nistler does not hold priority with the State Department of Transportation (DOT) as bridges to nowhere. Billions will be spent on bridges but widening the road between here and Ft. Greely and changing the Jarvis Creek Bridge have slipped from their list.

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro tem Mary Leith-Dowling called for Council comments on non-agenda items with none being offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance 2006-06, An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Army Alaska and Providing for an Effective Date

Heinbockel moved to open the public hearing and second reading of Ordinance 2006-06, An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Army Alaska and Providing for an Effective Date; Feilner seconded. Motion carried.

Jim DeWitt, City Attorney, presented a brief history of 3-year struggle over the Eddy Drop Zone (EDZ) issue. He said each time the Army has presented a new Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) they have done a better job. The document has grown from 56 pages to two 2-inch thick volumes. Each revision addresses issues the City has raised. DeWitt said he could not promise winning another round of litigation. He and City Administrator Pete Hallgren met with Major Richard Meyer and have exchanged numerous drafts and dozens of e-mails. Ordinance 2006-06 and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is the outcome of the negotiations. Will the MOA, if adopted, stop a fire? No. Will it prevent a flood? No. Will it be of assistance if we have to argue with the Army if they conduct exercises when the temperature has been bone-dry for weeks and the wind has been blowing at 20mph? Yes. Will it give means to obtain permanent flood control procedures in place? Perhaps. Did we try to address all issues in the Supplemental Draft of the EIS? No. We focused on fire and flood concerns, both of which threatened the lives, safety and property of the citizens of Delta Junction and Deltana. The best feature of the outcome documents is that it is better than anything that is likely to come from litigation or any lawsuit. It gives a means to have an effective ability to complain if the Army does not follow the agreement in the future.

Hallgren stated a firm was hired by the City to take sound measurements during the noise demonstration that USARAK conducted earlier. They were unable to pull any of the test firing or helicopter sound from the background noise. He said several City officials flew into the northern corner of EDZ to watch the testing. Helicopters flew into Buffalo Drop Zone and fired blanks from EDZ and had simulated grenade and artillery.

Larry Fussner, USARAK Force Modernization Office, introduced himself and said he had previously provided public comment briefings in Delta Junction. His presentation focused on the fire suppression strategy for the Donnelly Training Area East, which incorporated the current situation, what was addressed in the EIS and everything that was added in the recent MOA and negotiations with the City of Delta Junction. Fire suppression is a very sensitive issue to both the USARAK and the Delta community because of having experienced fire already. He introduced Dan Rees, Forester for U.S. Army Garrison, Alaska, Russell Toms, Chief of the Fort Wainwright Fire Department, Tamela DeFries, Military Zone Fire Management Officer for BLM-Alaska Fire Service and Kato Howard, State Fuels Management

Specialist for BLM-Alaska Fire Service. Fussner said he hoped those in the audience leave with the feeling that their public comments were taken into account.

- **BACKGROUND** – Fussner provided a background history of events: The Supplemental Draft EIS (SDEIS) was released on March 17, 2006. It listed EDZ as the preferred alternative for the construction of a Battle Area Complex (BAX) and a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF). A public hearing was held at the Community Center on April 6. The Commanding General directed staff to review comments, provide feedback and try to increase safety for residents of Delta Junction. USARAK developed a Fire Suppression Strategy with help from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS** that contribute to a fire are highly flammable black spruce trees, low humidity, warm temperatures and wind direction.
- **FIRE SUPPRESSION STRATEGIES** to reduce fire are prevention, rapid reaction and reducing the fuel source.

Prevention - He said USARAK has restrictions on what will be fired during training. There will be no exploding rounds fired anywhere on the battle area complex or the combined-arms collected training facility (a “paintball” facility that has not been a point of much contention). Fussner said his presentation would focus on the battle area complex and the maneuver live-fire portion of the proposed range development. They will limit use of pyrotechnics, depending on the fire index. None will be used during extreme fire conditions. USARAK will consult with the Alaska Fire Service and the City of Delta Junction when they plan to use pyrotechnics, smoke or any other type of fire producing weapons or ammunition. The approval process is slightly modified under extreme fire index. Part of fire prevention is soldier education and they will be briefed on a daily basis regarding fire risks. Part of the EIS includes construction of additional fire weather stations that will provide data to determine the weather index. The environmental factors are looked at several different times a day to determine the weather index.

