



City Council Minutes
December 4, 2007 ~ 5:00PM

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska

The regular meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at City Hall in Delta Junction, Alaska. Mayor Mary Leith-Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Council members present: Mayor Mary Leith-Dowling, Mike Jenkins, Leslie Feilner, Pete Hallgren, and JW Musgrove (telephonically)

Council members excused: Mayor Pro tem Lou Heinbockel and Pablo Martinez

City employees present: City Administrator Mike Tvenge, Finance Officer Dave Zimmerman, and City Clerk Pat White

Eleven members from the community were present.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mary reported one item to add to *New Business*:

✓ PO#012209 to Alcan Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$58,098.70

Hallgren moved to approve the December 4, 2007 agenda as amended; Feilner seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Feilner noted two word changes on page 2.

Feilner moved to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2007 regular meeting as amended; Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Leith-Dowling called for public comments on non-agenda items.

Totsie Pursey, Delta Lions Club Secretary, thanked Council for awarding \$40,000 to the Delta Junction Motocross (DJMX) on November 27, 2007. She said the BMX and motocross group are part of the Delta Lions Club. She, President Tom Stockmal, and Treasurer Doris Fales are authorized spokespersons and are presently gathering the required documents. Pursey said they appreciate the support from the City Council and are excited for the young membership. She said the recreation is a positive summer activity for the youth in the community and the Delta Lions Club is happy to sponsor the program.

Zimmerman asked Pursey to present necessary paperwork by December 5, 2007.

Chelsea Holt introduced herself and said she was a captain of the Delta High School Co-Ed Soccer Team, an outsourced sports program. She presented a written request for \$5,000 to purchase goals for the soccer field and said they would like to host a tournament next year. The sport is in its second year and all fundraising is done by players and parents but relies on community support. Holt said the soccer team practices at the old elementary playground but plays scheduled games at the High School football field. She referenced the quote and said it was the cheapest and they were unsuccessful in locating used goals. Hallgren said the City owns a set of soccer goal posts that were taken down because they interfered with t-ball activities.

Discussion followed regarding loaning the used goals (that lack nets) and making contact with soccer representatives.

Debra Heral, Deltana Fair Assistant Manager, referenced a proposal that outlined several projects at the fairgrounds, totaling approximately \$150,000. She and Fair Manager Judy Sowell planned to submit a breakdown of detailed information.

Hallgren said all but approximately \$20,000 has been obligated and that is reserved for potential cost overruns on the current project (rink).

Tvenge stated Heral would provide more specific information and it will be discussed at a later date.

Feilner asked what item was the most important.

Judy Sowell stated fencing would be the priority followed by paving for handicapped access.

Leith-Dowling stated decisions would be discussed at the December 18, 2007 City Council meeting. She called for Council comments on non-agenda items with none being offered.

REPORTS

Rescue Squad – Pat White reported in Lisa Shivel's absence and said squad members were taking an EMT II course through December 15.

City Clerk – Pat White said the first City Council meeting in 2008 would be postponed from January 1 to Wednesday, January 2, 2008 because of New Year's Day. The office would be open on December 31 but not January 1. She stated a sound system for the City Hall conference rooms is being researched.

City Administrator – Mike Tvenge reported:

- The Fish & Game Advisory meeting is scheduled on December 5, 2007 but the 2008-04 Ordinance (adopted September 4, 2007 regarding the antlerless moose hunt) would not be a topic of discussion until January 30, after the Regions III Game Proposal book is published. Tvenge recommended Council obtain endorsement from the local F&G to support the ordinance/proposal that will be a topic at the State Board of Game Region III meeting at Pike's Lodge February 29 through March 10, 2008.
- The Delta Sportsman's Association grant agreement has been signed.
- Council input is requested for the legislative request list that will be a topic on December 18.
- Zimmerman and Tvenge met with Chugach/Alutiiq representatives on December 3 to discuss negotiations about Ft. Greely using the landfill with a potential contract between January 1 and September 30.

