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**City Council Minutes**  
**May 26, 2009 ~ 5:00PM**

**Regular Meeting**  
**City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska**  
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The regular meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at City Hall in Delta Junction, Alaska. The May 19, 2009 meeting was postponed one week due to lack of a quorum. Mayor Mary Leith-Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

Council members present: Mayor Mary Leith-Dowling, Mayor Pro tem Pete Hallgren, Pablo Martinez
JW Musgrove (telephonically), Dawn Grossmann

Council member excused: Lou Heinbockel

City employees present: City Administrator Mike Tvenge, Finance Officer Dave Zimmerman
Public Works Supervisor Butch Ellis, City Clerk Pat White

Four members from the community were present.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Grossmann moved to approve the May 26, 2009 agenda as presented; Hallgren seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Martinez moved to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2009 meeting as presented; Hallgren seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Margie Mullins asked that the date of each meeting be mentioned so it is on the beginning of each recording.

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

CORRESPONDENCE - Request for "apron" of asphalt at entrance of Sunset Drive on Nistler Road
Tvenge referred to a letter from David Blum, dated May 13, 2009, and said the request, to pave the approach between Sunset Drive and Nistler, was first brought up during last summer's paving project. Local DOT foreman Bill Helkenn said the State does not have any plans to work on Nistler Road this summer. Discussion followed regarding this year's projects not being in the vicinity of Sunset / Nistler, Remington Road needing occasional blade work because of the "ski slope" at the top of the hill, paving and maintaining Brewis Subdivision, not maintaining private subdivisions, and the growing list of streets to maintain. Leith-Dowling said Sunset / Nistler can be a future consideration, but is not part of the original paving plan. Tvenge clarified that the request will be left up to the landowners at this time.

REPORTS

Airport – JW Musgrove reported \$4,000 was paid on May 13 to cover the Delta Pilots portion of the airport insurance premiums.

Cemetery – Mary Leith-Dowling reported Dick Souhrada voluntarily checked the water system for leaks and turned the water on at the cemetery on May 18. Souhrada volunteers many hours of labor each year.

Ellis said the Veterans Memorial Service on May 25 had the largest attendance ever and the cemetery grounds looked exceptionally good.

City Clerk – Pat White reported:

- The City Council vacancy has been advertised on the new radio station (KPEN/102.1) and one person might submit a letter of interest by May 29, in time for the next meeting on June 2.

- School board vacancies (Seats B, D, and F – all 3-year terms) are being advertised for the REAA #15 election in October. The deadline to submit candidate forms is August 7, 2009.
- The filing period for the City Council is August 27 through September 11, 2009. Seat A (3-year term), Seat D (one-year term), and Seat E (three-year term) will be on the ballot.
- The Buffalo Wallow was held May 22/24 and close to 80 square dancers attended, many coming from out of town and bringing motor homes and campers. They were given access to use the restrooms at the rink facility. Local club members spent two days cleaning the camp area (that is a recreational party area for teenagers) between the rink and the new school district offices (Cyber School). Also representatives from Delta Skating Association spent many hours on May 19 picking up trash in the same area.

City Administrator – Mike Tvenge reported:

- The annual landfill inspection received a 99% compliance score on May 18, 2009.

Hallgren said the score is the best ever.

Ellis said windblown trash is the problem.

- A triathlon is scheduled on June 13 and permission was given to Cindy Tuckwood, organizer of the event, to access the rink restrooms and to use the rink parking lot for a staging area.
- Governor Palin vetoed forgiveness of the prison loan on May 21, 2009.
- Phil Kaspari thanked the City for use of the PA system during the Delta Farm Forum.
- Letha Burcham will compile a list of local businesses that collect recyclable items, similar to what was recently advertised in the Fairbanks News-Miner. A list will be helpful to assist local residents.
- Paving Products, Inc. plans to begin street paving on June 15.
- R&D Environmental will brush 8' borders on the to-be-paved streets on June 1, prior to paving.
- A budget work session is scheduled for 5:00pm on May 27, 2009.

Library – Mary Leith-Dowling reported:

- Two hundred sixty visitors toured the library to end the school year.
- Close to forty youth have signed up for the summer reading program so far. Pre-school story hour will be scheduled all summer, but the baby lap time will not.
- New bike racks will be installed soon.
- Joyce McCombs trained bush librarians in Anchorage last week, at the request of the State Library.

Park / Recreation – Mike Tvenge reported the lawn contract begins June 1 and a dumpster will be in place.

Leith-Dowling reported Jennifer Brant is starting a softball program for girls (ages 7 to 11) under the Interior Girls Softball Association in Fairbanks. Brant's goal is to establish a feeder program and eventually increase the level of interest for a High School softball team again. Brant was given keys to the pavilion (electricity to run the pitching machine), restrooms, and the park gate. She has already begun to prepare the fields.