Rapid Reaction - All ground units that access the battle area complex will carry firefighting equipment (pickaxes, shovels, water on site, etc.). As a year-round supplement a wild land fire crew will be assigned to the Ft. Greely Fire Department. A minimum of three crewmembers will be physically on site at the range during fire season whenever the range is used. Additionally they will be available 24/7, 365 days per year. The crew will be equipped with a high-speed 4-wheel drive vehicle with a 300-gallon water tank, specifically designed to fight wild land fire. All other times the engine will be stationed at Ft. Greely. Also under elevated fire indices during fire season a helicopter with a water bucket will be available whenever the range is in operation.

Hazard Fuel Reduction - Fussner explained **prescribed burns**, which are intentional management-ignited fire contained within a designated area. The purpose is to remove highly flammable undergrowth to reduce the risk of forest fire. He said 45,000 acres on the Donnelly Training Area had already been burned since 2000. **Fuel breaks** are 100 to 400 feet wide strips of land that are used to decrease the amount of available fuel. Fussner said USARAK has agreed to create and maintain fuel breaks in numerous locations in addition to fuel breaks at the Jarvis North Project (covered in detail in the EIS). In all, USARAK will have created and will maintain over 1,000 acres of fuel breaks in the Donnelly Training Area East.

Tim Webb said the Hadjukovich Creek Fire started outside of the Gerstle test site. Once the fire entered the test site BLM pulled all their firefighters out because of possible unexploded ordnance. The fire spread to the Gerstle River Expansion area, which is located within a mile of Alaska Highway residents. Once firefighting from the ground stopped, the fire was allowed to run wild. Webb asked Fussner if he knew the history about this area and if there was concern about unexploded ordnance.

Fussner said there was no known recorded unexploded ordnance in the area that is highlighted for the range construction or maneuver. If a fire were to occur the area would be accessed by the Wildland fire engine.

Webb said his concern was that a wildfire would reoccur and there would be no firefighting efforts again.

Major Rich Meyer said there would be no unexploded rounds used throughout the range and in the Army's history the specific area was used for maneuvers but never as a range.

Tamela DeFries stated there was no good communication between BLM and the Army during the 1994 Hadjukovich Fire but since then a stronger relationship has been established and fire management decisions have been based on what information was provided. The range is under full-management protection.

Mike Paschal, local newspaper editor, asked about elevated fire risks. Did it include all indices below "low"?

Meyer said elevated fire indices are considered high and extreme. There are also limitations in the MOA regarding use of pyrotechnics when conditions are moderate. When referencing "elevated" it is referring to high and extreme conditions.

Janet Boyer, local reporter, asked about cost of the measures and who foots the bill.

Fussner said the U.S. Army is purchasing the \$120,000 fire engine and paying for the fire crews. The State of Alaska is not involved with either.

Jack Morris, local resident, asked, "If a fire started and gets off military land and burned down privately owned dwellings, would the military be liable?"

DeWitt stated the good news is the courts have pretty consistently held the Army liable when the fire originated in an Army facility as a result of Army activity. The bad news is that it is conducted in the Court of Claims, which is a court run by the United States government for the United States government. The law is clear about liability but getting fair market value for what is destroyed may be a challenge.

Morris stated the original proposal stated if the winds reached a certain force there would be no active firing. "Was that still in effect? What was the (mile-per-hour) force?" He said, "We know for a fact that if the wind is blowing 50mph, the military continues to train."

DeWitt said the topic was part of the EA. He said, "We are a victim of our own success." The Supplemental Draft EIS published a study completed by the military that showed how many days the range would be shut down if the winds held. They would not agree to close the range down during windy conditions. They did agree to no pyrotechnics. But should the USARAK Chief of Staff declare a war emergency, with or without wind, training is not stopped. DeWitt said during negotiations they disagreed with a 300 or 400-foot wide strip along 33 Mile Loop and argued for a half-mile wide strip. Alaska Fire Service said they could manage a forest fire better if they had periodic little breaks (fuel interruptions) than if there was a larger wide one. DeWitt said during a windstorm it was proven in 1999 (?) that a two-mile break did no good.

Boyer asked for clarification. "Does that mean anything could be overruled in a war emergency?"

DeWitt stated that is always the case in dealing with the Armed Forces. It is in the federal statutes. A war emergency trumps everything. Part of the MOA states the ruling must come from outside the immediate chain of command to get approval. A local person cannot make the call. It must come from the Chief of Staff at Ft. Richardson.