Library – Mary Leith-Dowling reported two new pieces of art, Vincent van Gogh's *Starry Night* and Picasso's *Guernica*, have arrived and will be part of the collection for display at the library.

Department of Transportation (DOT) Liaison – Mary Leith-Dowling reported she is reviewing DOT's construction plan, which is a 64-page document and a vision for the next twenty-three years.

Airport – JW Musgrove reported that two weeks ago the East windsock was replaced and the mount was raised to stop the windsock from tangling. The Delta Pilots' Association will soon conduct their annual billing to collect payment for airport expenses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – December 11, 2007 – Day of Education Excellence

Leith-Dowling presented the Educational Excellence Proclamation that promotes the Delta Junction Elementary School who has been recognized as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education No Child Left Behind Program. She read the proclamation aloud, stating the Blue Ribbon Award is considered to be the highest honor that an American school can achieve and the No Child Left Behind Program honors schools that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. Leith-Dowling stated she would deliver the proclamation to the Delta Elementary School during the Blue Ribbon Celebration on December 11, 2007.

Resolution 2008-05, A Resolution Designating a “Purple Heart Trail” Within the Alaska Road System

Leith-Dowling explained the resolution and said communities throughout the United States were in support of the Purple Heart Trail, which commemorates and honors combat veterans who served in the U.S. armed forces.

Hallgren moved to adopt Resolution 2008-05; Feilner seconded.

Hallgren asked to reword the title to A Resolution Requesting the State of Alaska Designate the Alaska Highway as a “Purple Heart Trail” Within the Alaska Road System.

Musgrove said technically the Alaska Highway does not extend onto Fairbanks. He asked to alter wording in the Be-It-Further-Resolved paragraphs that identifies Delta Junction as the end of the Alaska Highway.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Ken Farrow, Alpha Omega – Request to Waive Community Center Fees

Hallgren explained past history of waiving fees for requesting user groups and that funeral services are the only reason to waive them now. He said renting facilities is a service, not a moneymaking venture, and adhering to the current policy is the best that can be done, in order to continue providing it. He said the discount for non-profit groups is minimal and it is doubtful that discount pays for the fuel in the winter. Council members shared the idea of upholding the policy.

Leith-Dowling stated the Council would not approve waiving fees for use of the Community Center.

Purchase Orders

PO#012198 to Aetna WHO-AAS in the amount of \$6,909.73 for Dec '07 group health insurance

PO#012199 to Construction Machinery Industrial, LLC in the amount of \$2,519.84 for loader bucket teeth replacements

PO#012200 to Crowley Petroleum Distribution in the amount of \$1,149.76 for heating oil for rink, dated Nov 8, 2007

PO#012201 to Delta High School BPA in the amount of \$1,000.00 for meals prepared for volunteers involved in the Mass Dispensing Exercise on October 25, 2007

PO#012202 to Delta Industrial Services in the amount of \$1,719.76 for argon welding gas for welding at landfill and rent of roller compactor used on city streets

PO#012203 to Delta Professional Development in the amount of \$898.56 for vehicle fuel

PO#012204 to Delta Sportsman's Association in the amount of \$10,000.00 for advance for upgrades to shooting ranges

PO#012205 to T/J Gilbertson in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Dec '07 warm storage lease

PO#012206 to Heritage General Contracting in the amount of \$129,609.72 for Zamboni building, progress invoice #4

PO#012209 to Alcan Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$58,098.70 for recreation center upgrades, progress invoice #5

Feilner moved to approve purchase orders 012198 through 012206 and 012209 as presented; Musgrove seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tana Wood thanked Council for the proclamation and said the award was not one that is easily achieved.

Leith-Dowling stated there would be a local celebration at the school.

Feilner stated Bethel's entire police force resigned.

Hallgren said Anchorage is actively recruiting police officers from other communities.

ADJOURNMENT

Feilner moved to adjourn at 5:43pm; Jenkins seconded. Motion carried.

Pat White, CMC

Approved: December 18, 2007