Personnel – Mary Leith-Dowling reported Heidi Bialik was hired as the new custodian.

Additional Reports by Council – Mary Leith-Dowling reported she and Tvenge would meet with U.S. Army Alaska (USARAK) on May 29. She plans to ask about redirecting water from Jarvis Creek. Discussion followed regarding making arrangements to tour the new facility.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2009-06, A Resolution Requesting FY10 Payment in Lieu of Taxes Funding from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

White reported Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development (DCCED) will issue PILT payments to cities in the unorganized borough in July rather than October, which was the previous payment release date. Musgrove, Martinez, Hallgren, Grossmann, and Leith-Dowling approved the resolution via a phone poll on May 19, once it was determined that the meeting would be postponed.

Hallgren said the FY10 PILT provides over \$800,000 of federal money.

Resolution 2009-07, A Resolution to Support Maintenance of Area Alaska State Parks and Recreation Areas

Leith-Dowling reported she, Musgrove, Martinez, Hallgren, and Grossmann approved Resolution 2009-07 via a phone poll on May 19. Maureen Gardner, Delta Park Specialist, requested the resolution to support documents that needed to be submitted by the beginning of June.

Purchase Orders

PO#013459 to ACS in the amount of \$1,539.31 for May '09 telephone service

PO#013460 to Amazon.com in the amount of \$805.57 for library books and DVDs

PO#013461 to Raymond Andreassen in the amount of \$2,500.00 for April '09 ambulance sponsor service

PO#013462 to ATT & Alascom in the amount of \$641.45 for May '09 911 power and phones

PO#013463 to Bank of America in the amount of \$2,373.70 for credit card charges (Tvenge travel and hotel in Anchorage for Stimulus seminar, replacement of clamp washer for weed eater, safety items for City buildings – signs, eye wash, first aid kits, extinguishers, etc.)

PO#013464 to Buffalo Center in the amount of \$690.55 for landfill equipment maintenance (hose, fuses, fluids, towels)

PO#013465 to Delta Medical Supply in the amount of \$855.00 for two Life-pak batteries for the Rescue Squad and safety vests and harnesses for use while putting up landfill litter fence

PO#013466 to GVEA in the amount of \$2,250.65 for April '09 electricity

PO#013467 to Guess & Rudd in the amount of \$3,172.00 for legal services (weight limits ordinance)

PO#013468 to IBS in the amount of \$511.35 for miscellaneous (three photo eyes for streetlights, Rescue Squad ceiling lights, 1/8" cable, tye wraps, and post driver for landfill litter fence, hex key for streetlights, trash bags and dead bolt for park pavilion)

PO#013469 to L.N. Curtis & Sons in the amount of \$3,700.00 for Fire Department coats and pants

PO#013470 to Moore Medical Corp in the amount of \$11,230.00 for Rescue Squad power stretcher/cot

PO#013471 to Morley Electric in the amount of \$1,000.00 to install 3 LED streetlights

PO#013472 to NC Machinery in the amount of \$624.34 for air filters and hydraulic filters for D6 dozer

PO#013473 to Erin Trainor in the amount of \$600.00 for EMT 1 training

Martinez moved to approve purchase orders 013459 through 013473 as presented; Hallgren seconded.

Hallgren stated 013460, 013463, and 013466 were approved on May 19 through a phone poll because they needed to be paid (and the meeting was postponed).

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Tana Wood asked about Aurora, the Alaska statewide electronic data collection system, and said she is curious about smaller communities coping with the State mandate to participate.

White said the Delta Rescue Squad would receive training from Interior EMS staff in July and new billing software, that is compatible to Aurora, is being researched. It is impossible to meet the June 1 mandate.

White said the majority of transports are not driven to Fairbanks; they are transported to Allen Army Airfield and flown out. Patient data will take an estimated seventeen minutes and therefore it would be easiest for EMTs to enter data once patient care is transferred to another medical provider. Because of that and because only one run usually happens at one time, one laptop may be adequate.

Michele Trainor asked if basketball poles and backstops for the multi-use rink have been purchased.

Tvenge said the outdoor rink has been purchased, but the basketball materials need to be ordered.

Margie Mullins suggested looking into new heat tapes that have sensors that automatically turn on when that section is cold. She explained I-Power, a program that was used by large corporations twenty years ago. It was a success because people provided proposals on accomplishing tasks or jobs better, more efficiently, and less costly. Monetary awards and company recognition to those whose ideas were implemented inspired more creative ideas. Mullins said the concept would be good for the school, City Hall, library, landfill, emergency services, or any place where money can be saved.

Hallgren said unionized employees in Anchorage have agreed to unpaid furloughs to curb costs.

ADJOURNMENT

Hallgren moved to adjourn at 5:49pm; Martinez seconded. Motion carried.