Meyer said the MOA requires USARAK to identify situations that are critical. They will give the City notice up front, should conditions happen to be extreme or not, when a unit is being trained and going to war in three weeks.

Hallgren said noise to some degree was part of the MOA. A noise demonstration was presented at 4:15PM. Potential flooding was also dealt with in the MOA. There is no guarantee that a flood control dike would be constructed. USARAK did guarantee that they would consider it a priority to work with the City to get funding for its construction and if it works as designed, it should preclude any future flooding episodes as experienced two years ago when the Jarvis Creek flooded EDZ and downtown Delta Junction.

Webb asked about a live fire curfew, especially during the school year.

DeWitt said as long as USARAK remains within the nationwide standard, there is not a lot anyone can do about noise. There is a noise penalty if exercises are between 10:00PM and 7:00AM.

Webb said there was a lot of confusion last year during hunting season. He asked if the Army could not schedule exercises between August 25 and September 20.

DeWitt said the property belongs to USARAK. They can do what they want. The City tried to keep channels open to develop some type of access to the country beyond EDZ but the area is effectively closed to hunting, hiking, recreation, etc. because USARAK will be utilizing the training area for 225 days of each year.

Webb questioned that people who have hunted in these areas since Delta first existed will now be forced to find another location. He said closing the area compounded hunting pressure from all over the State.

DeWitt said for the most part he was correct. Attempts were made to include a route across Jarvis Creek and into the Granites as well as the area east of 33-Mile Loop Road, which is outside the surface danger zone.

Hallgren said the range would be open to the public when not in use for training. "A property owner has a lot of say as to who can hunt on his property." He said the best that could be negotiated was a route near the 12-Mile Crossing Road.

Webb said 27 days out of 365 is not asking too much.

Morris asked about the height of the elevation of an arc of any of the weaponry.

Fussner said each of the ricochet factors is covered in the EIS. The entire maneuver area is in Class D airspace and is controlled by the tower at Allen Army Airfield.

Morris said portions of the surface danger zone are controlled at the elevation of 3500 feet, which means anyone can fly over that while there is active firing on the ground. He asked, "What is the highest arc that can be expected?"

Fussner said he would locate an answer for Morris. He said in any case it is the responsibility of the unit on the ground to cease-fire when an aircraft enters their airspace. The practice is followed every day at Ft. Richardson and the Merrill Field in Anchorage, which has very heavy air traffic. Part of the exercise includes monitoring airspace. Depending upon what type of weapon is fired, USARAK enters into a Small Arms Safety Area, a Controlled Fire Area, which requires approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) who reviews all procedures. Fussner said he was confident in USARAK procedures regarding monitoring for aircraft.

Discussion followed regarding surface level, ground-to-ground direct fire and line-of-sight range.

Hallgren stated the public comment period was extended to May 18 and the agreement, if it passes, is between U.S. Army Alaska and the City of Delta Junction. No attempt has been made to diminish or reduce the rights of any individual who might wish to take lawful action. Local government would not be responsible to pay fees associated with such actions.

Gilbertson asked about 12-Mile Crossing Road.

DeWitt said 12-Mile Crossing is just inside the Surface Danger Zone by as few as 10-meters. The commitment from USARAK is that they will find a way to get around that in order to access the area.

Meyer stated USARAK would take reasonable administrative steps to obtain access. They would train while operating under two different types of danger zones. The whole area is off limits when firing the 105mm cannon.

DeWitt recited section D. 18 from page 9 of the MOA, "USARAK agrees to take reasonable planning and administrative steps to facilitate public crossing of Donnelly Training Area to support public access to the Granite Mountains" year round. He said there is no date restriction on it. USARAK has no issue with individuals crossing as long they are south of the Surface Danger Zone boundary. Nothing restricts access. Also nothing in the agreement prohibits USARAK from expanding range use for their artillery a year from now. It would require another environmental notice process. We do not have USARAK's agreement to never block access. We do have their agreement that this range will not block access.

Meyer said the agreement deals with the effect of adding the Battle Area Complex, basically minimizing the ability to access the area because of construction.

Heinbockel said the agreement is no different than current policy on all of USARAK property. If it creates a danger to the public, it is closed to the public.

Webb said it would make good public relations to accommodate the hunters.

Heinbockel said the Alaska Department of Fish & Game has done more to restrict access than the Army has.

Jim Storey said he assumed an overlay of buffer, that showed the 25,000 acres, was researched.

DeWitt gave Storey Volume 2 of the EIS with the relevant maps to review.

Leith-Dowling called for additional public comment with none being offered.

Heinbockel moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2006-06; Feilner seconded. Motion carried.

Heinbockel moved to adopt Ordinance 2006-06, An Ordinance Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Army Alaska and Providing for an Effective Date; Martinez seconded.

Leith-Dowling called for Council comments.

Tvenge thanked City Attorney Jim DeWitt for his work.

DeWitt said he did not like the agreement but "it is the best we will get."

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

DeWitt asked for a motion to reconsider to make the actions final. He said members who voted in favor (the prevailing side of the motion) could give notice for reconsideration by the close of business on May 17. By voting again the decision becomes final tonight.

Heinbockel moved to reconsider; Jenkins seconded.

DeWitt said voting in favor of reconsideration brings it back. Voting against reconsideration means the vote can never be changed again.

Motion failed with six (Heinbockel, Feilner, Tvenge, Jenkins, Martinez, Leith-Dowling) voting in against and one (Gilbertson) voting in favor.

REPORTS

Fire Department – Carin Bear reported continued problems with the fire station doors. Manually opening them is frustrating.

Hallgren said Overhead Doors from Fairbanks inspected them but were unable to resolve the problems.

Cemetery – Mary Leith-Dowling reported two gravesites were recently dug but took twice the usual amount of time, due to frozen ground.

City Administrator – Pete Hallgren reported a Gasline public hearing is scheduled for May 24 at City Hall from 10:00AM to 7:00PM. The State requested Council members arrive earlier for a briefing. They would advertise locally for public testimony and attendance. Hallgren stated Conoco Phillips was scheduled to meet with Mayor Gilbertson and him on May 23 at 2:00PM. Other Council members were invited to attend. British Petroleum (BP) would meet with Hallgren and Gilbertson on May 19. Hallgren planned to attend Gasline meetings with the Municipal Advisory Group (MAG) in Fairbanks on May 25 and 26 to discuss taxation issues.

Hallgren reported the legislature has appropriated \$209,000 to Deltana for improvements on Souhrada Road. They also granted the City of Delta Junction \$76,000 for increased fuel costs and other expenses. There is no revenue sharing though. Hallgren reported the landfill would have extended hours for Community Clean Up Day on May 20. It would be open from 10:00AM to 6:00PM instead of the normal 11:00 to 3:00PM. Fees will be reduced to half (2 1/8¢ per pound) with a \$5.00 minimum.

School Liaison – Mary Leith-Dowling reported no electricity all day at the school. The outage appeared to be located in the school facilities only.

City Clerk – Pat White reported the Relay for Life, Delta's first American Cancer Society Fundraiser, was very successful. Over 700 participants made up the 33 teams that walked the school track during the 24-hour period. 35 people walked for the City Slickers. White said she appreciated their enthusiasm and generosity. It was an absolute wonderful weekend, probably one of the most memorable community events ever held in Delta. The fundraiser is planned to continue as an annual event.

White stated she anticipated an increase in passport applications but was surprised in the low demand. (New requirements mandate having passports by January 2007 for travel by air/sea and January 2008 for travel by land). The City became a Passport Acceptance Agency in November 2003. 110 applications were processed in 2004, 119 in 2005 and 59 to date in 2006.

DREDC – Mike Tvenge reported Delta Regional Economic Development Council (DREDC) met on May 15. Al White, Mat-Su Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Coordinator, presented an update of DREDC's application to become a RC&D. Janet Boyer and Eileen Herman presented a draft of the Recreation Activities calendar and said they were getting good community response to their survey. Tvenge stated four seats were available for election on June 19. (2 seats are to be appointed internally and 2 seats are open to the general public. Applications are available at City Hall.)

Library – Mary Leith-Dowling reported John Sloan's Sri Lanka presentation on May 5 was well attended and Jonathan Kimball presented the Library Board with an Eagle Scout leadership service project on May 9. He offered to clear the property between the Community Center and the library. The Board accepted his proposal.

Jonathan Kimball explained his plans to clear brush and weeds, rake leaves, plant grass and provide one or two tables and benches to create an area that can be enjoyed by summer readers. The outdoor furniture will either be purchased locally or built.

Gilbertson moved to accept Kimball's proposal; Feilner seconded.

Gilbertson amended the motion, requesting that the lumber used be donated by Delta Building Supply.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Park – Leslie Feilner reported aggressive action needs taken regarding outhouses and moving bleachers to the softball area.

Hallgren said Bob Morley planned to get a quote from a local business for a simple design to resolve the safety issue in the existing outhouses.

Tvenge said the football team needs the bleachers when the softball season ends.

Heinbockel reported evidence of continued vandalism: A 2-wheel motorcycle caused damages inside the park, a picnic table was chopped up and used for a campfire, and 2 of 4 barbeque grills were torn apart and destroyed. He said, "Here is a park for you to enjoy and destroy."

Feilner said no-alcohol signs are posted.

Recreation – Mike Tvenge reported the Skating Association hosted a clean up at the rink, inside and out, on May 6 and it was very successful. The facility is now ready for improvements. He said locks were installed in the upstairs concession area to protect the Hall of Fame trophies and photos.

Heinbockel said he wanted some of the \$76,000 fuel money from the legislature to be used to heat the Ice Arena next winter. He asked that it be reflected in the FY07 budget.

Discussion followed regarding a budget work session. A meeting was set for 5:00PM, May 30, 2006.

Public Health & Safety – Pablo Martinez reported Medic II is in Fairbanks at DOT with electrical and transmission problems. It is 4 years old. Medic III is having compressors replaced. Medic I, which is 12 years old, is having engine and transmission problems. It has been in storage for the past two years but is being used because Medic II and III are down.

Department of Transportation (DOT) Liaison – Mary Leith-Dowling reported she signed the agreement with DOT to complete repair work on Nistler (School) Road. Work is to happen the beginning of June.

Gilbertson thanked Leith-Dowling for getting it done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS continued

Sale of Aerial Maps

White stated at least 10 maps were distributed to emergency responders, Chamber of Commerce, Delta Career Advancement Center and other agencies. She said several requests have been made from the

public for personal aerial maps. She asked to set a price to accommodate those requests and also if the maps can be sold in electronic format. Actual costs were estimated to be approximately \$25.

Hallgren said paper and ink were expensive. A ready-made template is capable of printing a map in 20 minutes. Another 20 minutes may be needed for specialized maps.

Gilbertson recommended charging \$40.

Discussion followed regarding the imagery agreement, updating and changing information and maps becoming outdated.

Martinez moved to establish a \$40 fee to sell aerial maps to the general public; Feilner seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with six (Jenkins, Feilner, Tvenge, Martinez, Leith-Dowling, Gilbertson) voting in favor and one (Heinbockel) voting against.

Recreation Center Upgrades

DeWitt reported he would be able to make contact with M2C1 regarding Recreation Center (Ice Arena) improvements, now that EDZ issues are resolved.

Stephen Hammond stated rink upgrades were a big priority and expectations, at the time that M2C1 was selected, were to move forward with the contracting so that, if at all possible, some work could be completed this year. In anticipation of that, he made contact with associates and staff. Because of no contact the structural engineer that was lined out was cancelled. He is now not available until the end of June or first of July. Another company hired his project engineer. Hammond said M2C1 is still committed to the project but because of the two-month delay, opportunity is gone to complete any structural upgrade (adding insulation and amenities) this season. Analysis and permitting through the Fire Marshal requires time. The team he had is now dissolved and without a contract from the City, the project is out of his hands.

Heinbockel said expectations of disposing of the Waldo house, paving streets and making improvements at the rink are all very frustrating.

DeWitt said the 60-day delay was during the same time frame of the Eddy Drop Zone SDEIS. He said he would present the City Administrator with a draft contract by May 19 or May 22.

Hallgren said the plan is to put together a bid packet for rink upgrades by December.

Travis / Peterson Hydrology Report for Eddy Drop Zone

Heinbockel asked if the Travis / Peterson report proved that EDZ was a worse choice than the Donnelly Drop Zone.

DeWitt stated Edmond C. Packee, Jr. PhD. raised two issues that came as bombshells to the military, 1) failure to compare to the adjoining Granite Creek drainage and Sawmill Creek drainage and 2) Stryker vehicles would impact this area by affecting 80 to 90% of soils and drainage. He said the Army has a copy of Dr. Packee's report and they must address his issues as part of the EIS. He explained Packee's contribution to the hydrology report.

Discussion followed regarding floodwater and snowmelt.

Hallgren said he and DeWitt needed to work with USARAK to locate a funding vehicle to build a dike system.

Heinbockel asked to work with USARAK regarding use of the landfill also.

DeWitt excused himself at 7:03PM.

Proclamation – Childhood Cancer Awareness Week – June 5 through June 12

Proclamation – Hunger Awareness – June 6, 2006

Leith-Dowling read aloud both proclamations, Childhood Cancer Awareness Week and Hunger Awareness and stated both were health related and timed well with recent community events.

Purchase Orders

PO#010831 to ACS in the amount of \$1,317.95 for May '06 phone service

PO#010832 to ATT & Alascom in the amount of \$811.45 for May '06 911 phones and power
PO#010833 to B&A Heating in the amount of \$557.10 for old fire station boiler repairs
PO#010834 to Bank of America in the amount of \$1,268.36 for Excel training for Hallgren and McCombs, color ink cartridges for HP plotter and library fundraiser supplies, which were reimbursed by Library Board
PO#010835 to Delta Building Supply in the amount of \$1,500.00 for May '06 warm storage rent
PO#010836 to Delta-Greely School District in the amount of \$72,347.95 for Jan – Mar '06 job training
PO#010837 to Dipper Fuel Inc. in the amount of \$1,164.98 landfill equipment fuel oil
PO#010838 to GVEA in the amount of \$2,662.83 for April '06 electricity
PO#010839 to Guess & Rudd in the amount of \$1,312.43 for April '06 legal services related to review of M2C1 rink contract
PO#010840 to Guess & Rudd in the amount of \$25,490.33 for April '06 legal services related to EDZ MOA
PO#010841 to MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$8,503.52 for Jantz' architect services related to rink improvements
PO#010842 to Simplex Grinnell in the amount of \$904.00 for annual fire alarm inspection
PO#010843 to State of Alaska, DEC in the amount of \$830.00 for annual wastewater permit at the new landfill
PO#010844 to Travis Peterson Environmental Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$10,776.35 for EDZ floodwater survey
PO#010845 to MEDTEC Ambulance Co. in the amount of \$607.66 for airbag and shocks for Medic III
Feilner moved to approve purchase orders 010831 through 010845 as presented; Martinez seconded.
Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janet Boyer asked about PO#010841.

Hallgren said it covered draft work done by Architect Merle Jantz.

Jack Morris asked for permission to have Equipment Operator Dave Boadwine build a 2-foot dirt berm along Rapids Street on the north side from the taxiway near Rapid Air Maintenance to the bend on Rapids near JW Musgrove's residence. He said the job could be done with a grader but the number of hours was not known. The purpose of the berm is to deter vehicle traffic on the airstrip, which will increase once Forestry closes the road off the Richardson.

Gilbertson said he was concerned with attracting four-wheelers and snowmobiles.

Butch Ellis asked if landfill rocks could be used.

Hallgren said vehicles could still go around rocks. He asked if there was enough material to work with.

Morris said he thought there was and that it would be dug from the Rapids Street side only without creating a ditch. If it turned out to be a bad idea, the dirt could be knocked back down.

Hallgren said he would talk to Boadwine. He asked Morris when the charter service planned on moving off the runway, out of the glide path and onto their lot.

Morris said the business would move once they are guaranteed access from the clinic. He tested the road several times and knows the road is not maintained on a regular basis.

Heinbockel asked if the road that passes Matt's Auto business was a private one.

Hallgren said the road forms legal access to the airport lots that were sold. The trail that accesses the road is a section line off Remington Road. He said Dr. Andreassen would present a proposal regarding an unwritten agreement with former administration about constructing the road improvement.

Tim Webb asked if a prison were to have been built, would the Army still want to build the firing range.

Hallgren said it was likely because they would still own the land.

Heinbockel said all the land was turned over to Ft. Wainwright. The Donnelly Training Area is no longer part of Ft. Greely. Missile and Space Command has a small section of the military property.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tvenge asked that the \$2 million be reserved for the skating rink project and not spent on other needs.

Hallgren said the only money being spent is going to the project. Carpeting City Hall and replacing the sidewalk were two of the unfinished projects. If those projects and the Donnelly Dome TV towers are not completed the money can be used at the rink.

Heinbockel said \$2 million is leftover from the other construction projects. The longer improvements at the rink are not finished, the less money is available to do them.

Gilbertson said money from the sale of the Waldo house would go into the recreation fund.

Hallgren said local realtor Cleeta Barger would update her opinion next week and thereafter he would set the sale.

ADJOURNMENT

Feilner moved to adjourn at 7:25PM; Gilbertson seconded. Motion carried.

Pat White
City Clerk

Date of approval: June 6, 2006